**DUNBLANE – LIKHUBULA PARTNERSHIP**

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

**Steering Committee Minutes - 8th January 2020**

1. **Attended by**: Stuart Brown (Chair); Fiona Anderson; Ann Hale; George Bond (minutes); Ian Brown; Janice Hepburn Jenni Barr,

**Apologies:** Ivor Butchart; Neil Kitching; Iain Smith; James Forrest;

1. **Minutes:** of 8th Nov 2019 were approved.
2. **Matters Arising**:

Included under relevant Agenda Item.

1. **Finance:**

 The budget remained in good shape. Funds to cover Term 2 requirements

 had been forwarded to Likhubula.

A financial report up to end 2019 will be requested from Likhuula.

**Action: Fiona**

Whisky Tasting: Colin Anderson had provide a summary of actions required to set up a Whisky Tasting event. Stuart would review and progress.

**Action: Stuart**

Funding Applications: George advised that he had identified 10 potential grant-giving bodies/organisations with an interest in Africa/ Children/Education. He would work up applications for end of Feb (with Jenni and Stuart) based on the priorities discussed earlier.

**Action: George**

1. **2020 – 15th Anniversary**

Jenni proposed that we should arrange a suitable event to mark the 15th anniversary of the Partnership this year. The Committee agreed and discussed supporting activities including:

* Cathedral Service (possibly in September)
* Lunch in Cathedral Halls after the service (with simultaneous event in Likhubula)
* Involvement of Dunblane High School / BB / Morrisons / SMP / Sponsors
* Best means to tell the ‘story’ of the Partnership over the past 15 years
* Awareness-raising plans and advertising of the Partnership benefits
* Objectives and fund-raising targets

Plans would be developed at the next meeting. Jenni would discuss a suitable date for a Likhubula service with the Minister.

**Action: Jenni**

1. **Bursars**

Ian would collate Term 3 results. Still awaiting Term 2 results from last year.

**Action: Ian**

The Committee discussed monetary prizes for high-performing bursars. It was agreed to ask Likhubula for their views on possible criteria for such awards.

**Action: Fiona**

 **7) Tertiary Education**

 The Committee reviewed the current position:

Lonjezo Magombo– started his tailoring course at Green Malata on 6th Jan

Davie Mvula – due to complete his Mechanical course in Dec ‘21

Aubrey Telera – encouraged to apply for teacher training at Govt colleges

Stephen Sakani – no funding available at present

Tayamika Nedi – appointed Deputy Head Teacher at Msasa school

No further information had been received from Likhula on a possible ‘Apprentice Scheme’. It was agreed to leave this item ‘on hold’ at present.

1. **New Infrastructure:**

Development Shelters: Cost breakdown had been received from Likhubula but no funds available at present to pursue this initiative.

1. **Liaison with DHS**

It was agreed to invite Mr Gary Connery, newly appointed link teacher for the Partnership to future meetings.

**Action: Fiona**

The delayed Likhubula Run had now taken place and details of monies raised were awaited.

 **10) Mvano**

Janice had written to Mvano on 5th Dec – a reply was still awaited.

 **11) Publicity & Communications**

 - Janice had prepared an article for the recent issue of Cathedral News.

 - The new ‘What’s App’ Group was working well. It was hoped to see

 some reduction in Internet communication costs in due course.

* George suggested another report to our Sponsors on Partnership activities was due soon.

 **12) Trustee Decisions -** None to record.

 **13) Any Other Business**

 **-** Janice advised that approx £700 had been raised last year from the

 donations cup in the Cathedral. She also noted her availability would be

 limited from August.

 - The Dunblane BBs was recently awarded one of five prizes at the Scotland

 Malawi Partnership's Schools' Award Ceremony. This was in recognition

 of their work this summer at Psani School and continued youth

 partnership'

 **14) DNMs**: 19th Feb (Jenni to Chair); 25th March; 6Th May; 17th June