

## **Meeting of Board of Directors of The Craigiebank Association 5<sup>th</sup> February 2003 within Craigiebank Church at 7-45pm**

**Present:** M Lorimer (Chair) G Miller, I Tyndall, A McAuley, J Stirton, K. Mands, K O'Rourke, Lindsay Cameron, V Clark, J McMurray J MacDonald, Cllr. J Corrigan, M Mair (Company Secy)

**Apologies:** received from E McMillan

**Deputation from Craigiebank Kirk Session.** Mr. Bill Austin and Mrs Karen Murray were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Austin explained that there had been a complaint to the Kirk Session about the Association's policy of permitting people to bring alcoholic drinks to their Ceilidhs. The Kirk Session had come to no decision on the matter but had appointed himself and Mrs. Murray to discuss it with the Association. In discussion, it was pointed out that events involving the serving of alcohol had already been held in Craigiebank Church. Rev. M. Mair stated that the policy of the Church of Scotland was that individual Kirk Sessions should decide their own policy on alcoholic beverages, within the restriction that no alcoholic beverages could be sold by the unit within Church of Scotland premises. Mr Gary Miller argued that the Church had appointed its representatives to the Board of Directors, and that they had approved all the arrangements for the Ceilidhs. It was clear to all attending the Ceilidhs that the use of alcohol was moderate, and that the atmosphere was that of a family gathering. Mr. Austin and Mrs Murray were asked to thank the Kirk Session for raising the issue, and to report that it was the policy of the Association to permit sensible use of alcoholic drinks at their functions when appropriate. The Association believed that this policy was in accordance with Christian principles, and hoped that it would be approved by the Kirk Session. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. Austin and Mrs. Murray who then left the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **Business Arising:**

**Company Registration:** Jeff Hope sent information that he was still in negotiation with the IR, and would report when there was progress. He was also examining the content of the specimen arrangement with the General Trustees of the Church.

**General Trustees of the Church of Scotland:** Mike Mair reported correspondence with the Legal dept of the Church. They had discovered that the Deed for the lands belonging to the church specified that it be used only for the building of a Church of Scotland place of worship and church work. As our proposed change of management breached this specification, an approach would have to be made to the Land's Tribunal to have this set aside. The issue was being handled by a Mrs Wilson of the Church's Legal Dept. and her work on this would have to be paid for. It was agreed that Mrs. Wilson be asked to take the matter forward on our behalf.

**Funding:** It was noted that a grant application to Dundee City Council for a Summer Event had been prepared by a sub-committee and would be submitted on a behalf of the Association. The event would take place on 12/13 July 2003, as the culmination of the Church's Summer Club provision.

**Ceilidh:** It was agreed that another Ceilidh event should be arranged for May, with the understanding that a wide range of dancing be included in the programme. Mrs Tyndall presented accounts for the last Ceilidh. It was agreed to reimburse the Church the sum of £95 from the first ceilidh.

**New business: Agenda:** It was agreed that the next agenda should include plans for visiting user organisations to explain our management procedures for 2003-4. A sub-committee was appointed, and asked to report to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7-45pm**