



SCOTLAND MALAWI PARTNERSHIP AGM 2014
27TH SEPTEMBER 2014
COUPER INSTITUTE, GLASGOW
1.30-5.30PM

AGM MINUTES

Attendees:

1. Alastair Ager (Non-member)
2. Jamie Aitken (SMP Youth Member)
3. Dorte Al-Gailani (Scotland Malawi Partnership)
4. Janey Andrews (Strathclyde University)
5. David Atherton (SMP Member)
6. Wade Ball (Just Trading Scotland)
7. Caroline Beaton (Scotland Malawi Partnership)
8. Tony Begley (Responsible Safari Company/Classrooms for Malawi)
9. Charlie Bevan (Scotland Malawi Partnership)
10. Andy Bevan (Non-member)
11. Keith Bohannon (Scotland Malawi Partnership)
12. John Briggs (The University of Glasgow)
13. Stuart Brown (GalvMed)
14. Jill Brown (Non-member)
15. Ian Brown (Students for Malawi)
16. Isabel Bruce (SMP Director)
17. Christine Campbell (The University of Edinburgh)
18. Colin Cameron (SMP Member)
19. Ryan Cassidy (Students for Malawi)
20. Mizeck Chagunda (SMP Director)
21. Lloyd Chunda (Non-member)
22. Grace Clark (Friends of Malawi Guiding)
23. Richard Collins (Non-member)
24. Hannah Cook (Non-member)
25. Myra Crawford (Friends of Malawi Guiding)
26. Heather Cubie (NHS Lothian)
27. Kate Davidson (Non-member)
28. Hazel Dawson (Mamie Martin Fund)
29. Walter Dunlop (SMP Director)
30. Geoff Earl (SMP Associate Member)
31. Martyn Edelsten (SMP Associate Member)
32. John Fanning (SMP Member)
33. Jackie Farr (Scotland Malawi Partnership)
34. Fiona Forsyth (VSO)
35. Mark Friese (Students for Malawi)
36. Carla Fyfe (Classrooms for Malawi)
37. Bob Barrow (SMP Member)



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| 38. Joylet Genda (VSO Malawi) | 62. Claire Martin (SMP Director) |
| 39. Paul Glynn (Mondo Loco Foundation) | 63. Anthony Masamba (National Organisation of Nurses and Midwives) |
| 40. Andrew Goudie (SMP Director) | 64. Grace Massah (Nkhoma College of Nursing) |
| 41. Betty Gray (Friends of Malawi Guiding) | 65. Francis McCabe (SMP Youth Member) |
| 42. June Gray (Friends of Malawi Guiding) | 66. Gemma McCallum (Non-member) |
| 43. Zamiwe Hara (SMP Director) | 67. Jonathan McColgan (SMP Youth Member) |
| 44. Tiwonge Harawa (Malawi Association in Scotland) | 68. Danni Moore (Non-member) |
| 45. Rose Mary Harley (SMP Associate Member) | 69. Cara Moynihan (Non-member) |
| 46. Rosemary Harrison (Clydeview Academy) | 70. Peter Mtika (MIND) |
| 47. Anne Hepburn (SMP Member) | 71. Cate Nelson-Shaw (SMP Director) |
| 48. Evelyn Hope (Friends of Malawi Guiding) | 72. Alphaeus Ngonga (Malawi Association in Scotland) |
| 49. David Hope-Jones (Scotland Malawi Partnership) | 73. Ian Nicol (Scottish Government) |
| 50. Amelia Hope-Jones (Scotland Malawi Partnership) | 74. Kirsty Norris (Mary's Meals) |
| 51. Alayna Imlah (University of Glasgow) | 75. Maryns Novac (Classrooms for Malawi) |
| 52. Shona Ingram (Students for Malawi) | 76. David Osborne (Celsius Global Solutions) |
| 53. Joyce Kamdonyo (Nurses and Midwives College of Malawi) | 77. Claire Osborne (Celsius Global Solutions) |
| 54. Joanna Keating (Scottish Government) | 78. Don Osborne (SMP Member) |
| 55. Jayden Latte (Mondo Loco Foundation) | 79. Huw Owen (SMP Associate Member) |
| 56. Margaret Livingstone (SMP Associate Member) | 80. Andrew Parker (SMP Director) |
| 57. Nla Lwanda | 81. Elspeth Pentland (SMP Director) |
| 58. John Lwanda (SMP Member) | 82. David Pentland |
| 59. Lynne Macgregor (Kwenderana Partnership) | 83. Maureen Potter (Kwenderana Partnership) |
| 60. Professor Address Malata (Kamuzu College of Nursing) | 84. Ryan Pringle (Mondo Loco Foundation) |
| 61. Abner Maosa | 85. Jim Rae (Water for All Africa) |



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| 86. Colin Reilly (SMP Director) | 97. Morag Steven (Kwenderana Partnership) |
| 87. Sam Riddell (SMP Director) | 98. Seonaid Stevenson (SMP Youth Member) |
| 88. Towera Ridley | 99. Jack Thompson (SMP Director) |
| 89. Jane Riley (Traidcraft) | 100. Phyllis Thompson (SMP Member) |
| 90. Iain Robb (Just Trading Scotland) | 101. Peter West (Honorary Consul) |
| 91. May Robertson (Kwenderana Partnership) | 102. George Watson |
| 92. Ken Ross (SMP Chair) | 103. Jamie Wilson (Bannerman High School) |
| 93. Connor Russell (Mondo Young Team- Chair) | 104. Raymond Wilson (Malawi Association in Scotland) |
| 94. Malcolm Shannon (Just Trading Scotland) | 105. Ben Wilson (Xchange Scotland) |
| 95. Paul Shaw (GeoVision) | 106. Douglas Young (SMP Director) |
| 96. Bill Steven (Kwenderana Partnership) | |

Apologies:

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| 1. Eve Broadis | 14. Lorna McDonald |
| 2. Alex Brown | 15. David Mundell |
| 3. Liz Cotton | 16. Liz Murray |
| 4. Andrew Cubie | 17. Sue Pattison |
| 5. Meini Dickson | 18. Ken Pattison |
| 6. Geraldine Fleming | 19. Jeremaya Phiri |
| 7. Lore Gallastegi | 20. Lord Provost of Edinburgh |
| 8. Jenni Gudgeon | 21. H.E Bernard Sande |
| 9. Liz Hall | 22. Jane Salmonson |
| 10. Pat Hiddleston | 23. John Sharp |
| 11. Roger Leakey | 24. Andy Walker |
| 12. Lord Jack McConnell | 25. Maureen Watt MSP |
| 13. John McCracken | 26. Pam Wilson |
| | 27. Helen Wright |



1) OPENING SONG AND STORY - JOHN LWANDA AND FRIENDS

John Lwanda opened the AGM with a traditional tale from Malawi about the value of cooperation. He was then joined on stage by Nla Lwanda and Zamiwe Hara to sign a song relating to themes of unity and partnership.

2) WELCOME AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - KEN ROSS

Ken Ross (KR) welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the house keeping arrangements.

KR talked through the plan for the afternoon-focusing on the art of storytelling.

He made reference to the Annual Report – encouraging everyone to read it and then invited the SMP team up on stage to introduce themselves.

3) INTRODUCTION TO SMP TEAM - SMP TEAM

David began the introductions by giving an overview of the Strategic Plan 2014-2017 and explaining how the staff roles complimented the Strategic Plan Priorities.

Jackie, Keith, Caroline, Charlie, Dorte and David then told their Malawi story, what their roles entail and briefly outlined their interactive activity.

4) INTERACTIVE GROUP ACTIVITY – LED BY SMP TEAM

David invited all the Members to spend the next 50 minutes visiting the 4 Strand Zones which related to the 4 strands of the Strategic Plan.

Members were invited to complete the activities at each strand, and once they have done so they received a strand zone stamp in their passport. This made them eligible for entering the raffle during the break.

Strand 1 “Raising Awareness” (led by Jackie Farr, Media and Communications Officer):

ACTIVITY 1:

Jackie asked attendees, in their own words and as honestly as possible, what they thought the Scotland Malawi Partnership did. Below are their word-for-word answers. 56 people took part in this activity.

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1. *Provides personal and effective support for individuals and organisations with active partnerships with Malawi.*
 2. *Develop links between Scotland and Malawi. Raising Awareness.*
 3. *Aims to build up good links with Scotland/Malawi, education, business, culture, health.*
 4. *Support, develop and grow links and friendship between people and organisations in Scotland and Malawi.*
 5. *Support and promote strong civil society links between Scotland and Malawi.*
 6. *It supports and encourages links between communities and individuals through business, education, trade with Scotland and Malawi.*
 7. *The SMP is a membership organisation that comes alongside historic and current links between Scotland and Malawi, ensuring that these links are well resourced and maintained.*
 8. *Training, dissemination and sharing.*
 9. *It involves working in partnership between Malawi and Scotland to support Malawi's development.*
 10. *Promote the great relationship that Scotland and Malawi already have through various ways including business and schools.*
 11. *Support and develop links between Scottish organisations and individuals, groups, and issue in Malawi.*
 12. *Facilitates and represents partnerships between Scotland and Malawi.*
 13. *Not totally sure yet but seems like you do many things – here for the first time to listen and find out more!*
 14. *Strengthen links between groups and organisations in both countries.*
 15. *Build and promote long term sustainability with Malawi.*
 16. *Advocacy work, support Scottish projects in Malawi and supports Malawi links in Scotland.*
 17. *SMP exists as a networking organisation between Scotland and Malawi – across various strands.*
 18. *Partners with Malawi to support education through offering scholarships, awareness raising of partnerships between Malawi and Scotland and development of communities.*
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19. *Fostering partnership working between Malawi and Scotland, supporting community development.*
 20. *Promote understanding of the problems common to Scotland and Malawi, but make our 'wealthy' Scottish population aware of the great need for medical and educational opportunities in Malawi.*
 21. *Builds, strengthens and supports links between Scotland and Malawi to promote development, health and education.*
 22. *Builds and maintains our links with Malawi and supports members in making a journey out there.*
 23. *Practices a people to people model of development, in a shared history.*
 24. *It's an umbrella organisation for Scottish charities working with and in Malawi.*
 25. *Foster links to help people in Malawi and raise awareness and understanding in Scotland.*
 26. *Networking, promotion of partnerships, development of partnerships, engagement and pinpointing.*
 27. *Support links between Scotland and Malawi – if pushed more, more people could see the benefit... once involved, very useful but unlikely for people to get involved without a push.*
 28. *Promote knowledge of Malawi in Scotland and assist entities wishing to do work in Malawi.*
 29. *Promote links between Scotland and Malawi, and networking.*
 30. *Promote links with Malawi, and networking.*
 31. *Give advice regarding funding, being members together, practical help regarding visas.*
 32. *Promotes and coordinates sustainable links with Malawi in partnerships and in a way that benefits the citizens of Malawi and Scotland.*
 33. *Builds a link with Malawi and supports organisations in Scotland and Malawi.*
 34. *An ongoing amount, too much to write down!*
 35. *Links vision to keep strong links with Malawi and proven strategies, government funded, to bring about good outcomes for the people of Malawi.*
 36. *Builds links with Malawi and South.*
 37. *Uses the media and technology to improve the working livelihood and communications to Malawi.*
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38. *Help make links both Scottish and Malawian organisations.*
39. *Raises awareness of the Scottish-Malawi links across both populations. Lobbies SG and UK governments to give responsible support (funding and other) to Malawi. Promotes interaction and engagement between people of each country, individually, groups and organisations.*
40. *Inform, inspire and facilitate.*
41. *Raises awareness of the enormous interactivity between our two countries. Only in the most recent study have I been astounded about the economic assistance but now above all the importance of our now being in an equal partnership I have been unable though to discover how the other half of the partnership works. I.e. do they have to pay membership fees and relatively how much?*
42. *Facilitate links between groups and individuals in Scotland and Malawi with a particular focus on development.*
43. *Encourage positive, respectful relationships between Scottish and Malawian organisations.*
44. *Network of civil society and other organisations promoting links between Scotland and Malawi.*
45. *Works with organisations working in Malawi to further their partnership in a dignified way.*
46. *Promotes relationship between Scotland and Malawi.*
47. *Supports links with Malawi, multi-sectoral, emphasises people to people links.*
48. *Facilitate links between Scotland and Malawi especially through lobbying, linking members and awareness raising.*
49. *Provide a network of information and help for organisations and individuals working with partners in Malawi.*
50. *Coordinate (and promote) grass root links with Malawi.*
51. *Main objective is to encourage partnerships/linking between Scotland and Malawi.*
52. *Connects all people in Scotland who have a Malawi link.*
53. *Information on Malawi and the links in Malawi.*

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54. *Promote links between individuals and organisations in Scotland and Malawi. Lobby for greater attention and funding to be given to development initiatives in Malawi.*
55. *Not completely sure.*
56. *Be the forum for all Scottish/Malawian activity.*

ACTIVITY 2:

Jackie asked attendees if they could think of three services the Scotland Malawi Partnership provide. Two people mentioned four services which were also included in the results below. 50 people participated.

<u>Service(s) mentioned</u>	<u>Percentage (of 50 people) %</u>
Information and advice	76
Events and forums	64
Promote and support partnerships	40
Advocacy and lobbying	32
School/educational links	26
Networking	20
Training	12
Bulletin	10
Language classes	10
Exchanges and volunteering opportunities	6
Fundraising	4
Financial planning	2
Website	2

ACTIVITY 3:

Jackie used 3 flowcharts to ask attendees simple questions relating to their social media tendencies.

A. Website Flowchart

Do you use our website? 50 people answered this question.

34 said yes

16 said no

How often do you use it? 41 people answered this question.

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30 said not often

9 said once a week

2 said every day

What do you use it for? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

33 said for SMP news, forums and events

11 said to search for members

8 said to find information on Malawi

What type of content do you prefer? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

20 said links to websites

18 said picture

9 said video

6 said text only

For those who said 'No' – why? 13 people answered this question.

12 said they didn't know we had on

1 said it's not very good

B. Facebook Flowchart

Do you have a Facebook account? 56 people answered this first question.

47 said yes

9 said no

0 said what's Facebook?

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How often do you use it? 46 people answered this question.

41 said every day

4 said once a week

1 said not often

What do you use it for? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

33 said communicate with friends

26 said to find information and news

16 said promotion of business/charity etc

What type of content do you prefer? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

27 said picture

25 said links to websites

16 said video

11 said text only

For those who said 'No' – why? 1 person answered this question.

1 said not interested

0 said don't know how to use it

Interested in Facebook training? 2 people answered this question.

2 said no

0 said yes

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C. Twitter Flowchart

Do you have a Twitter account? 55 people answered this question.

29 said yes

25 said no

1 said what's Twitter?

How often do you use it? 29 people answered this question.

18 said every day

11 said not often

0 said once a week

What do you use it for? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

21 said to find information and news

14 said promotion of business/charity etc

7 said communicate with friends

What type of content do you prefer? Multiple answers were allowed for this question so the exact number of people taking part cannot be determined.

19 said links to websites

11 said picture

9 said text only

7 said video

For those who said 'No' – why? 12 people answered this question.

8 said not interested

4 said don't know how to use it

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Interested in Twitter training? 6 people answered this question.

5 said yes

1 said no

[Strand 2 “Nurturing New Growth” – split into two areas, one looking at youth and schools engagements \(led by Caroline Beaton, Youth and Schools Officer\) and one looking at business, trade, investment and tourism \(led by Keith Bohannon, Member Development Officer\):](#)

Youth and Schools

ACTIVITY 1:

Using a traffic light system members were asked to think about the SMP Partnership Principles and reflect on whether things were going well (green), were ok (amber), or could be better (red).

General members input

Green:

Planning and implementing together

Were both sides involved in the planning?

Planning and implementing together

Do you have a partnership agreement?

Appropriateness

Does it fit within local education priorities?

Appropriateness
trust and mutual understanding

Does this partnership fit within culture and ethos at both ends? Respect,
Do you know your partner well?

No one left behind

Are people excluded from your partnership?

No one left behind

Is it clear who precisely your partnership is with?

No one left behind

How well are the marginalised in the community at both sides engaged?

Effectiveness Do you use your monitoring and evaluation to learn, and develop the partnership?

Effectiveness Do you have a clear plan to develop the partnership?

Reciprocity

Is it genuinely a two-way partnership?

Reciprocity

Does each side contribute equally to the partnership?

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Amber:

Planning and implementing together	Are roles and responsibilities clear?
Appropriateness	Does it fit within governmental priorities?
Respect, trust and mutual understanding	How would you feel if you were on the other side?
Respect, trust and mutual understanding	What do you do when the two sides don't agree?
Transparency and Accountability	Are challenges, issues and concerns listened to at both sides?
Sustainability	Is your partnership embedded in your organisation?
Parity (equality)	Is it clear what rights and responsibilities each side has?
P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S.H.I.P	Our link requires strong support and advice

Red:

Effectiveness	Are both sides involved in evaluating the partnership?
Reciprocity	Are opportunities, like travel, open to both sides of the partnership?
Sustainability	Is your partnership building capacity at both sides?
Do no Harm	Could anyone be worse off as a result of your partnership?
Do no Harm	Are you compliant with all relevant legislation?
Interconnectivity	Do you connect with what others are doing in partnership?
Interconnectivity	Are the local diaspora community at both sides engaged / supportive?
Parity (equality)	Does everyone benefit equally from this partnership?
Parity (equality)	How fairly is each side treated through this partnership?

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Schools members input

Green

Transparency and Accountability	How well do you communicate with your partner school?
No one left behind	Is it clear who precisely your partnership is with?
Reciprocity	Is it genuinely a two-way school partnership?
Sustainability	Are you sure your partnership isn't creating dependencies?
Sustainability	Is your partnership building capacity at both sides, in both the school and community?
Parity (equality)	How fairly is each side treated through this school partnership?
P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S.H.I.P	Our link is strong
Planning and implementing together	Were both sides involved in the planning?
Appropriateness	Does this partnership fit within school culture and ethos at both ends?

Amber

Transparency and Accountability	Are challenges, issues and concerns listened to at both schools?
Effectiveness	Are both schools involved in evaluating the partnership?
Effectiveness	Do you use your monitoring and evaluation to learn, and develop the partnership?
Parity (equality)	Does everyone benefit equally from this school partnership?
P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S.H.I.P	Our link requires strong support and advice

Red

Transparency and Accountability	Do you widely share information about your school partnership?
Effectiveness	Do you have a clear plan to develop the school partnership?

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Reciprocity	Are opportunities, like travel, open to both sides of the partnership?
Interconnectivity	Do you learn from others and share your experience of school linking?
P.A.R.T.N.E.R.S.H.I.P	Our link could be better

ACTIVITY 2:

Caroline asked members, particularly youth members, to answer a series of statements:

"I WOULD LOVE IT IF SMP WOULD..."

- *Put together learning materials that link SMO with Curriculum for Excellence*
- *Host events for 14 year olds through schools/clubs/sport*
- *Share more videos like the NASFAM one on rice farming*
- *Build up a resource base with a search facility to prevent reinventing the wheel*
- *Support student scholarships*
- *It would be helpful to link with other groups locally to share expertise*
- *Continue their work*
- *Work in pre-school settings*
- *Have an online forum for sharing information*
- *Have more people involved*
- *Improve IT infrastructure*
- *Provide high quality multimedia materials for use in schools*
- *Host large events focussed on youth and schools*
- *Do a tour of Scotland*
- *Meet in Inverness*

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- *Host events in the north of Scotland*
- *Share a youth newsletter*
- *Have staff come out to speak to pupils in schools*
- *Create a resource bank for schools*
- *Increase momentum and enthusiasm through work placements in development sector*
- *Produce a resource pack on Malawi*
- *Share good practice more often*
- *Set up internship programmes*
- *Create student to student links*
- *Host regular social media chats*
- *Host regional events*

“IT WOULD BE GREAT TO ALL GET TOGETHER AND...”

- *Identify more links to NGOs on the ground in Malawi*
- *Get to know each other in informal settings and also share real experiences (even the not so good!)*
- *Go on a retreat*
- *Eat, drink, see, buy Malawi produce*
- *Meet more Malawians already in Scotland*
- *Share experiences and agree the way forward*
- *Share skills and expertise*
- *Learn more and discuss issues and successes with current school partnerships*
- *All sit round the campfire and share stories*
- *Share music from Scotland with Malawians*

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- *Celebrate Malawian music, stories and dance.*
- *Share experiences with like-minded people.*
- *Agree core and consistent messages*
- *Have more Talking Places*
- *All be involved in strategic planning*
- *Make a CD/DVD of Scottish music and stories for Malawi.*
- *Share best practice and experience with youth members*

"I WISH I COULD..."

- *find a way to contribute to this partnership that suits my interests*
- *help to develop musical links between Scotland and Malawi*
- *create a lesson plan about Malawian culture that we can use to teach our youth clubs and schools about customs*
- *be part of an internship programme.*
- *be a youth member again*
- *work on a Malawian tapestry*
- *be part of a story telling project*
- *improve ICT services for young people*
- *join as a youth member (done today)*
- *get more pupils and staff involved in our Malawi link at my school*
- *persuade VSO to do ICS in Malawi*

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“A GREAT EVENT WOULD BE...”

- *Sharing Malawian dress sense*
- *A Malawi themed treasure hunt at Botanical Gardens*
- *A campaign on a big issue, led by youth members using social media*
- *A youth networking event so join forces*
- *One that trains us to be more productive with our work*
- *Share experiences of school trips to Malawi*
- *Support for exchange visits*
- *An interactive event for school/youth members like this AGM, around the fire and chance to chat*
- *Malawi-Scotland tapestry event*
- *Necessary to raise awareness for both Scottish and Malawian counterparts.*
- *A Malawian dance event*
- *Sharing culture, dress, storytelling and music*
- *Bringing youth organisations and schools together to bridge the gap*
- *A joint concert in Scotland and Malawi, sharing music, culture, roots*
- *Interactive and would share culture*
- *Malawian story telling in schools*
- *Fashion show promoting Malawian style*
- *Youth targeted language and culture classes*

Strand 2: Business, Investment, Trade and Tourism (led by Keith Bohannon)

ACTIVITY 1:

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Keith asked members to think about what they could do to contribute towards economic development in Malawi, relating to trade, tourism and any other ideas.

The following responses/pledges were given:

Trade

- Purchase Fair Trade products for church café
- Support more FT products, e.g. beans and nuts
- Promote buying Malawian to friends
- Drink Malawi gin
- Increase the number of products available from Malawi
- Promote to email contacts (e.g. Fair Trade Schools)
- Coordination of how containers are used to maximise potential
- Encourage supermarkets to stock Malawian products
- Increase access to FT products, e.g. issue a list of Malawian products
- Encourage sustainable farming

Tourism

- Make travel in Malawi safer
- Promote tourism to Malawi more
- Ensure rooms are mosquito free
- More affordable hotels
- Raising awareness in tourism

Other

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- Solar power, water pumps, birth control
- Access to fresh, safe water
- Invest in education, nutrition and agri-processing
- Links between academics and researchers working on sustainable economic development
- Provide resource bank for schools
- Encourage the use of ICT for education
- Resources (maths and Global Citizenship)
- Empower Malawians to create confidence in their own ability
- Respectful two way relationships with Malawians at all levels

Strand 3 “Sustaining Existing Links” (led by Charlie Bevan, Member Services Manager)

ACTIVITY 1:

Charlie invited attendees to make suggestions of how existing SMP member services could be improved, and for ideas for any new services.

The following 90 responses were offered:

Forums (13 responses):

- Slightly longer forums-more opportunity for wider discussion
- Water Forum much appreciated
- Increased opportunity to recount outcomes, successes and failures-know you do it-but more!
- All good stuff
- Encouraged more online forums-like google hangout
- More accessible

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- School forum more regular meetings
- More publicised SMP forums in Malawi
- More please
- Forums to bring people with similar projects together and to discuss problems and possible ways ahead
- Maternal health
- Push for member participation-once involved see benefit but unlikely to get involved without a push
- Good

Bulletin/office support (7 responses):

- Bulletin great-keep it up
- Great publication-you could reduce frequency if time constrained
- Great info
- Bulletins great!
- Very helpful
- More user-friendly visuals
- Very satisfied

Mentoring (6 responses):

- More
- Partner organisation to be mentor to improve skills
- Good idea-how to make most relevant links
- Member-to-member mentoring
- I want to know more
- System for pupil work being SQA acknowledged

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Training (10 responses):

- Dedicated skill shares: social media, grants, etc
- Continue supporting more trainees
- Good workshops
- Continue offering scholarships to build capacity of partner organisations
- Do more!
- Youth member internships
- Good language training-faster pace with online resources
- Available in different areas in Scotland
- Continue to offer scholarships
- Grants-more training with small grants
- Language course to be faster paced and more interactive-maybe online resources

Events (15 responses):

- More presence for members at events
- Fashion shows
- Rotation on events venue like AGM, in both Malawi and Scotland
- Enjoying my first contact with SMP
- Good opportunity to hear from others, network and for future planning
- Excellent
- Concert of Malawian and Scottish music and dance
- Join campaign such as getting companies to pay tax to countries
- More youth events

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- Sharing for growing more ideas
- Events on setting up business partnerships between Scotland and Malawi-particularly interested in creative industries sector
- Really like film screening-perhaps a Malawi-Scotland book club
- Meeting more with local Malawi NGOs
- More and regular events and member interaction would be advantageous
- A few large cultural evenings-can be expensive but good return

Publications (9 responses):

- All very good
- Continue publicising the SMP work on the website
- Brilliant in your brevity-keep it up!
- More publications need to be published
- Keep going
- Online newsletter
- Malawi guide
- Also PPT
- Sector specific research, e.g education-analysis of what is happening in the field

Online services (13):

- Lots of information available online but could be more accessible-looking forward to seeing the new website
 - Blogs from members-short snappy updates on work
 - More use of facebook to promote and show what SMP is doing through the year
 - More use of facebook
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- Database of existing resources, reports, catalogues, key words
- Links person in each school
- Good!
- New website
- Member blogs and Malawi news
- More interactive social media events, eg google hangouts
- More visible website – news from SMP **and** Members videos and photos
- Wonderful idea having a website-continue sharing more information
- Much more interactive

Something new (18 responses):

- Regional events for schools with links
- Information on activities and organisations of MaSP
- More help in supporting fundraising activities
- Template for event wow factor
- Help bands and other cultural groups over
- School resource centre for events
- Malawi book club
- Help members set-up internships
- Scotland and Malawi personal linking scheme
- Network of academics and researchers working in/on Malawi
- SMP “on tour”/”live” as roadshow to spread the word
- Meeting more Malawians already in Scotland

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- Facilitate contacts between designers/makers in Malawi and their Scottish counter-parts-could lead to something exciting
- Video-conference
- Collate list of schools linked with Malawi, so that schools can help support each other
- Online forums
- Scottish touring event
- Church links-is there anyone involved or here from Church of Scotland?

Strand 4 “Connecting and Influencing” (led by David Hope-Jones, Principal Officer)

ACTIVITY 1:

Members were invited to vote on the lobbying and advocacy priorities they would like the SMP to take forward over the next year on their behalf. They were each given six ‘ballot papers’, one for each of the main groups the SMP is active lobbying, with each of the main headline advocacy points listed. Members were invited to tick if they liked an item, cross if they didn’t like it, and give their comments for each. They were also able to suggest new advocacy points for each of the groups.

53 Members took part in the exercise although not all who took part voted in each of the six sections; we therefore give results as percentage of those who voted. The SMP’s 22 lobbying and advocacy points all received between 56% and 90% “yes” votes (ticks) and between 0% and 17% “no” votes (crosses). This is a very strong endorsement of the SMP’s lobbying and advocacy activities which further strengthens the Partnership’s mandate to advance these points on its members’ behalf.

Accordingly, the 2013-14 Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy will remain largely unchanged for 2014-15. Only two areas received less than 60% positive support or more than 10% negative support (our parameter for judging member consensus): lobbying the Government of Malawi directly to improve governance and lobbying the UK Government to restart General Budget Support. We therefore have removed these two items from the 2014-15 Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy.

Overall this was an extremely positive consultation exercise with much feedback from Members that they value being asked their opinions and grateful to the SMP for the work it does to advance these points.

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Summary of results by organisation/sector lobbied:

		Yes	No	Unclear
Our Sector	Value of Scotland-Malawi links	81%	0%	2%
	Partnership Principles	68%	2%	2%
	Role of community linking	79%	0%	0%
	Sustainability	89%	0%	0%
LAs	Gen. awareness of S-M linking	85%	0%	4%
	LA to LA linking	83%	4%	0%
Scottish Government	Smooth management of MDP	73%	2%	2%
	Continuation of Small Grants	80%	0%	2%
	Support for MaSP	76%	0%	2%
	Total spend in Malawi	83%	4%	0%
	Promotion of grass-root linking	73%	0%	2%
	Enhanced devolved powers in int. dev.	80%	2%	2%
UK Government	Gen. awareness of S-M linking	75%	0%	2%
	General Budget Support	56%	17%	2%
	DFID total spend in Malawi	90%	2%	4%
	UK Visas for visiting Malawians	88%	0%	6%
	0.7% of GNI on aid	71%	4%	2%
	Enhanced devolved powers in int. dev.	65%	6%	12%
Government of Malawi	General awareness of M-S linking	84%	0%	2%
	Engagement of MaSP	84%	0%	0%
	Governance	65%	12%	8%
Multilaterals	Post-MDG framework	90%	0%	4%

Summary of results by popularity with Members:

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Multi.	Post-MDG framework	90%	0%	4%
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5) UPDATE FROM MALAWI SCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP- MATTHEWS MTUMBUKA

Matthews Mtumbuka (MM) thanked members for participating in what is a very unique and historic, special relationship between two special nations

The relationship has resulted in people being positively inspired on both sides, in Malawi and also here in Scotland.

MM noted that 150 Schools are actively involved in links, and 16 out of 32 Councils are also active participants, and with approximately 70 Malawians accessing tertiary education at postgraduate level sponsored by the Livingstone Scholarship.

Through funding from the Scottish Government, the long awaited secretariat for the MaSP was set up two years ago and now Scottish people have a second home in Malawi, the only home for Scotland overseas. MaSP has mobilized nearly 230 members for MaSP of which nearly 200 are institutions.

MaSP hold regular regional meetings and training in capacity building and networking and knowledge sharing. They also hosted a Symposium in January this year – networking and knowledge sharing – which was attended Minister Humza Yousaf MSP and other Scottish Officials and SMP

MaSP also supported the launch of Prof. Ken Ross's book "*Malawi and Scotland: Together in the Talking Place since 1859*"

MaSP is now registered with the two institutions that oversee and regulate NGOs and has increased its profile through its website and social media – which gets up to 4000 views.

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MaSP have facilitated Strand meetings in all three regions: health, education, sustainable economic development and civic society and governance as jointly agreed by the Malawi and Scottish governments in 2005.

MaSP have set up 3 Communication and Resource Centres (CRC) established one in each of the three Regional Cities of Mzuzu, Lilongwe and Blantyre

MM offered his thanks again for endorsing this special relationship and for allowing it to continue to prosper and grow. He reflected that those on the Malawi side are committed to the partnership with full spirit, commitment and trust

6) AGM BUSINESS - CHAIRED BY KEN ROSS

KR called the AGM to order and introduced the AGM business for the afternoon.

KR thanked Elspeth Pentland, who stepped down as SMP Director, for her support, insight and leadership.

KR explained that as he himself was standing for re-election, SMP Vice-Chair, Andrew Parker, would conduct the business relating to elections.

Election of new Directors:

- AP explained that the Board can have up to 16 Directors, each elected by Members at the AGM, to serve for a maximum of three years. After three years Directors are welcome to stand for re-election if they wish.
- Six directors were standing for re-election
- Two new applications for director were made
- Eight people in total stood for election, for 7 free spaces on the board.
- Election was carried out by secret ballot.
- Stuart Brown, Isabel Bruce, Mizeck Chagunda, Claire Martin, Jeremaya Phiri, Ken Ross and Jack Thompson were elected as Directors.
- KR welcomed the new board members.

Approval of 2013 AGM Minutes:

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- KR noted that the 2013 AGM Minutes had been circulated in advance, been available online and were included in the delegate packs. KR then invited questions. There were no questions regarding the 2013 AGM Minutes.
- KR invited a proposer and seconder for the approval of the 2013 AGM Minutes
- Jack Thompson proposed the adoption and approval of the 2013 AGM Minutes, Peter West seconded this proposal.

Presentation of 2013-14 accounts:

- John Fanning gave a brief overview of the process by which the accounts had been developed.
- JF invited questions regarding the Accounts for the Financial Year for 2013/2014. There were no questions regarding the Accounts.
- KR thanked the Audit and Finance Committee for their dedication in support of the sound financial management of the SMP.
- KR then invited a proposer and a seconder to adopt the accounts.
- Cate Nelson-Shaw proposed the adoption of the accounts, and Douglas Young seconded.
- There were no motions to the contrary.

Proposed Motion:

KR then introduced the motion to be voted on, which had been duly submitted, circulated in advance within the required time and deemed competent motions for the AGM. KR directed delegates to the motion.

Motion 1: External examiner contract

“The independent examination of charity accounts is required by law. The appointment of the Scotland Malawi Partnership’s present independent examiners, Martin Aitken & Co, Chartered Accountants, was ratified by members at the 2014 AGM, and this meeting is asked to approve their re-appointment as independent examiners for a further twelve months.”

- No members voted against Motion 1
- There was 1 abstention

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- Motion 1 was carried

Staff:

Ken thanked the SMP staff for their continued efforts. He noted Dorte Al-Gailani had now been with the SMP for over 1 year and was improving systems and efficiencies all the time.

Ken thanked Charlie Bevan and David Hope-Jones, and offered particular congratulations to David and Amelia, who got married at the end of August.

Board of Directors:

Ken thanked all the Board of Directors who had served over the past year, and paid particular tribute to Elspeth Pentland and Pat Hiddleston who would no longer be sitting on the Board.

7) ROUND THE CAMPFIRE WITH..... CHAIRED BY KEN ROSS

After the formal business was complete KR invited the following people to join him “around the campfire”, to share their Malawi story

- Jane Riley (Traidcraft – which has a new line of Mzuzu Coffee),
- Matthews Mtumbuka (Chair of MaSP),
- Mizeck Chagunda (SMP Director)
- Joanna Keating (Head of Scottish Government International Development Team)
- Peter West (Malawi Hon. Consul to Scotland)

Ken asked the guests if they had any good memories of times spent round the campfire in Malawi or in Scotland?

- Mizeck – sitting by the fire as a young boy he remembers being so tired that he wanted to go to bed but was too afraid to go into the tent alone in the dark so ended up falling asleep outside by the fire.
- Peter – trying (unsuccessfully) to kill a snake to later find out it was a black mamba.
- Matthews – remembering a lesson in planning from his mentor Fr John Ryan, always bring some matches for the fire.

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Ken asked what do you see as the distinctive qualities of the interaction between Malawi and Scotland? What has been most inspiring to you personally?

- Joanna – when she visited Malawi was struck by the relationship of trust.
- Peter – affected by the personal stories of people from both Malawi and Scotland whose lives have been changed as a result of the partnership.
- Matthews – highlighted a key to the success of the relationships is the humility of the Scots, wanting to work in an equal partnership.

Ken acknowledged it has been an eventful year politically with a tripartite election in Malawi and an independence referendum in Scotland. He asked the guests whether they thought the Partnership can contribute in any way to improving the quality of governance in our two countries?

- Peter – assurances on developing good governance in Malawi seen as being essential for potential investors from Scotland, as recently communicated to the Malawian High Commission.
- Mizeck – clear opportunities for knowledge sharing between Scotland and Malawi in this area, for example how to run elections (ref to the Indy Ref and Malawian general elections in 2014).
- Joanna – Governance essential as Malawi moves away from dependence on aid. ‘Civic Society and Governance’ a key priority in the current SG MDP funding round.

Ken reflected the need to strengthen Malawi’s economy is a matter of great concern to many of us here today. He asked what opportunities there were for the Partnership to contribute in areas like business, trade, investment?

- Jane – looking to draw on the partnership links to create a ‘groundswell’ of support for Fair Trade Malawian coffee in Scotland.
- Matthews – Scotland offers Malawi a window of opportunity for trade, for example a way into the EU market.

Ken commented that through the close relationship between our two countries Malawians have for many years been coming to live in Scotland for periods of time. Today there are more Malawians in Scotland than ever before – he asked how the guests saw their role in building up the Partnership?

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- Peter – the GoM are looking to the diaspora for advice. Want Scottish diaspora to speak with a single powerful voice.
- Joanna – Met with some impressive Malawian masters students at University of Dundee.

Ken asked if you had a dream of what the Partnership between Scotland and Malawi would look like in 5-10 years what would feature strongly in your dream?

- Jane – to have Mzuzu coffee in every coffee shop in Scotland.
- Matthew – to have direct flights from Scotland to Malawi.
- Joanna – access to sustainable energy for all in Malawi.
- Peter – following on from Indy Ref more devolution could signal an increase in the international development programme and so a change in the relationship between Scotland and Malawi as Scotland could be a larger donor and have more influence.
- Mizeck – supporting education (e.g. Livingstone Scholarship) to make a real difference.

8) Q AND A

KR then opened the floor for questions.

Member made comments/asked questions about:

- The importance of water in Scotland-Malawi partnerships – Jim Rae
- The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry – Jack Thompson
- Legacy of Commonwealth Game – Claire Martin
- Opportunities to exhibit at the national gallery – Rosemary harley

After the open Q and A KR invited the guests around the campfire to pull out the winning names of the raffle.

The winners were as follows:

- A Malawi craft hamper and a Day Trip excursion from Blantyre, including a community project visit, lunch at Ku Chawe Inn and a hike on Zomba Plateau provided by [Responsible Safari Company](#): **Mark Friese**

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- All inclusive 4 days South Luangwa NP (Zambia) safari for 2 people c/o [Kiboko Safaris](#): **Abner Maosa**
- 7 nights on a bed & breakfast basis for two people at any [Sunbird hotel](#) in Malawi: **Colin Cameron**
- 4 nights at [Nkwichi lodge](#) for 2 adults sharing a standard chalet: **Joylet Genda**
- Malawian product hamper (1): **Clare Osborne**
- Malawian product hamper (2): **Jamie Aitken**

9) CLOSING REMARKS - KEN ROSS

Ken thanked everyone for their active involvement in the day, and reminded everyone to complete their evaluation form.

KR then invited everyone to enjoy a “sun downer” together and to continue networking.

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