



Opportunities in Retirement Scottish Registered Charity SC012153

**Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting held in Largs Community Church Hall
Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 2.00 p.m.**

Item	Content	Action
1.	Sederunt (See Appendix 1)	
2.	Apologies for Absence (See Appendix 2)	
3.	Minutes of the AGM held on 7th June 2023 Before the Minutes were approved the following corrections to these Minutes were noted a) The position occupied by Shirley Strang should be recorded as Group Liaison officer and not Group Leader Officer. b) On the attendance sheet Dorothy Coreen should read Dorothy Green and S Whiteston should read George Whitestone. The Minutes were then approved being Proposed by Eric Niven and Seconded by Jennifer Clark.	
4.	Matters Arising None	
5.	Chairperson's Report In addition to Jean Stuart's Chairperson's Report (included in the Officers' Reports available to the attendees) the Chairperson of this meeting (Meriel Bryson) wished to add a) The Open day held in 2023 was very successful and it is planned to hold another one in 2024 on the 4 th September. b) It was noted that Eric Niven had relinquished the role of Treasurer and the duties of Treasurer had now been taken over by Richard Leski. c) During the year a Beginners Ukulele and French Group together with an additional French Group had been started together a successful Astrology Group. d) A number of successful outings had been arranged. Jean gave thanks to Agnes Kennedy for all her hard work during the year. It was noted that Agnes was now stepping down from the role of Outings Organiser. e) Jean thanked the family of John Turcan for the generous donation to the OIR on John's Death. A new chair had been purchased for the Office and a placard had been added to the desk to commemorate John's service to the OIR.	



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	f) Neil Barlow had decided to step down from the Post of Minute secretary and thanks were given for his service.	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer referred to the Statements of Accounts included in the Officers' Reports. He then stated that these accounts had now been audited by Susan Manson who was the External Examiner. He drew attention to slight surplus for the year of approximately £3700 after a loss of approximately £3600 the previous year. This gave a closing bank balance for the year of £19705.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor regarding the amount of balance the OIR was holding Richard stated that the amount was partially due to the fact that the subscriptions and attendance fees at groups has risen at the start of the year on the anticipation that the Church hall Rental Fees for the Group Meetings would be increased however this had not really occurred although it was still expected at some stage. Richard also went on to say that it was necessary to hold a reserve due to the fact being a charity it was not allowed to go into the red. He also stated that the amount of money held was always kept under review and if things stayed as they are it might be possible to reduce the amount of money held by reducing the fees.</p> <p>Richard therefore pointed out that it was not proposed to alter the fees for the year 2024/25</p>	
7	<p>Secretary's report</p> <p>As organiser for ensuring the Office was manned, Meriel gave thanks to Sandra Galloway who was a volunteer to assist in manning the Office.</p> <p>Meriel also gave thanks to Bill Alexander and his son for keeping the OIR website up to date.</p>	
8	<p>Membership Secretary's Report</p> <p>Allen's report is included in the Officers' Reports</p>	
9	<p>Group Liaison Officers Report</p> <p>Shirley's Report is included in the Officers Reports.</p> <p>Special mention was made that there was two new groups – Astrology and Singing for Fun.</p> <p>Also a special mention for Archie Adams who had recently died. Thanks were again expressed for all the work he had done for the Dance Group over the years.</p>	
10	<p>Reports from Activity Groups</p> <p>Copies of the reports had been submitted by the Group leaders</p>	



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	previously. They had been compiled into one report and were available to the attendees at the meeting.																	
11	Election to the Executive Committee (Trustees) In addition to those who had been elected previously and their term of Office was not yet up the following were elected to various positions on the Committee. <table><thead><tr><th>Position</th><th>Name</th><th>Proposed</th><th>Seconded</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Office Manager</td><td>Eric Niven</td><td>Allen Fenton</td><td>Meriel Bryson</td></tr><tr><td>Minute Secretary</td><td>Bob Pattie</td><td>Allen Fenton</td><td>Meriel Bryson</td></tr><tr><td>Committee</td><td>Maggie Hayes</td><td>Shirley Strang</td><td>Richard Lerski</td></tr></tbody></table> There were no objections from the attendees to these nominations	Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded	Office Manager	Eric Niven	Allen Fenton	Meriel Bryson	Minute Secretary	Bob Pattie	Allen Fenton	Meriel Bryson	Committee	Maggie Hayes	Shirley Strang	Richard Lerski	
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12	Appointment of Auditor As stated in the Treasurer's Report Susan Manson has been appointed as the Independent Examiner for the OIR																	
13	Any Other Competent Business None																	
14	Date of Next AGM 4 th June 2025																	



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APPENDIX 1

SEDERUNT

Meriel Bryson	Barry Morgan
Richard Lerski	Maddie Allerdice
Bill Fiskien	Peter Bullock
Bob Pattie	Mary Bullock
Eric Niven	Doreen Smith
Lesley Cockburn	Blyth Brown Wallace
Barbara Lerski	Kathleen Rouke
Alice Coupar	Neil Lang
Jean King	April Gardener
Elaine Ward	Jean Reynolds
Margaret Allen	Rhona Stevenson
Mr & Mrs Tom Felves	Anne Hind
S Harvey	Jennifer Clarke
John Short	Mark Clark
Janet Barr	George Whitestone
Maureen McMurdo	Mary Watson
Patricia Johnston	Kim Foster
Margaret Mitchell	George McNutt
Margot Bannerman	Stuart Tindal
Maureen Jiggins	Anne Birt
Maggie Hayes	Alice Jamieson
Patricia Mac Leod	



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APPENDIX 2

Apologies For Absence

Allen Fenton

Shirley Strang

Neil Barlow

Agnes Kennedy

Lady Dorothy Belch

May Renwick

Avril Rea

Aileen Harrison

Moira Hill

Margaret McNiven

Marlyn Green

Fiona Wright

Wilma Smeaton

Hazel Gray.

Hugh Goldie

Marge Goldie

Alison Turner

Raymond Connel

Brian McNeil

Margaret McNeil

Morag Fisker

Neil Stuart

Jean Stuart

Anne Ross

Marjorie Ore

Jim Irving

Sandra Galloway

Mike Poole