

**KELVIN MALONE BRIDGE CENTRE**  
**5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 2018: 7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Lesley Agar, Roy Blair, Margaret Bleakley, Stephen Boswell, May Brennan, Alice Brown, Robin Burns, Derek Cannell, Rosemary, Cannell, Elizabeth Caulfield, Christine Clegg, Valerie Condy, Sam Currie, Philip Dufton, Marie Edwards, Hilary Ferguson, Marie Ferguson, Claire Gillen, Elma Godfrey, Diane Greenwood, Gerry Henry, Jill Houston, Ken Irwin, Norma Irwin, Alan Johnston, Barbara Johnston, Margaret Kelly, Rosemary Kilpatrick, Drew Lindsay, Ian Lindsay, Pat McCorkell, Geraldine McCormick, John McCormick, Lorraine McCreery, Nanette McCoy, Anne McFerran, Alan McKay, Catherine McKay, Kay Murphy, Brendan Matthews, Irene Orr, Diana Patterson, Anna Rooney, Derick Rooney, Valerie Russell, Robert Sleator, Audrey Smith, Jack Strong, Elizabeth Thomas.

**Apologies:**

Mary Bayliss, Ruth Collins, John Collinson, Jenny Coulter, Richard Coulter, Rosie Duffy, Helen Hall, Ron Hall, Red Hemton, Marlene Hempton, Alan Hill, Heather Hill, Stephanie Irwin, Colin Jeffries, Suzi Jeffries, Lesley Johnston, Elizabeth Kelly, David Leeman, Eric Lesage, Freda MacDonald, Roberta Madill, Penny McKeown, Irene McQueen, Renee McCaughey, Jeff Millership, Sandie Millership, Ian Montgomery, Joy Montgomery, Maureen Montgomery, Lynn Morrison, Sandra Muldrew, Evelyn Pearson, Liz Scott, Toni Sproule, Frances Steele, Sally Stevenson, Jim Tinsley, Patricia Watt.

**In Attendance:**

Sarah Witchell (Company Secretary)

**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members and thanked them for attendance at the AGM prior to the commencement of business.

**Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

These had been posted on the Club Website, the Club Noticeboard, and circulated by email or by post where email addresses were unavailable. They were agreed as an accurate record the proceedings of the meeting (proposed by Norma Irwin; seconded by Rosemary Cannell) and duly signed off as such.

**Chairman's Report 2018**

I am pleased to report that the club is still in good shape. Our membership has increased from around 190 five years ago to over 270 now. Also, despite the expense of the completion of the chair re-covering, the new cloths, two new laptops and other smaller items we are in a healthy financial position. The next major outlay will be in redecorating the premises and we are currently costing this.

Over five years ago I joined the committee, as it was then. I discovered that we didn't have a chairman so, with no little trepidation, I said that I would do it Pro Tem until the next AGM. I knew nothing much about the club or many of the members. Well the next five years have flown by and I have enjoyed every one of them.

I know you will all have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association which are available on the website and will realise that Board members can only serve for a limited time. Since most of us started at much the same time we have to make sure that we don't all have to retire together. Not only has it been a pleasure to be in the Chair but it has also been a privilege but I have decided that I should be the first to go as I am the oldest! Also retiring are David Leeman, Mark Lennon and Penny McKeown all of whom I would like to thank for their input. David has been a tower of strength in his position as Competitions Secretary and will continue to assist on the Buildings Sub-Committee and to advise the new Competitions Secretary.

So many people to thank. I don't normally thank by name in case I forget someone. There is the whole board for their help and encouragement which has made my work so enjoyable. There are those members of the club who carry out so many tasks without which we would have difficulty in operating so successfully. This

includes running the website, scoring, directing, attending Building Committee meetings, Housekeeping meetings, arranging special events, keeping the tablets and computers updated and obtaining all the sundry items needed. And finally, all those who turn up and play. Without you all the work would be wasted!

However, in a break from tradition I am going to thank one name and that is Rosemary. My Rosemary has put up with me attending meetings at all sorts of times, usually with Colin and David, and for all sorts of reasons, and never once has she complained. So thank you. The other Rosemary is our Hon Sec. She has kept me right and mostly out of trouble for every one of those years and I can't thank her enough for all her support and encouragement.

Some time ago we looked for ideas for a charity for the money that was originally earmarked for the Grenfell fund. Alan Anderson has asked us to assist Macmillan Cancer Support Brave the Shave Campaign and has shaved his head accordingly. We will be donating this week's table money but as we don't normally charge table money today we have a basket by the door that you can donate as much or as little as you wish.

Finally, you will have noted that Norma has agreed to take over from me. She has a few duties that she hasn't been told about. Like changing the blue paper in the toilets and how to empty the cigarette butt holder outside but she will soon learn. Seriously though, I was absolutely delighted that she accepted the post and I know she will be a splendid Chair of the Board and I look forward to assisting her in any way that I can.

This is where I normally hand over to the Treasurer for the Financial Report but unfortunately she is unable to be here. First of all we will have the report the Joan has prepared and then Ian Lindsay has kindly agreed to answer any questions as far as he can. Following that Sarah will conduct the Election of Officers.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Joan Baird unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting and in her absence Rosemary Kilpatrick read out her report. Copies of the Financial Statements were available at the meeting.

The financial results for the year show a loss of £625. While income increased for the year by £500 the committee decided it was time to invest a little bit more on maintaining our club premises. In excess of £5,000 was spent recovering chairs and changing the lighting. This significantly contributed to the increase in expenditure of £5,500.

In January we again hosted the U3A annual bridge event which again was very profitable for the club This was solely down to the enormous effort made by the committee members and a few kind volunteers. This was also the case for our annual Children in Need Charity Day and the Social events – Christmas Party and Summer Barbeque

Membership levels increased over the year to 272 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Membership for the current year remains at 272 but the following long-standing members have resigned – Derek Hanna, Pat McCartney, Margaret Ross, Jack Savage and Melvyn Warnock for health or location reasons. We are all very sorry to see them go; they will be sorely missed from the bridge table at KM.

I would like to thank Ian Lindsay for once again checking my work as Treasurer and writing up our Financial Statements which he has done for many years on a voluntary basis. The committee are most appreciative of your contribution, Ian, and hope that you are prepared to continue to provide this valuable service to the club. Thank you for listening. If you have any questions or would like clarification on information in the financial reports please feel free to ask Ian, who has kindly agreed to answer any questions in my absence.

#### **Election of Officers and Trustees**

There being no questions regarding the financial statements the meeting proceeded with the election of officers and trustees conducted by Sarah Witchell. Of the current 12 Board members, three were standing down, (David Leeman, Mark Lennon and Penny McKeown). The remaining nine (Derek Cannell, Joan Baird, Rosemary Kilpatrick, Norma Irwin, Marie Edwards, Liz Scott, Eric Lesage, Helen Hall and Diane Greenwood) had all agreed to stand for re-election.

Board Members: the re-election of the remaining nine Board members was proposed by Roy Blair and seconded by Gerry Henry.

There were three vacancies on the Board and three nominations.

Philip Dufton: proposed by Robin Burns and seconded by Jack Strong.

Roberta Madill: proposed by Rosemary Kilpatrick and seconded by Cathy Strong.

Diana Patterson: proposed by May Brennan and seconded by Barbara Johnston.

The above three new directors were duly elected.

The election of the three honorary positions, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary was as follows:

Chair: Norma Irwin (NI) had indicated her willingness to stand as Chair. Diana Patterson proposed and Diane Greenwood seconded her appointment. There being no other nominations NI was duly elected.

Treasurer Joan Baird (JB) has indicated her willingness to stand again. Derek Cannell proposed and Marie Edwards seconded her appointment. There being no other nominations JB was duly elected.

Secretary Rosemary Kilpatrick (RK) had indicated her willingness to stand again. Gerry Henry proposed and Robin Burns seconded her appointment. There being no other nominations RK was duly elected.

Sarah Witchell congratulated the Board on their election and then handed the business over to the newly appointed Chair, Norma Irwin who in turn, thanked Derek Cannell for his good wishes to her in her new role.

#### **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Ian Lindsay was appointed as the Independent Examiner. Proposed by Derek Cannell and seconded by Diane Greenwood.

#### **Any Other Business**

Roy Blair commented that KM are lucky to have a Board of such quality, so ably led by Derek over the past few years and, on behalf of the members, he thanked them for all their hard work.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Norma Irwin) Dated: \_\_\_\_\_