

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on 15th May 2019 at Inchgarth Community Centre

- Present** There were 21 members present
- Apologies** Apologies were received from or on behalf of Euan Bruce, John Scott (illness), David Nicoll, Morag Little and Ian Stewart
- Minutes** The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2018 were agreed as a true reflection of that meeting. Proposed by Isobel Buchan
Seconded by Alisdair MacDonald.
- Convenors Report** Ian highlighted that the year to 31st March had been another successful year. Fundraising had gone very well and our finances were sound as was underlined by John in his Treasurer's report.
We had a range of speakers – legal, photographic and Brain Injury related medical.
Various outings were arranged – Lochter, Disabled Carriage Driving, MacDuff Aquarium and Peterhead Prison Museum. All were very well attended and everyone had a great time.
A trip to the theatre to see Evita, annual dinner at the Palm Court and Christmas at Codonas completed a very full year.
Ian felt the future was bright but that we (in his opinion) had to adjust how we organised events by team rather than individual. This new approach will be addressed at the first meeting of the new committee.
Ian explained that although he was standing for Convenor it was likely that this would be his last year as circumstances at home had changed and increasingly (as we go forward) he would have to scale back his involvement with BIG.
- Treasurers Report** John passed out copies of the draft accounts to end March 2019. These showed that BIG is in a very health financial state. Fundraising/Income at over £33K against expenditure for the year at under £22K. Healthy but cannot be complacent as we start each year with a blank canvas with no committed regular givers/funders. John thanked Ian for his sterling efforts as fundraiser in chief. Total funds at the yearend were over £50K (Including the Development Account) J outlined some of the major ins and outs. The members present approved the Draft accounts which had now to be completed and submitted to OSCR
- Support Groups** The groups at Drop In and Fine Peace have been going well. Numbers are very variable with any thing between 6 and 20 appearing at meetings. Music and Laughter sessions have been very well received as have the art sessions. The Inverurie group meetings have also been going well at the Garioch Community Centre.
A small group (4/5) meet monthly in the Maisondieu centre in Elgin. This group Have little contact with BIG but we have assured them that we are always here For support/assistance if required.

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Election of Office Bearers

Ian Crombie (Convenor), John Cushine (Treasurer/Secretary) and Jimmie Dickie (Secretary/Treasurer) all indicated that they were willing to restand. With Jimmie now retired and a qualified accountant it is likely that he will take over as Treasurer with John taking on the role of Secretary.

Their continuation in these roles were proposed by Colin Main and Seconded by Alistair MacLean.

Election of ABI Representatives

Chris Smith and Paul Breen are willing to continue to represent the ABI members on committee. These were unanimously agreed by all present.

Election of Committee Members

John Scott and Ian Stewart are to retire from committee by rotation. Both have indicated that they would be willing to continue. This was also unanimously agreed by all present.

Ian Crombie proposed that Amy Shand and Susan Irvine be elected as members of the committee. Both were seconded by Jimmie Dickie and elected by the body.

This completed the committee elections.

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There were no other items of business to be discussed.

Ian thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.