

MINUTES OF THE FORTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN GROUP, HELD IN THE KINGS MANOR HOTEL, EDINBURGH ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

There were fourteen members in attendance.

1. There were apologies for absence from Alex Allan, Jackie Fraser, Hilda Johnston, Deryl Birkett and Michael Thompson.

2. Chairperson's Remarks.

Graeme Ferguson introduced himself as Chairperson and named the other committee members. He said that two of our committee members - Jackie Fraser and Alex Allen, our Treasurer, were not available this evening, due to health issues and he wished them a speedy recovery. He introduced John Marshall as our Secretary, Dave Little as our Newsletter Editor and Anne McDonald as Committee member.

He said this was our 41st Annual General Meeting and he said we have achieved this by our Group members' continued support of the committee and attendance at our Group events. Graeme acknowledged the sterling work of the committee in arranging eleven events since our last AGM and ten events for the coming year. Specifically, he thanked Dave Little for the time and work he puts into producing our Newsletter and said he was sure the photographs, snippets and news items are appreciated by all our members.

3. Minutes of the fortieth AGM held on 16th March 2023.

The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Anne McDonald.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that at our last AGM, the existing Committee of six members were all re-elected for another year. He recalled each of the eleven Group events held last year and said the attendance had been very pleasing, with all events attended by over twenty members and our Christmas lunch had over thirty people booked, although four had cancelled late on, making the attendance twenty-eight. He thanked all our committee members for their work in arranging these events.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Association last year, headquarters arranged and invited representatives of each Group to attend an anniversary Dinner and our Group representatives along with those of the York Group, attended the DoubleTree Hilton at Edinburgh Airport in early March.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that all members are entitled to join in any Group's activity over the country and said the Kingdom of Fife Group being our nearest, would be delighted if any members wished to go along to any of their planned events.

Finally, the Secretary thanked all committee members for their commitment to the Group and for their contribution to the Committee in the past year.

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On behalf of the Treasurer, Anne McDonald reported on the Group's financial Report for 2023 as follows :

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Opening balance	£ 148.61	Room hire	£ 223.30
Imprests	£ 880.00	Travel expenses	£ 62.30
		Event costs	£ 186.00
		Computer supplies	£ 60.00
		Postage	£ 34.50
		2023 programmes print	£ 142.80
		Sub total	£ 708.90
		Closing balance	£ 319.71
Total	£ 1028.61	Total	£ 1028.61

Anne explained all items on the report and no questions were asked. The Chairman thanked our Treasurer for his Report.

7. Election of Office Bearers.

The Secretary said the existing committee members had offered to continue this year and there had been no additional nominations or volunteers for the committee. The Secretary therefore announced the committee members as Graeme Ferguson as Chairperson, Alex Allan as Treasurer, John Marshall as Secretary and Anne McDonald, Jackie Fraser and Dave Little. Dave agreed to continue as our Newsletter editor for the coming year.

8. Signing of Group Charter.

The Secretary explained the purpose of the Group Charter and thereafter the 2024 item was duly signed by the Chairperson.

9. Submitted motions for discussion.

No motions had been submitted.

10. Any other business.

There being no other business, the Chairperson closed the meeting by once again thanking those present for attending. He invited everyone to the tea/coffee and eatables now available and thereafter to the 'Bring & Tell' session.

The meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

J. Marshall
Secretary

Chairperson

