

Friends of Wighton Annual General Meeting

12.15PM, Sat 13th May, 2017

- Apologies:** Ruth Blackburn, Joan Yeaman, Evelyn Matthew, Karen McAulay
Present: Jean Kerr, Margaret Whyte, Forbes Browne, Niall M'A Robertson, Gillin Anderson, Sheila Phillips, Mary Foster, Barbara Dymock, Sheena Wellington, Les Mackay, Simon Chadwick, Iain Sword
- Welcome from the chair:**
Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a summary of the past year's events. He reported on 12 cappuccino concerts, 9 lunchtime recitals, 1 evening concert all in the Wighton Centre. Plus external events by the Wighton Singers. Classes included 36 Scots song classes, 12 Gaelic song, 35 fiddle, 39 whistle and 25 harp classes over the course of the year. Tutors were accepting low fees due to financial constraints.
Iain also reported on the Jimmy Shand grant from HLF for £9000 towards conservation and public presentation of the Shand volumes. The limited-edition CD was produced as part of this project. Other projects mentioned over the past year were the formation of the young group Abercraig" and some maintenance on the harpsichord. There had been a drop in concert attendance over the past few months.
There was a call for more people to come involved in the running of the Friends.
- Treasurer's report**
Iain reports that the accountant, MMG Archbold, examined the accounts for us free of charge, unfortunately this meant there was a delay in them returning the account to us. The examined accounts for 2015-16 had not yet been returned.
The accounts for 2015-16 have been completed but not yet examined. Total income was £10104, of which £675 was restricted from Creative Scotland and £1941 was restricted donations for the Shand project. Total expenditure was £7396, leaving a surplus of £2707, of which £91 was unrestricted. Year-end funds were £4347.
Music class income was £4846, expenditure £5326. Tutors were working at greatly reduced rates, for which they were thanked. Concert income was £1777 and expenditure £1763, so the concerts cover their costs.
The accounts for 2016-17 have been completed but not yet sent for examination. Total income was £19554, of which £11377 was restricted grants and donations for the Shand project. Total expenditure was £11567, leaving a surplus of £7983. Year-end funds were £12315.
Music class income was £5157, expenditure £5107. Greatly reduced tutor fees allowed costs to be covered. Concert income was £2654 and expenditure £2286.
- Election of officers**
The following list of officers indicates who needs re-elected. Joan Yeaman was unable to continue on the committee, and has stood down.

Chair	Iain Sword (2015)
Vice-chair	Niall Robertson (2015)
Secretary	Simon Chadwick (2015)
Treasurer	Sheila Phillips (2015)
Hon. Librarian	Karen McAulay (2016)
Ordinary members	Sheena Wellington (2016)
	MoragAnne Elder (2016)
	Joan Yeaman (2016)
	Barbara Dymock (2016)
	Karen Hannah (2015)
	Mark Spalding (2015)
	John Bagnall (2014) due for re-election
	Les MacKay (2014) due for re-election
	Ruth Blackburn (2014) due for re-election

John Bagnall was nominated for re-election, subject to his approval. Proposed by Iain, seconded by Sheena.

Les Mackay was nominated for re-election. Proposed by Sheena, seconded by Iain.

Ruth Blackburn was nominated for re-election. Proposed by Iain, seconded by Simon.

- Plans for the year ahead.**
The plan for 2017-18 was to continue as before with current projects. The Shand collection is the main project under way, with a lot of more work still needing done.
- AOB**
Sheena reported on conversations between Karen McAulay and Stuart Eydman regarding his possible donation of materials. He wants his books to have a good home.
Sheena reported on an approach to the Friends by a music therapy group to use the Centre.
Iain raised the issue of improving the database. Karen McAulay to organise a day to catalogue the Shand Collection.
Raising funds for the classes was seen as a major priority, and to continue the concert series. Performers love the venue and audiences and want to come.
Iain wondered how we can advertise. It is expensive to buy print adverts. The Friends have joined the TMSA and got a listing in their brochure. Flyers had also been printed to promote the list of events, for distribution at other venues and locations in the area.

The next AGM would be at the same kind of time next year.