

## DYSART TRUST

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Present: KR, GB, JF, CF, IS, JN

Apologies: SG, KW

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were reviewed and amended to note that RS and not IS is a Trust signatory.

### Matters Arising

- no success so far in involving local schools with the work of the Trust
- recently acquired laptop is proving to be very useful.

### Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was presented and noted. In discussion, concern was expressed that the Trust has no effective website and assistance in creating a functioning website would be appreciated.

Visitor numbers between 2022 and 2023 had risen from 210 to 292 while Doors Open Day numbers had fallen from 52 to 36.

### Secretary's Report

JN agreed to act as a keyholder for the Town House.

### Treasurer's Report

- book sales are down on last year and late payments are to be followed up
- funds have been spent on new hardware and resources
- subscription income has fallen but visitors will be encouraged to contribute to the Trust's work

- energy costs have risen sharply and more efficient tariffs are being investigated
- CF volunteered to replace RS as a Trust signatory
- For 2023 – 2024 , there is an overall deficit of £569.08.

The Chair thanked the Treasurer for her excellent work in maintaining the accounts of the Trust and noted that, overall, the Trust remains in a sound financial position.

### Membership

Membership continues to be a cause for concern. Visitors will be encouraged to join the Trust but the problem of an insufficient number of active members remains. It was suggested that a monthly Facebook newsletter might encourage more participation since visitor numbers have been boosted through the Trust's Facebook page. In 2024, the Trust will celebrate its diamond anniversary. There will be an official opening of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, an Easter opening and opening hours of 12.00 – 16.00 during the summer season.

### Election of Office Bearers

Following nomination and approval KR will continue as Chair/Secretary and GB as Treasurer.

### AOCB

- The Town Clock is not working. KR will contact Fife Council
- Councillors will be invited to Our Easter opening.

### Date and venue for next Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th at 2pm in Dysart Church Lower Hall.