



# ORKNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

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## Annual General Meeting – via Zoom

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Present:

Andrew Hollinrake, Neil Kermode, Tom Rendall, Spencer Rosie (Chair), John White, Caroline Wickham-Jones, James Irvine, Hayley Green, Andrew Ceresa, Lydia Harris, M Sutherland, Erica Rosie, Johnny Grimond, Neil Price, Sandy Firth, Lynn Campbell, Cheryl Chapman, Anne Dunmore, Tom King

### Apologies:

Margaret Rorie, Kate Fereday Eshete, Dorothy Rendall, Jeremy Goodwin, Elizabeth Bevan, David and Margaret Murdoch

### Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were proposed to be accepted as an accurate record by Neil Kermode; seconded by Tom Rendall.

### Matters Arising:

Nothing that is not already covered on the agenda

### Chair's Report:

The Society has had a strange year because of the Covid19 Pandemic, but that isn't to suggest that there has been nothing happening. These were summarised as highlights:

- Launch of the new website
- Running regular sites through the on-line shop
- Enhanced newsletter, printing of which was funded by a generous donation from a member, and edited by Elizabeth Corsie
- Orkney Antiquarian Journal 9 was successfully launched in September, over zoom, and had an excellent attendance including international speakers.
- Regular correspondence with OIC on the infrastructure for windfarms, most recently with success with regards to an agreement to undergroud the cables between Quanterness and the Finstown Sub Station.
- Excellent virtual Board Planning meeting in October

The most significant impact of the pandemic was the cancellation of our annual trip to Eynhallow, and this has led to a large drop in our annual income.

The report was accepted.

### Accounts:

John White presented the accounts. It was noted that he took over as Treasurer during the year, and thanks our previous treasurer, Elizabeth Corsie, for her diligence in keeping the accounts in good shape. John confirmed that the accounts had been reviewed by the external verifier (VAO) and were, once agreed by the AGM, ready to be submitted to OSCR. The accounts were agreed, and in discussion it was noted that procedurally the AGM did

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not need to agree the accounts, this was the role of the Board. John confirmed that the Board had also approved the accounts.

## **Appointment of the external verifier of the accounts**

Confirmed that Davie Campbell, VAO, be appointed.

## **Proposed changes to the constitution**

The Board put forward a number of changes to the constitution, these had been circulated on our website in advance of the meeting. Following some discussion and a couple of questions these changes were agreed.

In addition, there was some discussion about the difference between restricted and designated funds, and the question as to whether you can un-restrict a fund, specifically with regards to the conditions placed on the Ernest Marwick bequest. Agreed this was a question for the Board to consider over the next 12 months.

## **Election of President, Vice President and Trustees.**

Spencer explained that all Trustees stood down at each AGM.

Sandy Firth continues as President and Sheena Wenham as Vice President. All other Trustees had agreed to re-stand and so Spencer Rosie, Ann Marwick, David Murdoch, Caroline Wickham-Jones, Andy Hollinrake, John White, Neil Kermod, Christopher Gee, Hayley Green and Joyce Grey were agreed, moved by Neil Price and seconded by James Irvine. In addition, Lynn Campbell had intimated that she would be willing to stand as a trustee, this was moved by Caroline Wickham Jones and seconded by John White.

## **AOCB**

There was no other competent business, the meeting finished at 19.51

## **The AGM was then followed by 2 very interesting talks from Caroline Wickham Jones and Neil Kermod, looking at the historical and then future context of changes in Orkney.**

In the discussion following the presentation there was support for the Board view that the Trident poles network should be restricted. Noted that when the additional cable is installed across the Firth there may be an opportunity to look at the reuse of the old Power Station in Kirkwall.

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