

Minutes of Meeting of Trustees of Stonehaven Tolbooth Association held in the Tolbooth Museum on Wed 26 June 2024 at 7.30pm.

1. Present:- Cressida Coates, Dennis Collie, Lindsay Petrie, Clare Thomas, Ian Balgowan, Gordon Ritchie, Douglas Cusine, Liz Ritchie and Mary Sutcliffe.
2. Apologies- Andrew Newton
3. Minutes of previous meeting 16 May 2024 approved. Matters arising- Meeting with Tim Stephen re repairs still to be arranged.  
Ian had contacted owner of ship's bell and he was to make up plaque with info on the ship to attach to the donation.  
Info on botanist John Duncan to be added to list of famous folk for proposed panel.  
Sign on Bervie Braes ongoing. Ian to action.
4. Presentation by Autumn cancelled as she was unavailable. She is working on Visit Scotland comments and coin case. Keith Knight to assist.
5. Chair report. Not much. New volunteer to start on Sunday.
6. Treasurer Report. April/May income total £3030.64. Expenses £386.36.
7. Secretary Report. Andrew absent but Cressida advised nothing major to report. John Trudgill had offered Agates display which would be accepted. The Mens Shed had a DVD by Hugh Morrell on geology of the area.
8. CAT. The Business Services Committee on 13 June had reversed Area Committee decision and would only offer Ground floor of Tolbooth to STA for £1. Representations by tenants of Restaurant had influenced the decision. Extra meeting on 24 June had fully discussed this and further points were made. Waiting to hear from Tim Stephen with further info and appeal procedure and time limits. (Meeting with Tim later arranged for Friday 5 July.)
9. Events. Mary /Clare reported recent school visits. Other groups in July. Looking at dates for courtyard events including creative workshop, weavers and spinners, and mackerel smoking. Pauline Cordiner had Folk Festival event on 12 July. Quiz to be on 25 October.
10. Collections. Gordon reported that new panels had been delivered to Museum and to liaise with Dennis about fitting. Noted that Ron Leiper's shed would not now be available. Suggested we could put our own shed in courtyard. Discussion on donations due to restricted storage space. Volunteers should decline articles at counter but complete form and report to committee for final decision. Ian had been offered accordion but agreed to decline. Gordon had been offered old letters and documents but had suggested these went to the County Archives and ideally what we wished to have was a complete researched story, either for display or for the magazine.
11. Curator. Nothing to report.
12. Shop. Liz had bought more Salt and restocked pencils. She had also done new Summer Trail for kids. Shop was fairly well stocked.
13. Clock Tower. Needs hoovered.
14. AOCB. Story of New Brunswick emigrants to be updated.

15. Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 16 July in afternoon to make presentation to Autumn.