30 March 2014

Minutes of meeting of Friends of Ian Charles Hospital

Present: Celia Bloomfield, Mary Turnbull, Kay Robertson, Ann McNeilage, Peasha Ingram, Dan Fraser, Margaret Lennon, Brenda Hughes, Katherine Elder, Paula Wilson, Diane Hastings, Sandra Miller, Susan Kirk, Isabel Kirkwood and Deirdre McCreath

1. Celia welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. She especially welcomed Kay Robertson from Grantown who has joined the Committee.

2. Apologies were received from Anne Rattray and Pam Roxburgh.

3. The Minutes of the AGM on 19/11/13 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Peasha and seconded by Katherine.

4. Matters Arising: The Christmas Cards had sold well and £283 had been raised. The remainder will be taken to the Coffee Morning to sell. Perhaps reduce the order next year?

5. Treasurer’s Report: Mary reported that there is £18,000 in the current account and £14,613 in the Bond, which is due for renewal. It was agreed that we would raise the Bond to £20,000 and reinvest for two years for a better interest rate.

6. Wish List: From the old wish list, the two TVs had been bought by Anne and were in situ. The Christmas lights had also been purchased. Dan reported that the wheelchairs, cushions and pads were not required. He said that he had received the hoist, free of charge, but that the bath had cracked and a new one costing about £300 was required. Agreed. The showers have all been done but the invoice, for about £6,000, has not been raised. Bob, the maintenance man, has asked for £300 for plants for the garden. Agreed. Ann is happy to continue supplying the toiletries; none required at the moment.

7. Coffee Morning Planning: Saturday 12 April 10.30 – 12 noon at the British Legion. Please arrive between 9 and 9.30 to set up. Entrance Price £3 and 50p for children. Raffle £1 per ticket. Agreed on poster design and Dan will print off 40 coloured copies for distribution, to be collected from ICH.

Katherine Grantown on Spey 15
Peasha Boat of Garten 4
Molly Aviemore 6 (Celia to deliver to C’gorm Hotel)
Margaret Durnain 5
Kay  Cromdale  3
Celia  Nethy Bridge  5
Susan  Carrbridge  Deirdre to email

Celia will organise paper tablecloths and napkins. Diane will provide hospital tablecloths for the big tables and flasks for hot milk. Please can everyone bring some daffodils and 4 small jam jars; to be assembled on the morning with yellow napkins and ribbon. Isabel has placed adverts in The Strathy, The Nethy, Bog Standard etc. and the Strathy photographer will come about 11am. Mary will organise tea, coffee, sugar and butter. Sandra will provide jam for scones and pancakes. Celia will organise sandwich boards and balloons. Isabel to ask florist for ribbon? Diane will provide 6 doz scones and 6 doz pancakes as well and ginger bread and fruit loaves (to be reimbursed). Could everyone please bring baking for the tables and the produce stall as well as jams, marmalade, eggs etc. Ann and Katherine will run the Raffle stall selling tickets at £1. Brenda is organising a hamper from Lloyds the Chemist. Isabel and Deirdre are organising a hamper from the Co-Op. Peasha will donate a bottle of whisky. Sandra will ask Greens the butcher for a voucher and her son for a donation of bird food. Could everyone please bring a small raffle prize or team up for a slightly bigger prize. Brenda + 1 will run the Bric a Brac stall – please bring any bric a brac and books. Cards, pens and notelets will also be sold there. Molly + 1 will run the Baking stall. Peasha and Kay will run the kitchen. Mary and Anne R will be on the door. Everyone else will be setting up and waiting tables.

8. Future of Ian Charles Hospital: There was a wide ranging discussion on the present situation and the plans of the Development Group. Ownership of the ICH was raised as well as correspondence in the Strathy. There was also concern over the future of Community Care staffing and transportation to the proposed new hospital. Celia will take these concerns to the next Development Group meeting later this week. Dan provided input from the ICH perspective of the present facilities and the proposed 24 hour care in a new hospital. It is stressed that it is not a “done deal” and public engagement and community involvement at all levels will be taken into account.

9. AOCB: There had been a letter from Bob thanking us for plants as well as correspondence from Attend. Mary had been approached by the Bank of Scotland about its Care in the Community initiative to provide gardening, decorating etc. She will look into this further and report back.

10. Date of next meeting: 24th November, 2014 AGM at the Hospital. There will be an informal meeting at Celia’s on either 23 or 30 June. Details to be confirmed.