



Strathglass Heritage Association

MINUTES OF AGM

27th. MAY 2019, MARYDALE HALL, CANNICH

Attendance: 21 members attended, including committee members Lilian Gordon, Jim McAuley, Liz McAuley, Dennis Ross, Frank Spencer-Nairn, Ishbel Strachan and Marjorie Wilson.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from committee member Pam Soper and from 14 other members.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM, 21st. May 2018, were adopted; proposed by Dennis Ross, seconded by Jim McAuley.

3. Matters arising:

Item 9: membership now stands at 23 individual and 22 family (couple with or without children) memberships, making a total of a minimum of 67 members, an increase on last year.

Item 10: The proposed Pictish Trail bus trip had taken place in June last year and was very successful. It was hoped to organize a trip in September this year.

Item 12: Lilian talked about the project in which the children from the school had been involved, in connection with our Heritage Trail exhibition last August. It was hoped to involve them again.

4. Report by chair: Lilian reported that it had been a successful year with many activities. Most of the speakers had been good, and the new PA system had helped. She thanked Jim McAuley for his work on this and on the website and for keeping in touch with people.

Next year's project would be an exhibition on the Clearances in Strathglass, including research on where the people went. A book has been given to SHA about Glengarry County in Canada.

Work would continue on the Heritage Trail; help would be needed with recording sites and with clearing Mullach an Tuir cairn.

A card had been received from Peter MacDonald, thanking SHA on behalf of Marydale Church.

5. Report by Treasurer: Liz McAuley handed out copies of her statement of accounts. We had spent over £2000, this included many one-off expenses. A grant had been received from Soirbheas which had paid for the PA system, but we had bought the projector bulb ourselves.

We had bought display boards, with lighting, and maps, for which Strathglass Community Fund had paid half.

We had made donations to Marydale (in recognition of being allowed to use the hall and to pay for electricity used), and a donation on the bus trip to Tarbat Ness Visitor Centre. The bus trip had been subsidized by over 50%.

We have the use of new tables, of which two were bought by Marydale Parish and four by Strathglass Marketing Group.

The accounts would be audited this month.
Thanks were expressed to Liz for her work.

6. Election of committee: The existing committee members present (Lilian Gordon, Jim McAuley, Liz McAuley, Ishbel Strachan, Frank Spencer-Nairn, Dennis Ross and Marjorie Wilson) all agreed to stay on the committee. It was assumed that Pam Soper would also carry on.

7. Discussion on future plans: Jim spoke about plans for this year's exhibition: Strathglass Then and Now, which would cover several topics, and would involve old and new photographs of the same places.

St. Ignatius Well is in poor condition, and its owner, George Purdie has so far not allowed anything to be done. Frank volunteered to speak to Mr. Purdie about it when he sees him at a River Board meeting in June.

For Highland Archaeology Week this year we will have a walk to Comar Wood Dun and a visit to Clachan Comar and Marydale. Several talks are also planned for later this year.

8. AOCB: Jan Rothe brought up the question of the condition of the fort at Knockfin, and Dennis Ross spoke of Lord Tweedmouth's excavation there in the 19th. century, when several finds including bones were made, but their whereabouts now are unknown.

The meeting closed with refreshments (wine, nibbles).