



The Banff Town and County Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 135th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club premises at 11 Boyndie Street, Banff AB45 1DY on Thursday 29 September 2015 at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 President / Secretary Report
- 3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held on 28 October 2015
- 4 Matters arising
- 5 Hon. Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of President
- 7 Election of Vice-President
- 8 Election of Council
Council Members retiring by rotation and not seeking re-election are: Gordon and Lizzie MacKenzie and Kenneth Grant. Consequently, there are **five** vacancies.
- 9 Appointment of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
- 10 Appointment of Accountants
It is recommended that Atholl Scott Ltd be retained as the Club's accountants.
- 11 Subscriptions for 2017-18
It is recommended that, as in recent years, setting of the Annual Subscriptions for the year 2017 to 2018 be delegated to Council in light of the emerging financial position at the end of the current year.
- 12 Sale of Courtyard

By order of the Council

Debbie Wilson

Secretary.

7 September 2016

Note: Ordinary Members may attend and vote provided their annual subscription, which fell due on 1 April 2016, has been paid in full.

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Club.

Item 2 - President / Secretary Report

This year has been both interesting and a challenge for the Club.

A big thank you to all our members for their patience and tolerance while we carried out refurbishment to the gents' and the ladies' toilets, fitted fresh flooring to the upper pantry, smartened the length of wooden fencing at the bowling green and generally started adding some finishing touches to the decorated Reading Room.

Specific thanks go to our steward John Haefner, and many members for their donations of items such as the outstanding table in Reading Room and to the club's Fabric Fund. The Sunday lunch 'Bonus Ball' sheets continue to be popular – which further adds to the opportunities to make small improvements for the benefit of all users. Our thanks too go to Jim and Pat Gifford for stepping in to look after the book lending area after the passing of John Dockerill.

The annual accounts (to 31 March 2016) show a deficit, significantly produced by last year's repairs and renewals of £9½K. It is understood that such hefty renewals and repairs will not be required for many years, such as the outside painting, and the previously outstanding electrical inspections. Damage to the harling at the front of the building should receive attention this year to prevent water ingress.

The club may have the opportunity to raise funds from sale of the disused courtyard, reserving access for maintenance and roof/gutter repairs etc., which is a proposition I recommend the membership to support.

Council has continued with energy saving measures such as starting to install secondary glazing. The club website, Facebook and email allows for economically viable communication giving us a significant saving. The now very high postage costs have meant communication with members continues to be as posted up in the club but also by our club website and email rather than by post.

The Club's Events and Functions continue to be well-attended, particularly popular are the Snooker Nights (thanks to Billy French) and the Games Nights (thanks to Brian Skene) and Quiz nights. Different types of social functions demonstrate the evolving style of club use. The entertainer at the early summer BBQ is returning at Hogmanay by popular request.

In short, the Banff Town and County Club remains steady – due to the support of our members.

As always, thanks are due to John Haefner our Steward and each of his staff, and to all my colleagues on Council, for their energy, attention and dedication while we manage the Club's affairs.

Debbie Wilson

President/Secretary

Item 3 - Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held on 28 October 2015

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Minute of the 134th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club premises at 11 Boyndie Street, Banff AB45 1DY on Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Sederunt: Ian Cameron (Presiding, up to Item 6), Debbie Wilson (Presiding, from Item 6), Bob Carter, John Davidson, Ian Davidson, Duncan Dickson, John Dockerill, Keith Donald, John Duncan, Irene Finlayson, James Gifford, Pat Gifford, Vera Lyall, Frances McKay, James McKay, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Gordon MacKenzie, Dr Roddy MacRae, June Masson, Beatrice Shanks, Christopher Trippett, Julian Watson, William West and Jim Buchan, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

1 **Apologies** had been intimated by: Alison Buchan, Kenny Grant, Ron Hills, Pat Johnston, Peter Johnston, Jim McNaughton, Pauline McNaughton, Alan Smith, J. Hunter Strachan, Eilidh Whiteford, Graeme Watson, John Woodside.

2 The **President's Report**, which had been circulated in advance, was taken as read and noted.

3 The **Minutes** of the **133rd Annual General Meeting**, held on 5 November 2014, which had been circulated in advance, were **Approved**.

4 There were no **matters arising**.

5 The **Hon. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**, which had been circulated in advance, was taken as read and noted.

6 **Election of President.** Mrs Debbie Wilson was proposed by Mr Dockerill, seconded by Mr Trippett. There being no further nominations, Mr Cameron declared Mrs Wilson duly elected. To the acclamation of the Meeting, Mrs Wilson took the Chair.

7 **Election of Vice-President.** Mr Julian Watson was proposed by Mr Carter, seconded by Mrs McKay. There being no further nominations, Mrs Wilson declared Mr Julian Watson duly elected.

8 Election of Council

Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Cameron and Mrs Masson were retiring by rotation. Mr MacKenzie had resigned during the year due to ill-health, and Mrs McKay had also resigned. Consequently, there were five vacancies.

The following nominations were made:-

1. Mr Gordon MacKenzie, proposed by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mr Dockerill;
2. Mr Gerry Fitzpatrick, proposed by Mr Duncan Dickson, seconded by Mr West;
3. Mrs Elizabeth MacKenzie, proposed by Mr Dockerill, seconded by Mr Buchan;
4. Mr Kenneth Grant, proposed by Mr MacKenzie, seconded by Mrs Wilson;
5. Ms Beatrice Shanks, proposed by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Ms Finlayson.

There being no further nominations, the President declared Mr MacKenzie, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs MacKenzie, Mr Grant and Ms Shanks duly elected as members of the Club Council.

9 Appointment of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer

There being no nominations, the Meeting agreed to delegate the arrangements for appointment of Secretary and Treasurer to Council

10 Appointment of Accountants

Atholl Scott Ltd were unanimously retained as the Club's accountants.

11 Subscriptions for 2016-17

The Meeting agreed that setting of the Annual Subscriptions for the year 2016 to 2017 be delegated to Council in light of the emerging financial position at the end of the current year. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7:20pm

Item 5 – Hon. Treasurer's Report

I am unsure as to the number of members at the end of the financial year – I can tell you at the present time there are 165 paid members. There are 41 members with outstanding subscriptions. 22 members have not renewed their subscriptions mainly due to age and no longer able to attend or moved away from the area. However there have also been 15 new members since the end of the last financial year.

The financial statement attached shows a loss after tax of £3198.00 compared to a profit last year. There was considerable expenditure in this last financial year due to upgrade and repairs to the building as described in the chairman/secretary report. If this expenditure was removed there would have been a healthy profit.

There has been little expenditure in many years on improving or renovating the building and that is now becoming evident.

The refurbishment of the reading room was covered by insurance and settlement was made outwith with 2015/16 financial year. However, all the other work carried out, not covered by insurance, is included.

The stock-take at the end of the financial year and a recent a mid-year stock take and profit margin assessment is showing the bar to be running at a 51% profit margin.

Income to the club relies on membership and the bar takings. Each event held at the club obviously increases the bar takings. Any members with ideas or recommendations for functions/or events that could be held at the club would be warmly received by the committee.

It was hoped to have the AGM earlier this year but due to a bereavement at Atholl Scott our accounts were delayed. Hopefully next year the AGM will be earlier.

The club is in a sound financial position but depends on its continued and increasing membership and bar takings to survive.

Copies of the 2015–2016 Accounts have been placed at the bar area in the club. If you wish them emailed to you please email the club club@banfftandc.co.uk