



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Glenrothes Art Club
held on Sunday 22nd May at 2pm
Art Club Studios, Caledonia House, Saltire Centre

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order by Janette Evans, President who noted that a previous member - Maureen McInnes - died last year. The President's Report was made later.

2. Present

Stuart Clark; Karen Crombie; Janette Evans; Isobel Ewan; Margaret Hume; Gordon Hume; Alan Kennedy; Ian Sloan; Wilma Worrell; Jean Taylor; Irene Hunt; Iris Lough; Grant Newell; Helen Morrow; Jim Morrow; Josie McLellan; Pat Jessett; Daria Swales; Angus Sloan. (19 members)

3. Apologies

Maureen Wooton; Joan Scott; Myra Laing; Helen Dick; Moira Harrison; Catherine Knowles; Linda Urquhart; Lorraine Doig; Angela Potter; Jodie Potter; Norma Stewart; Liz Glover; Wilma Kennedy; Betty Telford; Lillian Sloan; Mary Cairns; Margaret West. (17 members)

4. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 30th May 2021 were unanimously approved, proposed by Alan Kennedy, seconded by Iris Lough.

5. Minor Amendment to Constitution (Powers to hold Meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing)

Grant explained that OSCR has recommended that all charities should amend their Constitution to permit Members' and Board Meetings to take place either as a Virtual Meeting or as a Hybrid Meeting. The Amendment to Clauses 54 and 99 was unanimously approved, proposed by Ian Sloan, and seconded by Stuart Clark. The Amendment is attached to this Minute as Appendix 1

Also there were minor changes to membership payments, renewals, and making a membership application online. The Amendment to Clauses 27 and 30 was unanimously approved, proposed by Ian Sloan, and seconded by Stuart Clark. The Amendment is attached to this Minute as Appendix 1.

6. **President's Report**

Janette Evans reported as follows:

Firstly I want to thank both Lillian and Ian Sloan for all of their hard work in the many years of service to the Club, and hope they can continue to enjoy the Club, albeit with much less work involved.

There have been many changes over the last year with the Club looking more like an Art Club rather than a room full of tables. We have a new logo, website, membership system and events booking online, all with the aim of increasing membership and the numbers attending classes and workshops.

We also had the resignation of Ian and Lillian Sloan, after many years of hard work for the Club, but I'm sure they'll be invaluable as consultants when needed.

There has been great success with the workshops, organised by Margaret Hume, and I'd like to mention particularly the 2 events for Adults with learning difficulties, funded by the Scottish Government, via Promoting A More Inclusive Society, which were greatly enjoyed. It's great that our Club, as part of the community, is able to offer experiences to people less fortunate than ourselves. Funding has been secured for at least 2 more events.

Both young people's groups (TAB and TAG) are going well with a waiting list and there are plans for an exhibition of their work in June.

Roths Halls have asked if we would like to have our Annual Exhibition there later this year, and we'll decide on that soon, potentially with help from Ian and Lillian. Financially last year was not a huge success, but several pieces of art and crafts were sold, and along with taking part in the Foodbank Car Boot Sale, and tables in Glenrothes Town Centre, and the Craft Club sales. All these represent a good gain in our income.

Finally thanks to all the Board members, who are all volunteers, and who have individual remits and support each other in the best interests of the Club.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Our Accounts for 2021/22 are shown at the end of this report, along with detailed Notes to these Accounts. These cover relevant accounting policies and highlight significant areas of financial performance. The previous year's figures are included for comparison. This financial year is of course affected by the second year of the coronavirus pandemic – the impact of lockdowns is clear to see, however the impact since lockdowns is more difficult to assess at this time. The Notes to the Accounts identify a number of exceptional items in this year's accounts. These have impacted on both income and expenditure, and as such there is a degree of offsetting. The exceptional items help to explain the significant deficit incurred this year, which is of no surprise given the expected impact of back-dated rent payments, together with the rental cost for the accounting year itself. Our savings bond reached the end of its two-year term and has been closed during the year, simplifying our banking arrangements. Our balance on 28 February 2022 is £77,622 which is healthy in terms of our short-term annual costs, but much work lies ahead in terms of increasing our income from memberships and our workshop programme.

The number of members has risen from a low of 30 at the start of this year, reaching 63

recently. A great achievement and lets hope it continues.

There were several questions about the report:

Angus Sloan asked if the backdated rent was a one-off, which was confirmed by Grant. He also asked, along with Wilma Worrell, about the long term existence for the club. The membership increasing is a good sign, as is the contribution from courses and classes, but yes, we need to increase income greatly over the next few years.

Jean Taylor volunteered that one year before the break point in the lease, we should be looking for alternative, cheaper premises.

Iris Lough asked if we would be looking to take on shop premises, and Janette confirmed that we had been looking, and still are, but there were few places available, and those that are would need to be open around 4 days a week, and volunteers to staff this would be needed from members.

Grant then moved that the membership costs for the coming year be increased to £72 for the annual, and £36 for the semi-annual, with 16 to 18 year olds remaining at £20.

This was proposed by Karen Crombie, and seconded by Irene Hunt.

8. Secretary's Report

I'd like to thank Ian, first of all, for his remarkable efforts and energy that he's put into the Club over the years, and wish him well now that he'll have more time to enjoy himself, rather than doing Club work which must have taken up a lot of his time.

Since joining I've been bringing myself up to speed with these tasks, and setting up Eventbrite to advertise the Club's activities. Eventbrite makes the selling of tickets much easier with less admin, and is a vehicle that lots of organisations use to advertise events and so there is more opportunities for people to find out about us - and surprisingly there are still people in this area who didn't know about us.

I've also been sending lots of emails to members and supporters about the Club's activities and, although there may have been a few omissions, I hope everyone is getting these emails. If not, please let me know.

As we move on from the Covid restrictions, hopefully we can get more people using the premises regularly, and more people on the classes. We have a life drawing class with a model soon, and more of the PAMIS classes later this year.

In terms of exhibitions, perhaps the Annual exhibition could be aided by some individual, or group exhibitions here in the Club. We have lots of space so lets use it.

Any ideas or suggestions you have about improvements, layout changes or how to use the space better, additional equipment you would like; or how you could take part or assist at events please let us know.

9. Election of Charity Trustees / Board of Management

This was held under Clause 72 of the Constitution adopted on 6th October 2019.

Standing for re-election were:

Karen Crombie; Janette Evans; Alan Kennedy; Grant Newell; Stuart Clark; Gordon Hume; Margaret Hume; David Shevels.

With no other nominations, Ian Sloan moved that all eight nominees above be duly elected as Charity Trustees and Members of the Board of Management. This was seconded by Irene Hunt.

Office Bearers will be elected by the Board as stated in Clause 83.

10. Closing

There being no other business, the Annual General Meeting was closed at 3;15pm.



ADOPTED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING

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POSITION
DATE