

Meeting of the Stonehaven Tolbooth Association
Wednesday 28th July 2021
Tolbooth Museum
Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting
 - a) acceptance
 - b) matters arising
- 4 Chair's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Secretary's report
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- 8 Events report
- 9 Collections report
- 10 Curator's report
- 11 Shop report
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- 13 AOCB
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Minutes

Present. Cressida Coates (CC), Andrew Newton (AN), Liz Ritchie (LR), Louise Coates (LC), Clare Thomas (CT), Dennis Collie (DC), Graham McIntosh (GM), Mary Sutcliffe (MS).

1 Welcome. CC welcomed the trustees to the first face-to-face meeting for a long time.

2 Apologies. Ian Balgowan (IB), Gordon Ritchie (GR), Douglas Cusine (DCu)

Absent - Jim Bruce (JB)

3 Minutes of previous meetings.

a) **Acceptance.** The previous minutes of 23rd June were accepted

b) **Matters arising.**

Action Point	Person	Action
Contact Horizon again offering support.	AN	Done
Respond to a visitor's opinion on the museum layout	AN	Done
Write to Carron Stroke Group	AN	Done
Contact Council re waste in Courtyards	CC	See Chair report
Investigate replacing existing TV Combo	???	IB has personally replaced the combo.

4 Chair's report (CC)

CC has received applications from a number of potential volunteers, has met with a few of the applicants and as a result STA has 6 new volunteers:

Kirsty Williamson, Frances Watt, Hilary Lonsdale, Lindsay Wardle, Anais Fourier, Aileen Finlayson

Now that we are coming out of covid restrictions a number of volunteers have stated that although they may find it difficult to work at the weekends they have more flexibility during the week. The committee decided to try an open on a Monday and Friday during August. It was further decided that if an event is taking place in the Courtyard then it would be preferable to have 3 volunteers on the rota.

Waste disposal (AP from last meeting). CC has spoken to the Council and there are two aspects to the problem – environmental and waste. The advice provided to CC was to take photographs of the offending bins. LC has complied and CC will send an email to various Councillors and council officials highlighting, again, the problems arising from inadequate processes operated by the restaurant.

Action Point.

CC to contact Council re bins.

5 Treasurer's report (DC)

DC provided the committee with a summary of financial activity from 23rd June 2021 to 29th July 2021.

Income

Digital Sales	37.00
Carron Group Donation	496.00
Shop Sales	584.00
<u>Barrel Donations</u>	<u>107.00</u>
	£1224.00

Expenditure

Publicity	1513.00
Hire of story teller	111.00
New door	200.00
Uniforms	225.00
<u>Outreach equipment</u>	<u>764.00</u>
	£2813.00

6 Secretary's report (AN)

The judging of Stonehaven in the Beautiful Scotland competition will take place on Wednesday 4th August. STA is merely asked to display some photographs of the harbour at the museum entrance (judges are not permitted to enter any buildings).

Andy Leslie is donating on behalf of his uncle (Jim Lees) a couple of 19th century paintings and photographs, Jim originally lived at Shorehead.

The Scottish Geology Trust has suggested that the museum could be the base for a planned event on Stonehaven beach at a date to be decided in September. Discussions are continuing.

7 CAT and Grants – update

CAT – The next meeting with the Council is scheduled for September but at the moment there is little discernible movement by the Council. STA is awaiting a report from Mike Walton which is due imminently.

Grants – DC is still working on the new ‘Peebles book’ which will be part funded by the Coastal Community Fund. There is no pressure to complete the book at this point in time.

The MGS grant concludes on 30th July. AN has collated all the required paperwork and will submit to Edinburgh on Thursday.

Action Point

AN to submit final claim to MGS.

8 Events report (CT/MS/LR)

So far there have been 5 events and all are regarded as successful.

On Saturday 31st July there will be a live broadcast by Mearns FM from the Courtyard.

On 7th and 8th August there will be demonstrations on smoking mackerel.

On 14th August it is planned to hold demonstrations on the art of corn dolly making.

On the 15th there will be a magic show.

On 29th August we host the Grampian Guild of Weavers and Spinners. (Some form of flooring is required for the looms etc.).

On the evening of the 14th STA plan to hold a ‘volunteers gathering’ in the Courtyard when we can meet and socialise over a few nibbles and a suitable glass of refreshment. Numbers to CC please.

None of these events could have taken place without the enthusiastic support of volunteers and friends. So far we have to thank Martin Sim, Dennis and Lorna Collie, Pauline Cordiner, Ian Balgowan and Geordie Murison.

Other possible events include an outside ceilidh organised by Mearns FM and a return of the Folk Club. MS is exploring the possibility of a festive season event at the appropriate time.

Action Point.

???? to source flooring for Guild of Weavers

Trustees to provide numbers attending on 14th to CC

9 Collection Report (GR)

Nothing to report.

10 Curator’s report (LC)

LC has now collected all the outstanding donation forms.

Huge Ramsay has donated some items

Angus Live has donated a printed copy of the Service of Dedication on the unveiling of the War Memorial in 1923.

It was decided that donated items should be placed behind the stocks until LC has had a chance to review the material.

11 Shop report (LR/MS)

LR has order more Doric tea towels and was asked to purchase 5 gilets from Stitch N Print.

The committee agreed that further tidying up is required in the shop area and one of the floor magnet display stands is now surplus to requirements.

[GM left the meeting at this point]

12 Clock Tower report (AN)

Nothing further to report

13 AOCB.

CAT. CT expressed her disquiet over the acquiring of the whole Tolbooth building as she believes that STA would be over extended. CT was assured that although there have been discussions with the Council the latter have not made any meaningful offers and if any progress is made the Trustees will be fully involved in any decisions.

13 Date of future meeting

25th August

LC tended her apologies.

Andrew Newton
8th August 2021

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Summary of Action Points

Action Point	Person
Contact Council re bins	CC
Submit final claim to MGS.	AN
Source flooring for Guild of Weavers	????
Provide numbers attending on 14th to CC	Trustees