

ACHS

Minutes of Meeting on 12 June 2017 (held at 7:30pm at Hawthorn Villa)

1. Present: Peter Furley, Jim Piper, Anita Hashtrudi and Ian Malcolm. Apologies were received from Tessa Till, Jo Jackson and John Robertson
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Talks Programme 2017-18: The circulated draft programme was agreed and finalised for issue. The first talk by Ailsa Fortune would take place at 7.30pm on 5 September. Before then an additional slot has been provided for Caroline Leech and her debut novel set in the village in Spring 1945. This will take place on 18 July.
4. Website redevelopment: It was agreed to accept the quote from Mobomedia for a recast website. This would retain the existing URL and include all the material from the existing website but would additionally include the agendas and minutes of our regular committee meetings.
5. Membership Fees: It was agreed to maintain fees at the same level as 2016-17 except that to increase involvement of younger people in particular it was agreed that membership should be free to people in full-time education. Invitations to renew memberships should now be issued with the new talks programme.
6. Committee Membership: PF confirmed that because of other commitments, including international research trips, he would be standing down from the committee at the September AGM. Peter was thanked for his excellent contribution to the Society.
7. Aberlady Angles: IM advised that the final reports on the successful project would shortly be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders. The final project lecture would take place on 14 June in the Kirk Stables. Following a meeting earlier this year with Historic Environment Scotland, an application for scheduled monument consent and funding applications for an extension of the previously opened trench were being prepared.
8. Climate Friendly Aberlady: It was agreed that the village event in the Community Hall on 23 April, attended by Scottish Government Energy Minister, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, had gone very well and provided a springboard for future actions and initiatives. The refurbishment work in the Kirk Stables funded by the project was virtually complete.
9. Memorial Garden: There was general agreement that improving the garden with additional flower plantings would be good for the village. The only outstanding issue is the front hedge. It was proposed to remove or lower this in order to provide a view into the garden from outside. GACC's decision to veto any village consultation on its future was noted with regret. It seemed bizarre that such a small and easily solvable issue has apparently caused such a 'stushie' when a meeting of all the interested people and organisations seemed the obvious way forward.
10. Church Restoration promotional literature and smartphone app: IM updated the committee on the work he was doing on behalf of the Kirk Session. This would be

complete in August and bear the ACHS logo as well as that of the Church. Volunteer guides to allow guided tours were being sought. IM would volunteer.

11. AGM: This would take place at 6:30pm on 5 September in the Kirk Stables.
12. Next Meeting: 8 August 2017 at Hawthorn Villa (since postponed until 15 August).