

Carsphairn Heritage Group - Annual General Meeting

Venue – Lagwyne Hall on Saturday 18 November 2017

1. Karen expressed a warm welcome to the assembled audience.

Chair - Karen Hall Treasurer – Ruth Williams Minutes – Anne Talman

Sally Costley	Gail Challis	Darren Challis	Harry Hall
Elizabeth Bell	Sue Wiseman	Juliet Dixon	Lorraine Challis
Mary Saunders	Sylvia Sinclair	Lindsay Duncan	Liz Affleck
Jane Metcalf	David Bartholomew	Sheila Hey	Sandy Whalen
Moira Whalen	Anna Campbell	Annikki Lindsay	Dorothy Faulds
A Marshall	J Murray		(25 attendees)

2. There were no apologies.

3. Ruth Williams gave the Treasurer's report (attached) Expenditure has been greater this year and not having applied for a grant this year is reflected in the figures. The report was adopted by Anne Talman and seconded by Sheila Hey.

4. Prior to giving her Chairman's report, Karen Hall had presented Anna Campbell with a lifetime membership in light of her enormous contribution to the Heritage Group of which she was a founding member, and in the research needed to mount the annual exhibitions over the years.

Karen then gave a comprehensive report (attached) on what has been a mixed year, but which she was pleased to announce has ended on a much more positive note. The steward shortage may have been positively addressed by the introduction of crafts to the Centre. (full details in the report) This has resulted in the renaming of the Group to Carsphairn Heritage and Craft Centre although our original function remains the same.

Main points –

- Thanks, were extended to Lindsay Duncan who had provided a wonderful buffet lunch for us today to say thank you to our stewards.
- The revised cookery book has been published and dedicated to Joyce Hunter Blair who died in July but had contributed so much to its creation. Of the 50 books printed all but a handful have already been purchased.
- Other books which we may publish on aspects of the Heritage area are being discussed.
- The highly enjoyable and informative summer walks which David Bartholomew and Anna Campbell lead will hopefully be continued into next season.
- "These Four Walls" Exhibition was well received although visitor numbers were down, and once again the stewards came in for great praise in the visitors' comments both in the book and online.
- Our online presence has been amalgamated with the Carsphairn site which will save money hosting a site and have the advantage of one stop shop for visitors.

5. Election of Committee – By rotation, two members of the committee were due to stand down, Jane Metcalf and Anne Talman.

Jane agreed to remain on the committee for another 3-year term, nominated by Lindsay Duncan and seconded by David Bartholomew.

Anne expressed her wish to resign from the committee and her role as Minutes Secretary but would remain as Newsletter Editor (at least for the next two editions). Karen Hall suggested that she become a co-opted committee member moving forward. This was proposed by Sheila Hey and seconded by Anna Campbell.

Minute Secretary replacement - Karen Hall nominated Lindsay Duncan, this was seconded by Jane Metcalf

Elizabeth Affleck expressed her wishes to resign from the committee and her role as Sales Co-ordinator. Karen Hall thanked Elizabeth for her support and contribution to the Group over the last eight years and hoped that Elizabeth would stay in touch and Steward as and when she was able?

Sales Co-ordinator replacement - Karen Hall nominated Gail Challis to join the committee and hold the position of Sales and Craft Co-ordinator. The combination of these roles was thought advantageous moving forward. This was seconded by Lindsay Duncan.

Additional new committee member nominations - Annikki Lindsay, nominated by Anna Campbell and seconded by Ruth Williams

Elizabeth Bell, nominated by Karen Hall and seconded by Elizabeth Affleck

Lorraine Challis, nominated by Karen Hall and seconded by Jane Metcalf

Committee members (and roles) 2017/18

Karen Hall – Chair

Robin Ade - Vice Chair

Ruth Williams - Treasurer

Lindsay Duncan - Minutes Secretary

Anna Campbell - Heritage Advisor / Correspondence

Gail Challis - Sales and Craft Co-ordinator

Sheila Hey

Jane Metcalf

David Bartholomew

Elizabeth Bell

Annikki Lindsay

Lorraine Challis

Anne Talman (Co-opted) - Newsletter Editor

6. There was no other business from the floor and so the meeting was brought to a close with thanks to all who attended.

7. Instead of a speaker at this year's meeting some of the group had brought pictures of buildings which had meant something to them and gave a short talk on each. Talk subjects ranged from a now demolished chapel and just about everywhere in Glasgow, to a boot and shoe shop to a 2up 2 down terrace to a mansion and concluded with a very amusing tale of a privy from Anna Campbell!