

## **Cramond Association -Annual General Meeting on**

*Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.30 pm on Zoom.*

An experiment needing 30 participants to be quorate. 25 attendees therefore any decision must be considered indicative and subject to ratification.

### 1. Introduction

- a. The President, Adam Cumming welcomed all present and apologised for the slight problems – this was due to its being the first time and our learning as we go.
- b. Apologies were received from several members

### 2. Reports

- a. Annual Report and Financial Report are on the Website. These were approved subject to ratification, if required. The returns have been submitted to the Charity regulator OSCR.
- b. Finance – an up to date balance was provided. We have £10K at present and some liabilities. We have already donated to charity and will consider doing so later in the year.
  - i. Georgena Wylie has retired as Treasurer (and also retiring down from the Committee) though she needed to work for longer in the absence of an AGM, mainly to transfer information and files to Janette McLeod, who is taking over and will be assisted by Danny Noonan.
  - ii. Gena was thanked by the President for all her work as Treasurer and for maintaining the financial status of the Association.
  - iii. Janette McLeod proposed that we amend the Constitution to allow for on-line banking. This will require that we look at the need for two signatories. This was discussed and agreed by those present with the proviso that the processes for protecting all involved are considered adequate. It was agreed that a motion be brought forward for an Extra General Meeting to be held with one of the normal meetings.
  - iv. There was discussion on the possible use of direct debits for subscription payment. It was considered that bank transfer was adequate, but this will be looked at.
  - v. Janette was thanked for taking over and all her work in managing our finances under difficult circumstances.
- c. Michael Ramsay provided an update on the Brighthouse proposals. Over 100 objections have been received to the proposed extension to the planning limit for a sports facility. A decision is awaited.
- d. Norah Carlin, the History Section Convenor reported on developments. A report on last year has been posted on the website. A programme

has been developed and some speakers are unwilling and unable to use Zoom. A flexible approach will be taken. She also reported on comments from attendees that they found the meetings enjoyable and friendly.

- e. Adam Cumming reported on the Website and Facebook – around 500 people are regularly reached on Facebook, some from overseas. The website will need to be updated again to better deal with the new situation, including a members' area and recordings of presentations.
- f. The formal Newsletter has been in abeyance while short bulletins have been produced – however, we must thank Lesley Cumming for all the work on the Newsletter, which we hope to resume shortly.
- g. There was a brief Report on the Walled Garden. Caroline Finlay is awaiting council consent for work. This should appear this month. However, she is now too busy to act as focus so will be standing down once a successor is found. Volunteers are sought. There was discussion of the status of the smaller walled garden. This is largely owned by AMA who refuse to allow any access or work. It was considered that this might change depending on the planning application outcome.
- h. There was a brief update on the Woodlands Group – The President thanked Stefan Slater for the tree labels which are very impressive and add significantly to the pleasure of any walk. Stefan is finally standing down from coordinating the Group and will be replaced by Danny Noonan. The president thanked Stefan on behalf of the Association for all his work in turning the woodlands into a major asset to the community. He in turn thanked those who have worked with him. Danny will update the management plan to fit it for the future.

It was pointed out that there had been a few tree branches cast down by the weather, and it was suggested that anyone observing such should inform the Association. We would need to examine liability, however

- i. The President reported on Airport developments – Adam sits on both the Noise Board and the Consultative Committee. The Noise Board is presently being reviewed after 3 years to help it evolve and change. The airspace change proposal is currently paused and may be changed in the light of developments. Many staff have been on furlough and many are losing their jobs, so all remains uncertain. For those interested there is a live flight tracker available - <https://flighttracking.casper.aero/edi/>

### 3. Committee

- a. Several members are retiring from the committee. Thanks were expressed to Lois Bryden, Ian Huggan, and Jennifer Shearer for all their work in the past. The success of the Roman Day, organised by Jennifer, was mentioned.

- b. Two new members were proposed: Danny Noonan, and Janette McLeod. These proposals were accepted by those present.
  - c. Two further Co-options were proposed – Michael Ramsay; Caroline Finlay – this was due to other commitments and their being focussed on specific matters. This was accepted by those attending.
4. Programme and letters
- a. We will need to use Zoom for this year and possibly next. This will be a learning experience, but support is available and will be used. Patience will be need at first.
  - b. Programmes have been devised and we hope they will be of interest.
  - c. Subscription Letters are going out electronically soon and they will also be hand delivered.
  - d. Christmas options were discussed as the normal Carols by Candlelight is not likely to be possible. Options such as short home-made Christmas films interspersed with readings were suggested, as were possible home recorded music, though copyright would need to be considered. These will be discussed, and all suggestions will be very welcome.
5. Any other business
- a. The only item was the proposal to and the quorate numbers to take account of the present situation. This could also be presented at an EGM.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 09.00 with thanks to all who had attended and taken part.

Adam Cumming

15 September 2020