

MEETING OF THE STONEHAVEN TOLBOOTH ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 20th November 2019
Community Centre

MINUTES

Present: Cressida Coates (CC), Jim Bruce (JB), Liz Ritchie (LR), Gordon Ritchie (GR), Clare Thomas (CT), Ian Balgowan (IB), Douglas Cusine (DCu), Dennis Collie (DC).

Apologies: Andrew Newton (AN), Gwynne Stewart (GS), Mary Sutcliffe (MS), Louise Coates (LC).

1. Welcome: CC welcomed the Trustees to the meeting.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a. Acceptance: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd October 2019 were accepted including the addendum inserted by the Secretary after the meeting.
 - b. Matters Arising:
 - Speak to Keith Hunt - IB has not seen him. Ongoing action.
 - Paypal problem - DC advised that this is still ongoing.
 - Contact Cllr Dickinson - CC will meet her soon and bring her up to date.
 - Contact Globus - CT has contacted them and they confirmed they would be returning next summer their clients having enjoyed their visits to the Museum.
 - New Subgroup and members- GR and CC. There will be a reference in the latest newsletter about the subgroup and when this is sent out CC will also mention in the Volunteer update. GR hopes that perhaps there will be a meeting before Christmas.
 - Mailing list - GR has the Heritage Society mailing list and will pass to CC. CT queried whether it would be a good idea to have an exclusive Tolbooth email address for sending out newsletters etc. AN to look at this on his return from holiday.
3. Chair Report: The Rota for November still has some dates to fill and the December Rota is now out. Some November dates have been covered by only one volunteer.
4. Treasurer's Report: DC presented report for October:

Income -	Grant	£2227
	Quiz Night	360
	Donations	582
	Cash sales	438
	TOTAL	£3608
Expenditure	Stock	£1422
	Display	12
	TOTAL	£1435

GoodBox total to date about £600, both sales and donations.
5. Secretary's Report: None as AN away.

6. Curator's Report: DC advised that he had listed the various Titanic related items. LC has added to the Inventory and will put on the computer next time she is home. It was suggested that we should have someone who could enter items donated onto the computer and DC volunteered to do this. He would liaise with LC.

7. Shop Report: GS advised that she has restocked the Glen Appin goods and repriced some. She has ordered shot glasses to replace some of the mugs. GR advised that he had some Heritage Society books: Street names - £4; Dunnottar House - £5; Stonehaven of Old - £1; Guide to Stonehaven - £4; Early Stonehaven - £2. He will put a quantity of these into the museum on Saturday.

8. Events: CT advised there was nothing to report.

9. Clock Tower: DCu reported that the last time he was on duty the counter was not working. CC would look at this.

10. AOCB:

- CC and DC would be meeting with Paul Higson at the museum on Thursday 21st November. AN had met Jamie Wilkinson of NESFLAG to discuss future options. PH would look at these options and give advice. CC and DC will report back.
- DCu and CC were at the Business Breakfast at Lathallan which they reported was a good networking opportunity for heritage organisations, There will be another on 28 November and DC advised that he is going. These are held every month and there is a speaker. It would be good to send a representative each month.
- CC advised she had received an email from Dave Ramsay of Lathallan asking for the museum to sponsor a boat trip to Bell Rock Lighthouse. It was agreed that we would give a small donation.
- CC and IB had been approached by Phil Mills Bishop regarding the twinning with Athens Alabama. He had asked IB to do a live talk with a school in Athens and IB would do this in his personal capacity and not as a volunteer or Trustee of the Museum.
- LR's draft of the Newsletter was considered and it was agreed that the Banner would incorporate the names of Stanehyve and Tolbooth Times. LR was complimented on the content.
- It was agreed that we should display some of the Titanic memorabilia but where. If other items are moved, where should they be stored? GR has some filing cabinets that could be used. IB would continue to try and contact Keith Hunt.
- JB advised that he had spent a long time last weekend dusting because the restaurant had had their floor sanded without filling any holes first.
- DC reported further on the Co-op community funding. We wouldn't receive any money until the year ended in October 2020. All volunteers should be encouraged to join Co-op and name Museum as their charity.

11. Date of Next Meeting: 18th December Christmas Party at the Resource Centre.

Summary of Action Points

Speak to Keith Hunt - IB
Resolve Paypal problem - DC/AN
Meet Councillor Dickinson - CC
New Subgroup - GR
Tolbooth email address for Chair - AN
Check counter in Clock Tower - CC

Report back on meeting with Paul Higson - CC and DC