

Chairman's Report for 2016 AGM

Executives function

- Maintenance of Groups property and its insurance.
- Raising funds and the administration of all finances.
- Supporting Group public occasions.
- Assisting with recruitment of leaders and other adult support.
- As a registered charity we are the Trustees and are responsible for complying with all legislation applicable to charities.

Brief summary of what the Executive have been doing over the past year.

- Maintain the Scout grounds, and building maintenance at a cost of £3,000
- Insurance reviewed to ensure both building and content are adequately insured.
- Funded both Hall and Camping equipment to £1,675
- The Group was successful in gaining an income of £2,548 from rental of the Hall for small functions and use by external groups. This is down 23% from 2014, but the group has experienced issues with certain user paying on time, they are now no longer using our facilities.
- Professionally sanding /maintaining the floor annually.
- Contracts for regular grounds maintenance
- Contract for internal cleaning of the Hall, which the Exec have maintained at an increased regularity of twice a week to reflect the increased usage our overall expenditure on cleaning was maintained at £1,650 reflecting the focus we put on keeping the hall clean and useable for all.
- Installation of the heating from local Bio Mass source at no net cost to the group has been completed, thus reducing our Carbon footprint. The overall temperature of the Hall has been kept at a higher more comfortable temperature, which has resulted in a reduction of 53% and the Groups total electricity consumption and an annual bill now of £761.

- Replaced the Minibus in 2015. A 17 seater minibus was purchased at a cost of £9,750 to the group, with a slightly more powerful engine for pulling the trailer. The minibus is limited to 62mph, and after review it was determined to leave the engine restriction in place for safety and economy.
- The plan is to have Scouting livery added to the minibus to reflect Dalgety Bay and to raise the profile of the group when it is being used.

Financial

Fund raising Events

£2,548 Hall Hire, Equipment Hire

Financial successes

£3,578 Tax Rebate on tax years 2014-2015

100% rebate maintained for Council Tax

Status of the Group

Financial	Very Good
Property	Very Good
Equipment	Very Good
Management of Group	“We are considered to be a business” re insurance, banking, rates and energy provider.

OSCR

Our submissions for year 2014-2015 were accepted by OSCR on first application.

Without retaining charitable status we cannot have a Gift Aid Scheme.

Can only obtain rates relief and bin collection if we maintain this status.

Gift Aid

Obtained £3,578 tax rebates for year 2014-2015. Currently 85% members out of 105 in scheme authorise the group to claim gift aid. This will give us an income of approx £3,000 - £3,500 in future years. All money raised via tax rebate will be used for the maintenance of the property. It should be noted that the Gift Aid percentage rebate is being reduced in forthcoming years. To compensate we are allowed to claim rebates for 'bucket collections'

Membership

Membership of the Group has remained steady with approx 150 members on census at Jan 16. We have very strongly supported sections and 20 registered leaders.

The Executive do monitor on a monthly basis to verify subscriptions owed to the group are being paid, anyone falling into arrears are contacted, to remedy the shortfall. With the ultimate sanction removal from the group if we are unable to secure payment

Public occasions

- Provided support to Community events Relay for Life.
- Donated the use of the Hall and Minibus to Chernobyl Children Lifeline Charity in the summer. We feel this is a very deserving charity and waive charges for the use of our hall or Minibus. This is again planned for the Summer of 2016.
- Donated the use of the Hall to raise funds and in support of Alzheimer's Scotland,

Hall also being used by other Groups, Woodlands Trust, Brownies, District Scouting events, Mini Kickers plus some small functions.

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