

Friends of The Black Watch Castle and Museum
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 29th November 2016

Present:

Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin, KCB CBE (AI)
Sarah Riddell-Webster, Chairwoman (SRW)
James Watt, Treasurer (JW)
Major (Retd) Ronnie Proctor, Trustee (MRP)
Rosemary Pitcaithly, Secretary (RP)
Elaine Smith
Alanna Robertson (AR)
A. Rogerson
Sonja Arbuthnott
Colonel (Retd) David Arbuthnott
Lawrence Read (LR)
Hugh Kennedy
W. Kennedy
Ian Metcalfe
Earl of Airlie (A)
Lt Col (Retd) Willie Coupar (WC)
Brigadier (Retd) Garry Barnett
Dr Bob Harley (BH)
Colonel (Retd) Alex Murdoch (AM)
Shonagh Lowerson-Head (SLH)
Jan Macpherson
Bill Macpherson
Alex Johnston (AJ)
Sue Hendry (SH)
Keith Gregory
Bob Bruce

Apologies:

Ruth Riddell-Webster
Major (Retd) Colin Innes
Derek Mowatt
Philippa Gray
Marcus Pitcaithly

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26th November 2015

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved unanimously.

Proposed: MRP Seconded: RP

2. Reports and Accounts

The Treasurer, James Watt, highlighted key points from the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016.

The Accounts were approved by the Management Committee on behalf of the Friends on 21st September 2016.

Keith Alexander of Bell & Company continued as our Independent Examiner and has indicated his willingness to act again this year.

The Accounts are produced on a Receipts and Payments basis. They show a surplus of £1,853.00 for the year.

The Statement of Balances confirms that we had cash and bank balances of £10,808 at 31st March 2016. This included £7,000 held over for a possible Museum Project as described in the Report.

Income from lectures and subscriptions increased.

Payments include increased donations to the museum for running lectures and £7000.00 set aside for future museum projects.

The Management Committee believe that the finances of the Friends are in a satisfactory state. Our thanks are due to Linda Campbell and Alison Cocker-Tough of the museum staff who work closely with our Chairwoman during the year to keep everything in good order.

The Reports and Accounts were formally received by the Meeting.

Proposed: AR Seconded: MRP

3. Comments by Chairwoman

Sarah Riddell-Webster reported that Friends membership has increased by 30% during 2015 – 2016, and although many Friends live locally, a significant number of supporters live further afield.

The successful programme of lectures has generated significant income for the Friends. This year, 17 lectures were held, and there was a capacity audience of 90 guests on many occasions. SRW took this opportunity to thank members of the Events Committee, staff and visiting lecturers for their hard work.

The Friends continued to support museum projects, and a sum of £7000.00 has been earmarked for an Audio/Visual display at the entrance to the museum which is scheduled for installation in 2017.

The Friends organisation has now been in existence for 6 years and the Management Committee has reviewed the benefits enjoyed by members. These have changed considerably since the Friends were first formed, and now include the shop, café, extensive lecture programme and family activities. It was agreed that there should be no increase in the membership subscription, however as from 1st December 2016, the 10% discount in the café should apply to a member and one guest only.

4. Independent Examiner

The Meeting re-appointed Keith Alexander of Bell and Company as the independent examiner for the Friends.

Proposed: AI Seconded: A

5. Appointment of Management Committee

There were no further nominations for the Management Committee. The following committee members were appointed:

To re-appoint Sarah Riddell-Webster

Proposed: AI Seconded: BH

To re-appoint James Watt

Proposed: SLH Seconded: MRP

To re-appoint Ronnie Proctor

Proposed: BH Seconded: A

To re-appoint Rosemary Pitcaithly

Proposed: SH Seconded: WC

To appoint Bill Macpherson

Proposed: LR Seconded: AJ

6. AOB

AM thanked SRW and members of the committee for the work they put into running the Friends.

7. Closure of AGM

There being no further business SRW declared the Meeting closed.