

AGM of the Stonehaven Tolbooth Association
Wednesday 12th September
Community Centre Lounge, Bath St, Stonehaven

Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Appointment of the Board of Trustees
- 3 Questions from the floor
- 4 A.O.C.B

Minutes

Present. Andrew Newton, George Strang, Laura Christie, Liz Molloy, David Fleming, Diane Fleming, Margaret Wells, Gwynne Stewart, Marjory Edward, Cressida Coates, Rachel Shanks, Jean Skinner, Jacqui Harrold, Rosalind Russell, Peter Bellaby, Dennis Collie.

Apologies. Clare Thomas, Ian Balgowan, Kate Mathers, Lynn Zaccarini, Shona Barclay, Jim Bruce, George Swapp.

1 Welcome. As principal initial trustee Andrew Newton welcomed all members and explained that as the Association had only been running for a couple of weeks the main purpose of the meeting was to appoint the trustees that would run the museum for the next 12 months. To facilitate this action all four initial trustees (Cressida Coates, Andrew Newton, Gwynne Stewart and Rachel Shanks) retired.

2 Appointment of Trustees. George Strang proposed that the initial trustees should be re-elected and was seconded by David Fleming. For the benefit of the next AGM these 4 trustees should be regarded as the first elected. Further names were then sought with the result that 10 members were elected to the Board leaving 2 vacancies.

The trustees appointed are: Andrew Newton, Rachel Shanks, Gwynne Stewart, Cressida Coates, Dennis Collie, George Strang, Jacqui Harrold, Jim Bruce, Laura Christie and Liz Molloy.

3 Questions from the floor.

a) The current situation with the Stonehaven Heritage Society (SHS) was raised. There was considerable discussion with a general consensus that relationships should be improved. How is another matter. The SHS feels very strongly that Aberdeenshire Council has shown a dereliction of duty by not fully supporting the continuing operation of the museum and have expressed their dissatisfaction by offering minimal support to the local volunteers. Despite numerous attempts by the Tolbooth Group it has been unable to change SHS's attitude. It was decided not to enter into new negotiations with SHS in the hope that they themselves may alter their stance after further consideration.

b) The museum will enter 'winter mode' on 6th October when the premises will only be open on a Saturday and Sunday until March 2013. It was pointed out that the current opening hours of 1330 – 1630 were not very sensible in the middle of winter and an earlier time slot should be considered. It was agreed that members should be consulted before making any adjustments to the opening times.

4 A.O.C.B. None

The meeting closed at 2050

Andrew Newton

13th September 2012

Principal Trustee
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