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Minute of AGM held on Thursday 1st May 2025 at The Soutar Theatre, A K Bell Library.

Welcome

Chairman, Willie Wilson welcomed a quorate group of attendees and provided a brief overview of activities since the last AGM in 2024. More later.

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Previous Minutes

The Minute of the 2024 AGM had been circulated with the Agenda for this meeting. The Minute was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Willie referred to the Forward Plan 2025, which had also been circulated previously. This is a work in progress and stresses the need for co-operation between the many interest group and Trusts who share similar heritage interests. Following an initial focus for the previous years to improve communication and set up regular contact with members. We now issue a regular newsletter with local issues and information links to other partners, using members email addresses for easy, cost free communication. This past year had looked to develop activities and talks to raise interest, understanding and participation.

The project assisting PSNS and the Historic Towns Trust (HTT) in developing a Heritage Map of Perth is now looking to develop an Atlas to build upon the surplus information collected for the mapping exercise.

The project to develop a scheme of Blue Plaques to record the presence and location of important people and events in Perth has progressed slowly and has now received Listed Building Consent to erect two plaques at 3 Watergate for the artist and pioneering photographer, David Octavius Hill who was born there and his photographic assistant Jessie Mann, who was also born in Watergate and is considered to be one of the first female photographers in the country. Quotations have been received for the provision of the plaques and an order placed with Croft Castings of Whitby with expected delivery late May, early June.

Last year's well attended Photographic Memories evening proved popular and it is intended to repeat it, in a slightly revised format, partly based on feedback from those attending, later in the year. Date to be confirmed

Last September a walk was led by Trust member Felicity Graham, from St Leonard's in the Fields, via Marshall Place, Tay Street, Greyfriars Cemetery, St John's Kirk and the Royal George Hotel, with stops at appropriate historical locations. The Walk had a full compliment of twenty, split between Members and visitors.

For personal reasons, Felicity is unable to reprise the walk this year. However, agreement has now been reached with Sabrina Willekens, who recently led a walk for World Women's Day on Women in Perth, to lead three walks, provisionally, Medieval Perth on 20th July, Jacobean Perth in September and Georgian Perth in

October, dates to be finalised. The walks will be open to both Members and visitors. Further walks, Victorian Perth and Industrial Perth have been discussed for next year.

Following the AGM there was a talk scheduled, entitled "The Development of Railways in Perth", given by Neale Elder, Mobile Operations Manager for Network Rail. The other previously noted talk, "The Development of Churches in Perth" is on 5th June, 7.30pm in the Soutar Theatre. Tickets available on the night.

Financial Report

With the 2024 AGM being held in October 2024, the 2024-2025 Accounts are in the process of being finalised prior to submission to the Accountants for approval. Once that is done, and agreed by the Committee, copies will be sent to Members. A verbal report was given on our current balances.

Officer Appointments.

The Constitution allows for the appointment of a Vice Chairman, although this position has not been filled recently. Nominations will be sought this year with a view to succession planning.

At the 2024 AGM the Constitution was altered to allow The Chairman, appointed for three years in 2022, to be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years this year.

This's left the other Office bearers to be reappointed on an annual basis. It was felt that this was an anomaly and did not reflect the need for continuity and the difficulty all Charity bodies are finding and recruiting Committee members.

It is therefore proposed to amend item 31 of the Constitution to appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for a period of three years with the positions to be eligible for re-election for a further period of three years, after which they are not eligible for immediate re-election. Always assuming the parties agree to be re-elected. This proposed and agreed.

Committee Appointments

John Jessop recently resigned from the Committee leaving eight current members including the Officers, whose existing appointments end this year. All are now eligible for re- appointment and have been so nominated and have agreed to continue. The Chairman invited nominations to appoint additional members. No nominations were received.

Office Bearer Appointments

Willie Wilson has been Nominated as Chairman for a further period of three years. Ian Cameron has been nominated as Secretary for a period three years. No nominations have been received for Vice Chairman or Treasurer.

Sue Hendry, despite standing down as Treasurer last year, has continued to act in that role as we seek a replacement. Any member who knows of a suitable candidate is encouraged to identify them for consideration, as a matter of urgency.

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No items were raised.

Ian Cameron, Secretary.

2 May 2025