



Introduction

This e-bulletin is the digital newsletter for all members of the Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd. and is designed to keep all its members informed and updated. This last month has seen some mixed news, both good and bad. The Maryburgh Hub development project seems to have stalled after the news in October that our lottery application was unsuccessful. At the moment I have been trying to arrange a meeting with local councillors and Jenny is pursuing a meeting with HC officials. The loss of our youth group is also another blow to the community. On a more positive side the Maryburgh football club have found someone to manage the team and hopefully will be able to resume next year. But more importantly I have been informed that Santa's sleigh, damaged in storms earlier this year will hopefully be repaired and ready for his visit to the village this year.



Figure 1 – Maryburgh from above Google Maps ©2015

Building Repairs

Many people have mentioned the improvements to the Community Centre. This was mainly due to the redecoration of the entrance hall carried out last month. It's amazing what some paint and few ceiling and carpet tiles can do. Jane and Tom have provided a new portable heater for the main hall. This is only a temporary solution, but hopefully it will allow us to heat the hall very quickly before anyone uses it.



The board members are now working towards two distinct routes to improve the facilities in Maryburgh. The long term goal is to develop the green space and refurbish the Community Centre based on the concept plans produced by HRI Architects.



However, we are also working on the immediate problems with the building to improve the heating, lighting and toilet facilities. While this is less ambitious than the conceptual plans, it will still need effort from many volunteers to achieve these

improvements. Hopefully if successful the board will not need to go down the route of closing the building to reduce the running costs.

Heating

Heating the building and the high cost of electricity is still a major concern. Craig Evans and myself spent time last Friday morning trying, unsuccessfully, to get to the bottom of why so much electricity is being used by the building. Every assumption that people made was checked and none of the suggestions made proved to be the cause. All I can ask is that anyone using the building makes sure the heaters and lighting is turned off before they leave.

Santa's Sleigh



There was some concern recently when it was discovered that Santa's sleigh was damaged in the January storm. It was first thought that it couldn't be repaired and the only option was to organise a grotto in the Amenities Centre for Santa. I am now able to let everyone know that the sleigh hopefully will be up and running and Santa will be able to carry out his normal Christmas visit to the village. Full details of his visit will appear in the next edition of the Maryburgh Roundabout or listen out for Santa's bell.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Maryburgh Amenities Company Articles of Association states under article 33.2:

"at the second and each subsequent AGM, one-third of the Elected Directors (or the nearest number upwards) shall retire from office"

and article 33.4:

"a retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election after one term of office, but no Director can serve more than two consecutive terms of office, without at least one year out of office before being eligible again".

Under these rules as I have now served two consecutive terms of office I shall retire at this AGM.

I will continue to assist the new Board of Directors in any way I can and wish them all the best in the future.

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Maryburgh Amenities Company will take place at 7:00 pm in the Amenities Centre on the 20th January 2016. The AGM is a chance to elect a new Board of Directors to run the company over the next 12 months. It is also a chance for everyone in the company to have their say and let the new board know what the community wants in the future.

Do you know someone who would like to become a director? Would you like to be a director? Why not ask them now, and be prepared before the AGM? A candidate needs at least 2 ordinary members to nominate them, in writing, to the registered office at least 7 days before the AGM.

If you'd like to know more about what's involved, or wish to discuss the nomination process please feel free to speak to an existing board member.

I have been informed that Nick Thornton will be standing down as chair of the Amenities Committee at the AGM. I was very sorry to hear this as Nick has done an excellent job of running the Amenities Committee over the years and progressing the transfer to the Amenities Company. Hopefully he will be able to continue to be involved in a role within the community that takes up less of his time.

Ben Wyvis Audit Report

There will be a joint meeting of the Maryburgh Community Council, Conon Community Council and Parent Council held in the Ben Wyvis Community Centre tomorrow Thursday 3rd December.

The item to be discussed will be the Internal Audit Report regarding the Capital Contract for Ben Wyvis Primary School.

I have a digital copy if anyone wishes to read the report.

If anyone wishes to attend please contact Maryburgh Community Council for details of times etc.

