

HIGHLAND LGBT FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 14th April 2018

Present: Rosemary R (Chair)

Gary R
Claire S
Paul G
Alan G
Sand O (via Skype)

Apologies: Tony Carter

1. Opening Remarks

RR welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Tony C. Drake B had resigned from the Committee with immediate effect

3. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted as a true record

4. Actions and Matters Arising

- EGM/Constitution – need to ensure enough Forum website-registered members attend the EGM meeting to proceed with the desired changes to the Forum Constitution and create incentives for members not on Facebook e.g. newsletters
Constitution name change – agreed not to proceed with this

ACTION: All new committee members to read through proposed constitutional changes, which will then be emailed Forum to members for discussion to take place at an EGM in June, highlighting the minimum number of attendees required. Date for EGM in June to be decided outside of this meeting

ACTION: RR to send out email to registered members to reduce the number of dormant/redundant email addresses – saying that membership will automatically be cancelled after a certain period of inactivity. Included in the email will be a link to click to annually renew membership.

- New Forum website to be moved to new hosting starting from May 2018.

ACTION: GR to link Forum Twitter account to Forum Facebook account

ACTION: CS to contact Gerry Reynolds re: invitation to Forum to attend Highland Games – it was agreed to decline this year

ACTION: Pride Subgroup and network area contacts – send out email to gauge interest/recruit people

5. Annual Report and Accounts

AG gave the Treasurer's report, focusing on the Forum funds allowing numerous events and trips that have provided good networking opportunities and the reduction of isolation for members of the Highland LGBT+ Community.

The outcome of the Awards for All Scotland funding application to host a Pride event should be known within the next few weeks.

Going forward, the new committee should prioritise on identifying potential funding sources and working on fundraising.

Forum Expenditure and Receipting - No further developments

Bank Balance £407 – covers Pride Glasgow cost of £192 plus accounts sub £100 plus £80 for merchandise = leaves a total available of £35.39

RR circulated copies of the Chair's report

CS provided the Secretary's report – it has been a busy and rewarding year and CS is looking forward to the development and continuation of activities for another year. CS thanked committee members for their support and the excellent teamwork that exists amongst the committee.

6. Election of Honorary Officers and Management Committee

The following were elected unopposed:

Chair – Rosemary R

Vice Chair – Gary R

Treasurer – Alan G

Secretary – Claire S

Committee Member – Sand O

Committee Member – Tony C

7. Motions

Edinburgh Pride stall fee has not yet been paid - RR offered to donate money for the stall payment

It was agreed to review room hire options for meetings which could potentially save £500 per year

It was also agreed to review Edinburgh and Glasgow Pride attendance in the context of the number of new members/interest generated by attending these events

It was agreed to use Forum contacts to investigate the possibility of Pride events stall sharing and combined meeting room use

ACTION: CS to contact Pride organisers and cancel Forum booking/attendance at Edinburgh and Glasgow Pride as a single entity

ACTION: GR to speak to Unions and Scott Cuthbertson re: possible room hire/stall sharing

Concerns were raised regarding Forum -hosted Pride event funding and timing

CS informed the group of a forthcoming Fundraising, Finance and the Future course to take place at Strathpeffer Community Centre from 9am-1pm on 27th April (organised by Ross-shire Voluntary Action)

ACTION: CS to circulate full details of the Fundraising course to committee members

ACTION: RR to contact DR re: migrating Forum email accounts ASAP

ACTION: CS to post message on Forum Facebook page notifying/apologising for Forum email problems

8. Any Other Competent Business

Discussion took place re: suggestions for forthcoming Forum social activities. The following were agreed:

April social to take place on 28th April at Falls of Foyers/Camerons Tea Room

ACTION: CS to post details of Foyers event on Forum Facebook Page

ACTION: Claire to arrange for the next meeting in May to take place in Fort William/Lochaber

It was suggested that the Forum social event in May would take place on Sunday 27th at either Balmacara or Loch Clair – to be decided outside of this meeting possibly by having a Facebook poll.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm