



## Newsletter 2, 15 January 2016

Dear member

This is our latest newsletter to update members on the latest position with regard to the management of the Trust and progress with the village 'Hub' project.

There have been a few changes in the past few weeks in the Board of the Trust. Anne Lyne and Kate Hunter have both resigned from Board after some years service. We would like to thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Trust. Unfortunately, this left us with vacancies which we had to fill to comply with our Memorandum and Articles. Consequently, the Board has co-opted a new director, Colin Neesom, to assist with the management of the Trust. He has considerable experience in business and will be particularly interested in organising fund raising efforts, including a 100 club. This brings the current number of directors up to the minimum required. In addition, we also have the services of Diane Mathieson who, while not a director, is going to assist with fund raising and other financial matters.

On Hogmanay we held a final party in the Gordon Arms prior to its closure. This was attended by about 70 members and families who enjoyed a convivial evening with a disco and raffle.

As you are aware from our last newsletter, we have suffered a set-back with plans for the village 'Hub'. As we are not presently in a position to proceed with the purchase of the Gordon Arms, Sheila and John have closed the hotel for business. They now intend to progress an application for change of use for the premises, a process which may take a number of months. They have recently placed some of the fixtures and fittings up for sale. They have indicated that they would still be supportive of any bid by the Trust to obtain the premises.

We have obtained copies of documents relating to our unsuccessful funding application to SLF/Big Lottery. The Committee Final minutes, Assessment Report and Case Officer's Report have all been uploaded to the website and are available for downloading if any member would like further information.

Finally, we are approaching the date for the Annual General meeting, which should be held around the end of April 2016. As you will be aware, we do not have a full complement of Directors at present. We would welcome any member who wishes to stand for election at the AGM to come forward. Nominations can be passed to the Secretary at any time before the AGM. We would also welcome any new members, so if you know of a Rhynie resident interested in joining, an application form can be downloaded from our website.

If any member would like more information about any of these matters please feel free to contact any director. Contact details are on the website at [www.rhyniecharitabletrust.co.uk](http://www.rhyniecharitabletrust.co.uk).

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