

**sNATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MID ARGYLL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2019
COMMUNITY CENTRE LOCHGILPHEAD**

MINUTES

Introduction

Dave Batty welcomed members to the AGM and outlined the programme for the evening which included the Fiona Thorburn memorial lecture by David Wood on 'The Wildlife of Shetland' and a cheese and wine social.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Pat Batty

Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were tabled and approved.

President's Report

The winter programme was very varied with talks on Orkney, FC archaeology, mosses, Inveraray Castle archives, Living in the 18th century (finally after two attempts) and local wildlife. The President thanked people who had organised/ led the summer outings to Barnashalag, Rock Art, Lismore and Knapdale as well as the summer trip to Islay. He also thanked members for contacting leaders in advance. The President apologised for the cancellation of the orchid/wild flower trip due to family illness. He reminded members to let Committee members know of any suggestions of new ideas for lectures and for summer walks and visits.

The President reminded members that Kilmartin Museum will be closing temporarily at some point for redevelopment and so the Society's library would not be available. Members should then use it whilst it is possible.

The President thanked the Committee on members' behalf for all their hard work. He noted that it is the Committee which does all the work and keeps the Society going. Sandy Wilkie resigned from the committee due to personal circumstances. There was still the pressing need for new members and the President warned that without new people it was possible the society might fold in the medium term. Therefore, he appealed (again) for people to volunteer to help run the Society. He reminded those present that the Society is run by volunteers and give their time for no other reason than to keep the Society going.

We have funding (Scholarship Fund) for a local young person to do something involving history, archaeology or natural history. James Urquhart was the first recipient and used it in connection with

a Scouts trip to Malaysia. He will be producing a report for the Society in due course and we will put an article in the local paper.

The Kist

Roddy Regan continues as the editor of *The Kist* is with admin support from Kilmartin Museum. The President encouraged members to contribute short articles, observations, memories of interest, etc.

Membership & Publications

Membership is unfortunately declining. The President reminded members of the benefits of membership; six meetings over the winter (cost to non-members £2 per meeting), summer outings, two copies of *The Kist* and use of the library all for annual subscription of £7 (£10 per couple).

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were tabled and approved. There is still a healthy balance and not a lot of financial activity this year. There was a new source of income from the Publisher Licensing Services which manages collective licences and rights for people copying published material which includes *The Kist* as it has an ISDN number.

Election of Office Bearers

President – Dave Batty

Vice President – Vacant

Membership secretary – Moira Young

Treasurer – Cat Ryan

Publications – Dave Batty

Kist editor – Roddy Regan

Committee members – Peter Hogbin, David Jardine, Ed Tyler and Jim Malcolm.

The Office Bearers and committee were elected en bloc.

AOCB

The 2020 trip is to the Grantown on Spey area. Members were asked to let Moira Young know at an early date if they wished to attend.

With no further business the meeting closed.