**DUNBLANE – LIKHUBULA PARTNERSHIP**

**A Scotland-Malawi Partnership - Scottish Charity Number SCO 38877**

 **Steering Committee Minutes - 19th April 2017**

**Present**: Stuart Brown (Chair), Ann Hale (Minutes), Janice Hepburn, Ian Brown, Alba Escala, Christy Cunningham

**Apologies**: George Bond, Fiona Anderson, Ivor Butchart, Izzy Henderson, John Kilby, Neil Kitching, Iain Smith, Audrey Cooper

Minutes from 1st March 2017 approved.

**Matters Arising:** “Shout” DVD returned and passed on to the High School girls.

Janice has booked the Cathedral Hall for the November Coffee Morning and she will liaise with the committee members about how it’s organized nearer the time.

Initial contact has been made with the BB to see if they are able to support the 2019 visit from Malawi – to be followed up.

A fundraising ceilidh is being planned for Jan/Feb 2018 – SB and IB

**Fundraising:** Initial approaches have been made regarding fundraising ideas. (See above)

**High School Activities:**

S2 are in the middle of their Africa project and will be creating cards to send to Malawi over the next couple of weeks. There will be an end-of-term showcase of what they have been doing regarding the links with Africa.

**The School Partnership**: The girls are still awaiting a reply from Chambe Sec. School following their email. (A copy was sent to George). Concern that there has been no reply.

Ian B to contact Akimu to find out if the email was received by the school and what the situation is with the Partnership since the arrival of yet another headteacher. Is the relationship between the schools working and, if not, why not? Find out who is the contact person at Chambe S S.

**Nurse Project**: No contact yet from Ruth Shakespeare. **Action**: Girls to send message to Ruth to find out what progress has been made with the project. (Copy to Fiona and Stuart)

**Girls Visit to Malawi :** Some discussion about possibilities e.g. Responsible Safari Company or accompany the next Committee visit in 2 years time.

**Finance:** A budget update received from Neil was acknowledged.

£500 (500,000Kw) approved for bursars for Term 3 and Gift’s re-sits plus any administrative expenses.

A long letter to the committee has been received from Gift. Stuart has a copy. Can it be copied to the other Committee members?

**Housing:** Completed. No further action required.

**Bursars:** Vocational Skills Training - shelved for the time being.

**Malawi Visit:** Cost estimated at approx. £3,500.

Coffee morning planned and other fundraising events are being planned. Fiona, Stuart and George are meeting on Friday 28th April to plan a programme framework: to confirm numbers, gender balance, proposed dates, basic logistics, accommodation, flights etc. A proposal will be given at the next meeting and, if agreed, will be communicated to the Likhubula Steering Committee.

It was suggested that the SMP may be able to give advice on the tricky question of how a decision should be made about who comes and who should decide.

**Updates:**

**Mvano:** Ian B to ask the Likhubula Committee to contact Mvano.

The Guild offer to help with the fundraising Coffee Morning and the Malawi visit.

**Fistula Project**: Malawi Health Department have reported a great success with this project. Two batches of specialist nurses are now trained and out in the field.

**Goats:** Purchase of 2 male goats to improve the gene pool at approx. £25-£30 each approved. **Action:** Ian to ask George to send a message approving the funding of 2 male goats.

**Publicity and Communications:**

Stuart to contact Colin Renwick to request a Likhubula Service and arrange a possible date.

An letter updating Sponsors and Community about Partnership projects has been provided and delivered.

**AOB:**

**Dunblane Fling:-** 27th May. It was decided that due to the lack of manpower to man a stall we should cancel the booking for a stall.

The **broken water pipe** has been repaired and a photo of the repair has been sent.

Next meeting – Wed 31st May (Ivor to chair)