Moray Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee

Minutes of EGM

Date, Time and Venue: 5th December at 7pm via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Derek Thomson

Present: Derek & Janis Thomson, Vince Stuart, Douglas

Bourke, Karen Delaney

Moray Council: Chris Gransden, Andy Greenhalgh,

Fiona Herd (from 755pm)

Apologies: Michael Morley, Anne-Marie Sword, Emma Tunnard,

Harry Stagg, Jackie Hay.

Minutes:

1.	Welcome and Apologies							
	The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.							
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting							
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously with no amendments.							
3.	Matters Arising							
	Approval of Constitution							
	There was strong feeling that DofE Moray was for Moray DofE participants, volunteers and							
	staff and should the charity need to be dissolved then restricted funds would be							
	apportioned to their projects and any moneys left over after debts covered should be given							
	to Moray DofE provision. Revised wording will be circulated in an email with a response							
	deadline.							
	The constitution should also have the Queens Award logo added to it.							
4.	Treasurer's Report							
	As at 1/1/22 opening balance was £21,904.17							
	As at 7/12/22 closing balance was £26,120.19							
	Net movement: £4,216.02							
	As of 7/12/22:							

Restricted funds: £2,059.98

Unrestricted funds: £8,508.69

There have been 6 payments. Chris Gransden to meet the Treasurer to hand over £110 of expedition fees. All schools have been invoiced for expedition fees (approx. £900.)

Karen asked that there was clarity with the restricted funds summary for the quarterly meetings, which Douglas is happy to progress.

5. Participation Report

DofE Moray is still recovering from the impact of COVID on young people. Unfortunately, a large number of young people who enrolled in a DofE programme during 2020 and 2021 are unlikely to complete their Award.

Schools have recognised the value of DofE as a resource that can help young people recover their confidence and build resilience. This has helped re-invigorate DofE in some school. We now have 3 schools with a large team of teachers helping as DofE leaders to support large numbers of participants. We are very lucky to have strong leaders acting as Coordinators for the centre and forming a focal point for DofE. This includes Buckie High School, Forres Academy and Elgin High School.

We also have a number of schools with well-established teacher volunteer run DofE programmes. This includes Keith Grammar, Speyside, Lossiemouth High School and Kinloss Explorers.

Milnes and Elgin Academy are now establishing new systems, using Beatrice Funding and PEF money to employ a non-teaching member of staff to provide an impetus. expeds in Glenlivet, with 3 DofE volunteers supporting 23 Bronze participants.

Kinloss Daedalus Explorers continue to run an effective DofE programme under the Moray Council License.

Following Table shows numbers of participants enrolled for the 2022/23 season and the number of completions between August 2021 and 2022. Note that all these completions will be from previous years' cohorts.

Centre	New Partic	cipants signed o	Completion	Completions	
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Bronze	Silver
Elgin HS	8	11		4	0
Elgin HS ASN	6				
Forres	63	9		28	0
Lossie HS	14	14		26	6

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DofE Manager felt that an input on the DofE changes should be postponed to the New Year								
Questions and Suggestions								
None.								
Funding Support Requests								
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Press release prepared by Janis Thomson was published via the Northern Scot and								
Other Reports								
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Happy Holidays everyone and thanks for your DofE support in 2022.

Meeting ended 20:05hrs.