



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

14/11/2019

Present:

Christopher Gee, Lucy Gibbon, Andre Hollinrake, Neil Kermode, Tom Rendall, Spencer Rosie (Chair), Sheena Wenham, John White, Caroline Wickham-Jones, Ann Marwick, David Drever, Ragnhild Ljosland.

Apologies:

Melita Early, Willie MacKay, David Murdoch, Johnny Grimond, Andrew Ceresa, Jennifer Thompson, Jack Drever, Ann Stevenson, Jeremy Godwin, Margaret Sutherland, Alison Cruikshanks, James Irvine, Joyce Gray, Hayley Green, Sandy Firth.

Minutes of last meeting:

A correction was made to the attendees list. The minutes were then proposed to be accepted as an accurate record by Lucy Gibbon; seconded by Caroline Wickham Jones.

Matters Arising:

Spencer Rosie reported that following the AGM the Board had discussed the sum held from the Ernest Marwick bequest to fight uranium mining. In the light of the potential threat the Board had agreed to keep £30,000 ringfenced for this eventuality but would keep the matter under review.

Chair's Report:

The Society has had a busy year including:

- The installation of Murdoch Mackenzie's meridian marker on Harbour Street
- The very successful visit to Eynehallow
- The Fereday Prize
- The continued examination of planning applications
- Planned publication of Edition 9 of the New Orkney Antiquarian Journal
- The re-launch of both the Grimmond Award and the Linklater Prize
- The rebuild and imminent launch of the Society's new web site
- The opposition to SSEN's substation at Finstown.

Spencer expressed his thanks to the Board members who had led the above work and to David Murdoch for stepping in to chair the last AGM when Spencer was unavailable due to receiving treatment.

The report was accepted.

There was discussion as to the position the Society should take on the proposed wind developments in the county and the associated infrastructure. It was agreed that this should be a matter discussed by the Board.

Accounts:

One matter was raised as to the content of the item entitled 'Cost of Membership'. The meeting directed the Secretary to seek clarification from the Treasurer and append an explanatory note to this record of the meeting after circulating the clarification to those present by E-mail.

Explanatory Note:

The make-up of the items is:

*Postage: £121.22, Newsletter printing: £1001.10, Room hire £28.50,
Advertising £42 + miscellaneous costs amounting to £1595.62.*

Spencer expressed his thanks to Elizabeth as Treasurer for her work and confirmed that she has resigned from the Board. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Spencer Rosie and Seconded by Neil Kermode.

It was agreed that the accounts would now be examined by VAO and the SCIO paperwork submitted.

Election of President, Vice President and Trustees.

Spencer explained that in accordance with the constitution that all Trustees stood down at each AGM.

Sandy Firth had agreed to be re-elected as President and Sheena Wenham as Vice President. Elizabeth Corsie and Tom Rendall had decided not to stand as Trustees. All other Trustees had agreed to stand and so Spencer Rosie, Ann Marwick, David Murdoch, Caroline Wickham-Jones, Andy Hollinrake, John White, Neil Kermode, Christopher Gee, Hayley Green, Joyce Gray were all willing to continue to stand. Sheena moved that they be so elected, seconded by Andy Hollinrake.

Tom Rendall offered to carry on running the Fereday Prize.

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There was no other competent business.

Date of first meeting of the new Board

Set for the 2nd of December.