



Tarland Welfare Trust



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

9th September 2024 at 7pm in Upper Hall

Present: Sandy Cooper SC, David Hirst DH, David Currie DC, Gordon Muir GM

Apologies: Ruth Mackenzie RM, Carrie Jarvis CJ, Gordon Ross GR

1. Minutes of AGM on 16th September 2023 approved by David Hirst; seconded by David Currie
2. **Matters Arising from minutes:**
No matters arising.
3. **Chair's report:**

This last year has been one of consolidation after the vagaries of Covid. Bookings have stabilised at a good level with a number of new users throughout the year and our "mainstay" groups continuing to block book with TADS and Lego Club now joining that regular booking group. We do still have some quiet days with Wednesday being particularly underused.

Prices have been raised slightly, as an inevitable result of the huge rise in electricity costs. With no sign of the prices dropping in the near future we may have to review prices again in the New Year.

We had a minor success in receiving our three bins from Aberdeenshire Council, whilst we still encourage all users to take their rubbish and recycling home with them it will reduce the times the trustees have to cart bin bags home.

The NEAT shows continued to be poorly attended despite the fantastic talent that the scheme allows us to bring to the Hall and the local community. Due to the excellent support provided by NEAT we don't lose money despite this. We took a break during the summer and will look to book some more shows this winter.

The Hogmanay Ceilidh was a huge success, and we have already booked the band to return this year, special thanks to Ruth and Iain Mackenzie and family for dressing the Hall.

The Hall roof has finally been fixed, along with the Upper Hall ceiling, and Gents toilet ceiling and wall. Huge thanks to David Currie for his perseverance and to Adam Coutts for doing such a good job. The work was entirely funded by a grant from The MacRobert Trust -Alastrean Award and we are extremely grateful for their support.



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We also arranged a basement tidy up to encourage groups to review their storage needs and to remove any unwanted items. This has worked well, and the basement looks a lot better. The trustees now have to do their bit and arrange to remove some (very heavy) equipment left over from the refurbishment of the Hall some years ago!

The trustees as usual have been doing sterling work behind the scenes keeping the Hall in good condition to continue serving the community. Unfortunately, we have lost two trustees who felt that with family and work commitments they were unable to continue. We thank them for their service and hope they may return at some point in the future. We must also thank Carol for working quietly in the background keeping the Hall clean and tidy.

4. **Annual Accounts:** The treasurer gave an update on the Hall's financial position. Whilst generally on the positive side, there remains considerable concern about the Energy cost which have increased significantly from last year.
5. **Election of Trustees:** During the year, Duncan Lockerbie and Matt Hare both resigned as trustees. Similar reasons unfortunately of pressure on time due to family and work. The Chair thanked them both and hoped to see them back again when time allows. During the year SC took on the role of Chairman. The following positions were agreed, Sandy Cooper as Chairman/Secretary, Dave Hirst as Treasurer. Two new trustees were proposed, Carrie Jarvis was proposed and seconded by SC & DC, Gordon Muir similarly by SC & DH. The Chair welcomed them to the group.
6. **Hall Development:** The roof has now been repaired and excellent work done to restore the Upper Hall ceiling and Gent's toilet back to good condition. No major maintenance work is envisaged but several areas will be refurbished if we can source sufficient funds.
7. **Resolutions:** There were no resolutions from the community.
8. **AOCB:** The trustees noted that the AGM should be held within six months of the end of the financial year (31st December) and so have decided to hold the next AGM on the 17th March 2025
9. The meeting closed at 19:30 and a committee meeting took place.