



# ORKNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

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## Annual General Meeting – via Zoom

18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Present:

Andrew Hollinrake, Spencer Rosie (Chair), John White, Caroline Wickham-Jones, Hayley Green, Brian Ribband, Andrew Ceresa, Anne Stevenson, Lynn Campbell, Anne Lea, Annie Thuesen, Alison Cruickshanks, Margaret Sutherland, Sheena Wenham.

### Apologies:

Neil Kermode, Tom Rendall, Margaret Rorie, Neil Price, Sandy Firth, James Irvine, Jeff Demetrescu, Jo Jones, Andrew Wells, Bill Spence, Ragnhild Ljosland, David Murdoch, Andy Braunston

### Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were proposed to be accepted as an accurate record by Sheena Wenham; seconded by Lynn Campbell.

### Matters Arising:

Nothing that is not already covered on the agenda

### Chair's Report:

The Society has had another challenging year because of the Covid19 Pandemic, but the board have still had plenty to do. Some of the highlights were:

- Offer to OIC of money toward a couple of benches at the Hampshire Memorial
- Survey of seaplane crane at Swanbister Bay.
- Co-host along with the John Rae Society of a seminar on the Hall of Clestrain.
- Involvement in formulating the Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan (STIDP) and responding to HES on the Orkney World Heritage Site Gateway Consultation.
- Fereday Awards (given virtually this year).
- Supporting other organisations in their funding applications for heritage projects.

In addition, this year's Grimond Award has been given to Ros Bryant and Louise Martin for their remarkable restoration of croft buildings at South Hamar in Westray. The board also gave a special Grimond Award to Willie and Sandy McEwan for their incredible contribution to the preservation of Westray and Orkney's built heritage.

Once again, the Eynhallow Trip has had to be cancelled.

The report was accepted.

### Newsletter

The Chair explained this year's Newsletter was another bumper one and thanked Elizabeth Corsie for once again editing. Producing such a large edition is, however, costly. Apart from sales of Journals and books, our major fundraiser is the Eynhallow Trip. With no trip in

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the last two years, our accounts show a deficit. One way of cutting cost would be sending out a PDF version. With not enough feedback from members, it was left to the Board to discuss and perhaps do a membership survey.

## **Accounts:**

John White presented the accounts and reported that the accounts had been agreed by the Board at its October meeting. He confirmed that the accounts had been reviewed by the external verifier (VAO), who was satisfied with them.

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

Confirmed that Davie Campbell, VAO, be appointed.

## **Election of Trustees.**

Spencer explained that all Trustees stood down at each AGM.

Sandy Firth continues as President and Sheena Wenham as Vice President. Chris Gee has said he wishes to take time out from the Board. Re-election of all other trustees, Spencer Rosie, Ann Marwick, David Murdoch, Caroline Wickham-Jones, Lynn Campbell, Andy Hollinrake, John White, Neil Kermod, Tom Rendall and Joyce Grey were agreed, moved by Sheena Wenham and seconded by Andy Hollinrake. In addition, Annie Thuesen had intimated that she would be willing to stand as a trustee, this was moved by Lynn Campbell and seconded by Spencer Rosie.

The first post AGM Board meeting will be in the St Magnus Centre on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## **AOCB**

There was no other competent business, the meeting finished at 19.35.

## **The AGM was then followed by a fascinating talk by Lynn Campbell, 'Orkney's Other Half – Women in Orkney.'**

The women described included Heritage Society luminaries, Laura Grimond and Marjorie Linklater, writers, Harriet Campbell, Chrissie Costie, Mary Brunton, Henrietta Groundwater, Ann Scott-Moncrieff, Flora MacNeil and Bessie Skea, benefactress Marjory Corrigan, adventurers, Eliza Ann Fraser and Isobel Gunn, health care workers, Margaret Humphrey and Margaret Manson Graham, artists, Sylvia Wishart and Margaret Tait, suffragette, Bina Cursiter and local character, Cattie Maggie. The talk was recorded and will be put on the OHS You Tube channel.