



Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd.

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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. June was a busy month with both the Maryburgh Amenities Company AGM, a very successful Gala week, a dedication and official opening of the Maryburgh Memorial Garden and Flicks in the Sticks presented Moana in the Amenities Centre.



The Maryburgh Memorial Garden at the Amenities Centre.

MAC AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Maryburgh Amenities Company was held on the 22nd June 2017 at the Amenities Centre. Although there are 257 members in the company there was not sufficient members attending the AGM to form a Quorum, which requires the greater of 10 Ordinary Members or 10% of the Ordinary Members. Since the AGM would need at least 26 members to attend the AGM could not take place. After some discussion, it was decided to call an Extraordinary General Meeting later in the year.

Jenny MacLennan chaired the informal meeting and read out the chairman's report for those that had attended. While the accounts couldn't be approved they were discussed by those present.

The company accountants could not be officially appointed, but again this

issue was discussed and due to the high charges required by the existing accountants it was suggested that an alternative company might be investigated for producing the company accounts in future years.

The AGM was to conclude with an open discussion on the Business Plan produced by SKS Scotland and the future development proposals. Although, no formal decisions could be made it was decided to have an open discussion with those attending.

The main objective of the SKS Business Plan was to allow the community to obtain funding support from the Scottish Land Fund. However, Highland Enterprise who are responsible for administering the funding have informed the MAC directors that the Business Plan does not demonstrate that the project is sustainable and until more work is done it could not support a funding application.

Once again in spite of a lot of hard work being put in by volunteers and the money raised to engage professional consultants to produce yet another Business Plan the community are no further forward with developing the community area in the centre of the village.

The attendees at the meeting suggested that the project to take over the entire area including the old school site might be too ambitious and a project to just update the Amenities Centre, football pitch and greenspace might be more appropriate. The Highland Council had already committed just under £50,000 as part of a funding package for upgrading the Amenities Centre, but it now appears this money is only available if the community provide match funding.

The real concern of many people in the community and those attending the meeting is that the Highland Council have previously implied that

if the community cannot provide a suitable sustainable solution for the area the council have suggested a shovel ready project to provide social housing on the school site and greenspace not leased to the community. This could be provided with help from Central Government funding.

The Maryburgh Gala

Between the 10th and 15th June there was a quiz night in the Cottage bar, Bike Race, a movie night showing Moana, have a go Highland Games and a Bingo Night.

The week's events were completed with the Gala Day on Saturday 17th June. Along with the usual activities this year the Clan Stunt Team provided some spectacular bike stunts on the day. I don't have any news of the amount raised, but a big thank you to the gala committee for another enjoyable event this year.

More information and pictures are available on the [Maryburgh Community Facebook page](#)

Memorial Garden

The Dedication and Official Opening of the Maryburgh Memorial Garden took place on Tuesday 20th June. This garden pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in all conflicts. For further details, video and photos visit the [Maryburgh Community Facebook](#)

What is on at the Hall...

Tuesdays:

Rainbows between 5:15 – 6:15 PM

Brownies between 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday:

Yoga between 7:15 – 8:30 PM Drop in - £7.00 or a block of 4 - £20.00

Thursday:

Martial Arts between 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Adults only £9.00

Friday:

Soccer 7s on the pitch at 6:00 PM

The Guides also meet in the hall on some Sunday nights.



These groups contribute to the running costs of the Amenities Centre so if anyone in the village is interested in participating in these activities please pop along and meet the group. You will be welcome and all these groups need more members.



Maryburgh Gala



Highland Council proposed option for old School site and greenspace