

Auchencairn History Society

AGM & Business Meeting 9/5/24

Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were circulated, and approved.

The Society is extremely grateful to John Simpson for continuing to act as our Treasurer, always giving prompt and efficient help and service, even after relocating from the village. John has expressed a readiness to stand down, and members were asked for suggestions as to a successor. No names were put forward, but it was agreed that this was something to be borne in mind for the future. Marian to ask John if he would be kind enough to continue for another year.

Funds/Membership

Society bank account and cash in hand totalled £874. Last year we benefited from the large number of subscriptions received, but because of our system of prepayments this would not be repeated this year. Main expenses are printing (Monograph reprints, annual mailing), and hire of anteroom. The Society needs some source of income.

Suggestions were:

1/ find new members. Lee to circulate membership forms. Marian to produce publicity item to be given to new residents in the village.

2/ general publicity poster which can be circulated to other outlets, eg caravan parks, Dalbeattie Museum.

2/ encourage visitors to the archive to make donations, which go to hall hire.

4/ have sales table in archive room with Monographs, and other items as available.

Monographs

Supplies of these are donated to our Community Shop, and we do not request payment from the proceeds as they sell well and these sales greatly increase local knowledge. Have agreed with the Shop Manager that the price should be increased to £4-50 when present stock runs out. It was suggested that we now request a share of the income from these sales. Marian to follow up.

Website

Thanks were expressed for Keith Kerrison's continuing work of maintaining our website and forwarding enquiries received there. His help is invaluable, and appreciated especially as he has relocated from the village.

Lee asked if material such as interviews could be included on the website; Keith to be consulted.

AOB

Chris suggested that there should be a laptop and printer/scanner in the archive room, to facilitate looking up items for enquirers, and giving copies of material to them. It was agreed that this would be worthwhile, and Bill reported that there are grants available for such equipment. Bill to provide details of grants.

Bill pointed out that we have plenty of material suitable to make a book about Auchencairn; there are such booklets on sale for many local areas. This to be borne in mind as a possibility.