

Minutes of the meeting of Glenarm Village Committee held on Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 7.30 pm in Village Hall

Present: Selina Alexander, Deb Biddleston, Jim Boyle, Sharon Boyle, **Treasurer**, Andrew Clarke, **MEA**, Mona Hyndman, Steven Kirby, Ashleigh Moran, Barry Morrow, Maureen Reid, Nicola Reid, Kerry Rhodes, **Grants Officer**, Dave Wall, **Secretary**, Frances Wilson.

Apologies: Dr Hilary Cross, Wendy Devlin, John Dougan, Jackie Geary, Linda Hylands, **Minute Secretary**, James McNally, Leslie Morrow, **Chair**, Rosie Schaps, Aaron Stewart, Joanne Troulan, **Events Manager**.

1. Matters Arising from the meeting of 29th April 2025

Proposed by: Sharon Boyle

Seconded by: Maureen Reid

The minutes were agreed by the meeting with no amendments.

2. Condolences from GVC:

The Chair offered condolences on behalf of the Committee to Joanne on the death of her father, Albert Crooks, and to the Meban family on the recent death of Rosaleen, nee O'Hara.

3. Treasurer Report: Sharon

Sharon reported a current balance of £10,569.70 with recent

Income of:

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| • L M O'Lynn £ | £10.00 |
| • Car Boot | £100.00 |
| • ?? | £285.00 |
| • David McCurdy | £150.00 |

Outgoings of:

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| • Power NI | £45.53 |
| • NI Water | £207.78 |

- Thomas Reid Repairs £31.17
- Companies House £34.00 Fee
- Charges £12.53

Action: Ongoing management of accounts by Sharon.

4. Eglinton Barn/Yard (Leslie)

i. **No. 2 Account** – Sharon is still working on this.

Action: B/F to next meeting.

ii. Ongoing costs of temporary toilets were discussed briefly with Debs informing the group that £20.00 per toilet per week was plus VAT.

ACTION: Toilets are to remain in place until a full meeting after the summer, when further discussion will take place as to the long-term financial implications and value. B/F to September meeting.

iii. **Sub-group training** – Leslie, Debs, Maureen and Linda completed H&S Manual Training on 28th May 2025, and Maureen and Linda completed Fire Warden Training in Ballymena on 4th June 2025.

iv. **MEA Proposal Peace Plus funded facility** – No further progress on this initiative to date. Kerry is still working on the modular building, and Steven suggested a flexible building that could be expanded for future use.

v. **EB Doors** – Debs informed the group that during events, both doors in and out of the Barn should be open and unlocked. She also suggested a notice board for the Yard.

vi. **Restored Summer Seats** – The committee extended their thanks to Dom Troulan for the excellent job he did in restoring both summer seats and the erection of the commemoration sign along the Eglinton Yard wall at the bar side.

5. Markets - Debs

Debs reported a balance of £567.00 currently in the Markets account. A new flag post is required to advertise Community Market/Car Boot events as the previous post was damaged. Debs confirmed there would be more food stalls at future markets.

6. Car Boot Sale – Bookings for the Car Boot continue to increase month on month. June bookings are looking very positive. Maureen asked permission to purchase a banner to advertise the Car Boot for £130 to be taken out of the proceeds of the next sale. There was agreement amongst the group on this purchase.

7. Proposal for GVC Website

Dave informed the group that this should be set up by the end of June.

ACTION: Dave to report back to the next meeting regarding the website.

8. Preservation Trust – Penny

The boiler has been painted and is now awaiting the construction of its base before being placed in Eglinton Yard.

9. Grants: Kerry

No updates re grants.

10. Literacy Fayre and following Musical Event - Frances

Armstrong Trust to provide funding for storytelling by Janice Witherspoon. Proceeds raised from the 5 Churches Walk are to be distributed amongst the churches involved.

11. Larne Area Community Cluster Meeting – Dave

Dave attended a cluster meeting on 22nd May, and there were 60 community groups in attendance. Dave put forward that any monies available should be used for general grants.

12. Knotweed Project

Dave informed the group that the project was ongoing and that Sean Linton was going to take drone footage of affected and treated areas to ascertain eradication or new growth.

13. Good Morning Glenarm project – Dave

Dave has a contact coming to the September meeting to discuss how we take this initiative forward.

ACTION: B/F to September meeting.

14. Village Hall Access to Printer – Dave

He further proposed that photocopying resources and a Wi-Fi dongle be made available in the Village Hall. This would require volunteers to open the hall to allow villagers and visitors to pay for the use of the facilities.

15. AOB:

Glenarm in 20 Years - Dave

Dave put forward the idea of inviting locals to the September meeting to generate ideas for future Glenarm improvement initiatives over the next years.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday, 8th July 2025.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.