



FRIENDS OF THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 26th November 2015

Present:

Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin, President, KCB CBE (AI)
Sarah Riddell-Webster, Trustee, Chairwoman (SRW)
James Watt, Trustee, Treasurer (JW)
Rebecca Berger, Trustee, Secretary (RB)
Rosemary Pitcaithly, Trustee, Events Committee Chairwoman (RP)
Major (Retd) Ronnie Proctor, Trustee (MRP)
Norma Fenton, Events Committee Member (NF)
Sheila Wigham
Alanna Robertson (AR)
Elaine Smith
Colonel (Retd) David Arbuthnott
Sonja Arbuthnott
Brigadier (Retd) Garry Barnett
Major (Retd) Alex Peggie
Colonel (Retd) Alex Murdoch
Judy Hume
Dr John Hulbert (JH)
Colonel (Retd) John Blair
Anne Gellatly
Keith Gregory
Vera Purves
Liz Whelen

Apologies:

Alex Baillie-Hamilton
Chrys Muirhead
Malcolm Dunn
Ian Mcpherson
Muriel Mcpherson
John Gauld
Bill Macpherson
Jan Macpherson
J. Lawrence W. Read
Tom Preston
Sheila Ramsay
Major (Retd) David Noble
Colonel (Retd) Ian Critchley
Jeff Goddard
Alex Johnston
Robert Cormack
Alexander Wylie

Major Tim Carmichael
Bill Early
Heather Bergsma
Bill Findlay
Delia Findlay
Margaret Doig
Tom Doig
Valerie Henderson
Emma Halford-Forbes
Patricia Drysdale
Jennifer Woodman
Morag McDonald
Brigadier (Retd) Mel Jameson
Blair Macnaughton
Jan Macnaughton
Andrew Coltart
Alex Coupar
Wing Commander (Retd) Gavin Davey
Captain (Retd) Ramsay Macdonald
Dr Nicola Cowmeadow
Alex Millar
Ann Cowan
Pat Giles
Graeme Giles
Dave Thomson
Harry Wallace
Ian Metcalfe
Anne Halford-Macleod
Ruari Halford-Macleod
Nicky Lumsden
Gaye Sissons
Sue Hendry
Lorna Chapman
Stephen Chapman
Major (Retd) Hugh Rose
Margie Rose
Anne MacKenzie Smith
Lt Col (Retd) Willie Coupar
Anne Kinnes

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved unanimously.

Proposed: AI

Seconded: JW

2. Reports and accounts

The Treasurer, James Watt, highlighted key points from the Accounts.

The Accounts are for the year to 31 March 2015. This is the second year with Bell & Company as our Independent Examiner. The Accounts follow the same format as the

previous year. The Accounts were approved by the Management Committee on behalf of the Friends on 15 October 2015.

The Accounts are produced on a Receipts and Payments basis. They show that we had a small deficit of some £650 in the year. But the Management Committee believe this should not be a concern because we have been able to donate a significant amount to the Museum and we still have a significant bank balance.

Receipts were up by some £2,300 on the prior year. There were four main components of receipts:

- Donations were higher at some £1,800. This includes the contribution of £915 from the Perth Common Good Fund received in July 2014 and donations to the Cocktail Party;
- Subscriptions of around £7,400 which would have been higher but for a delayed transfer of some £700 held by the Museum at the end of the year;
- Events income of around £1,200;
- And Cocktail Party income also up at some £3,600.

On the payments side:

- We made two types of donation to the Museum. The first type of around £3,600 reflects the administrative support we receive; the second type is cash support of £5,000 for a number of items described in the report;
- We repaid a further £1,000 of our original loan for formation expenses. This leaves a final £1,000 to be repaid before 31 March 2016;
- Taken together all other payment headings are down by around £500 compared with the prior year.

The Statement of Balances in the Accounts shows we had a bank balance of some £9,000. The Friends have a number of plans to support Museum expenditure after the date of the Accounts.

Generally the Management Committee believed that the finances of the Friends are in a satisfactory state.

There were no comments or questions on the accounts from the Meeting.

The reports and accounts were formally received by the Meeting.

Proposed: JW

Seconded: AR

3. Comments by Chairwoman

Chairwoman Sarah Riddell-Webster reported that the Friends are in a good position. SRW thanked Leanon Blackhall for her service as Secretary of the Friends this past five years and noted the fantastic contribution she has made. SRW introduced Rebecca Berger who has taken on the role of Secretary.

SRW reported a 30% increase in Friends memberships in 2014-15. The Friends have grown even more in the past 6 months. SRW estimated that, although there were 399

memberships at the end of March, there are about 500 individual people in the Friends, as many have couple memberships.

The Friends have continued to support the charitable aims of the Museum. One of the biggest donations in the 2014-15 financial year was for the Artist in the Archive exhibition.

SRW is now the membership secretary as well as the Chairwoman. She had expected an increase in the number of local memberships because of the café but reported that only about 50% of Friends live within a 20 mile radius of Perth; the rest come from around the world.

The lecture programme, now run by Friends, is helping to bring in new Friends.

SRW reported a 100% increase in Black Watch Association memberships. Four or five signed up at the reunion.

Very few people do not renew their memberships. Those that do generally do so because they are no longer able to visit or have passed away; it is not a reflection of dissatisfaction with their membership.

Finally SRW thanked all Friends for their support.

4. Independent Examiner

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

Proposed: AR

Seconded: NF

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: AR

To re-appoint James Watt

Proposed: JH

Seconded: AR

To re-appoint Rosemary Pitcaithly

Proposed: SA

Seconded: NF

To re-appoint Major (Retd) Roland Proctor

Proposed: AP
Seconded: RB

To appoint Rebecca Berger

Proposed: RP
Seconded: AR

6. A.O.B.

AI thanked the committee members for the work they put into running the Friends.

7. Closure of AGM

There being no further business SRW declared the Meeting closed