



FRIENDS OF THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 13th November 2014

Present:

Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin, President, KCB CBE
Sarah Riddell-Webster, Trustee, Chairwoman (SRW)
James Watt, Trustee, Treasurer (JW)
Leonor Blackhall, Trustee, Secretary (LB)
Rosemary Pitcaithly, Trustee, Events Committee Chairwoman
Lt Col (Retd) Willie Coupar, Events Committee Member
Norma Fenton, Events Committee Member (NF)
Brigadier (Retd) Garry Barnett OBE,
Mrs Garry Barnett
Lady Irwin (NI)
Alfie Iannetta, (AI)
Linda Johnston
June Oswald
Col (Retd) John Blair
Valerie Henderson
Lawrence Read (LR)
Linda Campbell (LC)
Mr Bill Macpherson
Mrs Bill Macpherson
Lt Col (Retd) Philip Halford MacLeod (PHM)
Mrs Philip Halford MacLeod
George Bannerman
Timothy Finlay

Apologies:

Major (Retd) Ronnie Proctor, Trustee (RP)
Emma Halford-Forbes, Trustee (EHF)
Kathryn Howell, Trustee
Major (Retd) Derek Mowatt
Lt Col (Retd)r David Arbuthnott
Mrs David Arbuthnott
Brigadier (Retd) Mel Jameson
Clare Heyes
Brigadier (Retd) Robert Tweedy
Elizabeth Irwin
John Gauld
Lt Col (Retd) Fred Beattie
Mrs Beattie
Mr Preston
Col (Retd) Alex Murdoch
Mr Adamson
Mrs Adamson

Lord Dalhousie
Lord Airlie
Ruari Halford MacLeod
Mrs Ruari Halford MacLeod

SRW welcomed attendees to the meeting. LB read out recorded apologies

SRW reported that there were seven nominations for the six elected positions on the Management Committee and that there would therefore have to be an election later in the meeting. She invited volunteers to act as tellers for this election. LR and NI volunteered to fill these roles.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM

Minutes of AGM held on 21st October 2013 were approved unanimously.

Proposed: AI
Seconded: NF

2. Review of Reports and Accounts

JW reviewed the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year end 31st March 2014. These have already been approved by the Management Committee but Friends were invited to comment and ask any questions.

JW explained this is the first year the Friends have used Bell and Company as our Independent Examiner, they have used a simpler form of accounts which makes easier reading but still provides all the information required. Accounts have been approved on a Receipts and Payments basis showing cash actually paid in and out during the year.

JW highlighted three areas of interest:

- Wages and National Insurance are up, reflecting payment to the Museum for a full year rather than part of the previous year.
- Independent examiners fees are for two years rather than one year
- We repaid a further £1000 of our original loan leaving a further £2,000 to be repaid. £1,000 will be repaid before 31st March 2015 and a final £1,000 in the following year.

There were no comments or questions.

The Report and Accounts were formally received by the meeting.

Proposed: LC
Seconded: PHM

Bell and Company were reappointed as the Independent Examiner

Proposed: LR
Seconded: LC

3. Appointment of Management Committee

SRW confirmed that there were seven nominations for the Friends Management Committee:

Sarah Riddell-Webster

Leonor Blackhall
Emma Halford-Forbes
Rosemary Pitcaithly
Lt Col (Retd) Philip Halford-MacLeod
Major (Retd) Proctor, MBE
James Watt

As there are a maximum of seven places on the committee under the Friends' Constitution, one of which is an ex-officio position taken by the Museum's Chief Executive, there required to be a ballot to vote six people onto the Committee. Members attending the AGM voted; LR and NI reported that the outcome was that the following were elected:

Sarah Riddell-Webster
Leonor Blackhall
Emma Halford-Forbes
Rosemary Pitcaithly
Major (Retd) Proctor, MBE
James Watt

4. Report by Chairwoman

SRW reported on the progress of the translated Museum guidebooks and the Friends sponsorship of the Museum's temporary exhibitions.

A new step for the Friends was to apply for grants from out with the Museum to support funding of Projects. This year the Friends applied and secured a £900 grant from Perth Common Good Fund, this was match funded by Friends to financially support the Accessibility Project which enabled us to donate four portable audio loop systems and large print labels for each gallery.

SRW advised Membership has risen from 257 to 347 as of 31st March 2014; an increase of 35%. She explained that the membership profile is beginning to change with more people joining who are frequent visitors to the Copper Beech Café and Shop.

SRW discussed the Friends links with the British Association of Friends and Museums (BAFM) with the Castle and Museum hosting a recent linked up lunch with other Friends organisations in Scotland.

SRW thanked all those involved with the Friends for their support, and the committee members for their time, dedication and hard work.

5. A.O.B:

There being no further business SRW declared the Meeting closed.

6. Post-Meeting Events

At a short Management Committee meeting held immediately after the close of the AGM. SRW was re-elected as Chairwoman, JW as Treasurer and LB as Secretary.

The AGM was followed by a Christmas Shopping evening in The Black Watch Museum Shop.

Minutes taken by Leonor Blackhall /Friends secretary / 13.11.14