

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 at 2pm via Zoom



A quorum of 52 having been achieved (46 signed in with 6 plus ones sharing) the meeting was convened at 2.05pm with Norma Churchill chairing.

Apologies for absence were presented from Cathie Hamilton and from Jim and Ena Stewart.

Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, our first virtual AGM as a result of the current virus situation, and originally due to have taken place in May. She expressed the hope that everything would go well but asked that the audience be indulgent if some blips were to occur. She thanked Elaine and Jan de Vries for their help in setting up the meeting. She also thanked all our members for renewing their subscriptions in good time and their acceptance of payment by BACS or by cheque.

She noted that quite a few groups have been able to keep in contact with activities either by Zoom or What's App and that we have adapted to using this new technology. Although not as satisfactory as face-to-face meetings it is good that we are able to keep in touch. One major activity which has fallen victim to the pandemic restrictions is our Christmas Party which would have been held at the Holiday Inn. It is our intention to replace it with another big get together when circumstances permit. Meanwhile we are starting to hold virtual monthly meetings with the first a very interesting talk on Scottish Canals by their Head of Engineering. He hosted the meeting on Gotomeeting.com and we apologise to anyone who was unable to log onto this platform. For future meetings we will be using Zoom until we are able to get together again in Ballerup Hall.

The Chairman noted that we have lost some of our members during the year and expressed our sympathy and assurances that our thoughts are with their families.

The Chairman advised that the committee have been meeting monthly by Zoom to keep things moving smoothly. She thanked EdV for her efforts in keeping everyone informed by newsletters and Susan Moody and Ruth Offin for their hard work in getting these circulated and JdV for keeping the financial reporting up to date and getting things submitted in time. She also expressed our sincere gratitude to the two committee members stepping down – Jim Stewart who has served on the committee as one of its founding members and latterly served as information secretary and Susan Moody who has done stalwart service as our membership secretary. They will be replaced by Ruth Offin and Alex Fleming respectively and we offer them a very warm welcome.

The Chairman concluded her remarks by thanking everyone for attending before addressing the remainder of the agenda.

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Motion to approve and adopt was proposed by Norma Churchill, seconded by Joan Hodge and **passed** by online poll.

Members were invited to raise issues via CHAT facility. There were no matters arising.

Annual Report 2019

This had been available on the website and was a credit to the hard work of Tom Berney in inviting contributions and compiling a comprehensive overview of our activities for the year. TB was offered a sincere vote of thanks.

Office bearers and committee members

EdV reported that the nominations for office bearers and committee members had matched the vacancies with Ruth Offin and Alex Fleming replacing Jim Stewart and Susan Moody who had decided to step down. This leaves an Executive Committee of:

<i>Chairman</i>	Norma Churchill	<i>Vice Chairman</i>	Joan Hodge
<i>Secretary</i>	Elaine de Vries	<i>Treasurer</i>	Jan de Vries
and 8 members:			
Helen Biggins	Tom Berney	Alex Fleming	Alan Dickie
Ruth Offin	Val Yaneske	Babs Paterson	Lesley McIlhagger

EdV reminded the membership that the committee has powers to adopt two further members and would welcome any volunteers who might want to offer their services.

Financial Reports

JdV spoke to the accounts presented in summary in his presentation and as previously published in full on the website. He highlighted a surplus of some £1359 as compared with £943 in the previous year and a total final membership of 303, our highest ever total. He reported an excellent Summer Outing to the V&A in Dundee and thanked South Lanarkshire Council for their contribution of £200 towards costs. Successful raffles took place at the Christmas Lunch and Summer Outing from which £362 and £117 were raised respectively. Kilbryde Hospice were the beneficiaries from the former and East Kilbride Dementia Group from the latter.

He asked that the membership approve and adopt the accounts which could then be submitted to the Office of the Charity Regulator (OSCR) to fulfil our obligations as a charity. The motion was proposed by Alex Fleming, seconded by Tom Berney and **passed** by online poll.

JdV recorded his thanks to Jennifer Provan of Nelson Gilmour Smith for her independent examination of the accounts for 2019 and invited those attending to re-appoint Nelson Gilmour Smith, Chartered Accountants, as independent examiner for 2020. The motion was proposed

by Jan de Vries, seconded by Alex Fleming and, in the absence of an online poll, **passed** without dissent or abstention being recorded via CHAT.

Motions

Only one motion had been received and it was moved by Elaine de Vries, seconded by Ruth Offin, on behalf of the Executive Committee. EdV explained that its purpose is to enable the committee to set a subscription level for 2021 before approval can be sought at the 2021 AGM. This is common practice. In the absence of an online poll the motion was **passed** without dissent or abstention being recorded via CHAT.

Any other business and members discussion

No questions or issues had been raised via CHAT.

Close of meeting 2.45pm

NC repeated her thanks to those attending and encouraged them to Zoom with us again at the December monthly meeting.

PS

After the formal meeting closed several kind people submitted nice words on CHAT about the virtual meeting – thank you, you made all the effort worthwhile.