

ASB Annual General Meeting 5th November 2017 at Dunblane Hydro Draft Minutes

Attendees	Apologies
Fiona Preston Caroline Trotter Isobel Kiernan Lucy Bradshaw Linda Hill Miller Ann-Marie Morrison Tanya Hine Liz Cameron Alison Henderson Fiona Preston Cariss Moir Valerie Cuell Caroline Trotter Heather Ashley Wendy Hamilton Lorraine Brown Wendy Maltman Isobel Kiernan Sheryl Newman Diane Dawson Sandra Benn Jane Rennie Allison Harrison Lyndsey Phillips Melanie Blane Marie Smith Sheila Hogan Louise Medve Khlayre Cairney Alison Powrie Sheena Walker Valerie Duguid Olivia Robertson Claire Fallon	Jacquie Steele Annette Lobo Heather Borderie Laura Bruce Gail Smith Sue Mitchell Val Russell Sarah Plant Mhairi Towler Daniela Grendene Eleanor Yearwood Alison Tait Sheila Hamilton Karen Hamilton Susan Lightbody Liz Cooper Julie Hall

1. Formalities

Welcome by WM who was pleased to advise that some of the ASB Award Winners were present, along with Representatives from our Affiliate Groups. WM also thanked the showcase sponsors.

WM introduced the Committee and noted apologies from Committee members Eleanor Yearwood and Liz Cooper.

- **Apologies** - as above.
- **Previous Minutes** - No matters arising. OR approved, AH Seconded.

2. President's Report

WM reported that it had been a busy year, with several events, and new formats for events tried out.

A new website hosted by Tayfusion was launched earlier this year. This will showcase event, members profiles, allow for direct event bookings and award applications. It is hoped will lead to more engagement between members.

In April, a Members Survey was carried out, to which there was a positive response, and thoughts and ideas were being taken into account.

There has been a busy calendar of events during the year, including the Women of Inspiration Awards, Wellbeing Day, and Conferences in Elgin and Stirling.

The Business Awards were launched at the Conferences and culminated in a Dinner in September, which had 230 attendees and received very positive feedback.

Lunchtime Learning Webinars were trialled this year although there was a low up-take so these will not be taken forward at present.

We are looking at other ideas for member engagement, and any thoughts on this should be passed to LM.

WM also reported on other events in which she had been involved and had attended as president.

Membership Update – There are currently 400 Affiliate Members, 330 Direct Members and 12 Honorary Members. There are nine Affiliate Groups, including BAWE and Edinburgh Business Women who recently re-joined. It is hoped that SWIB will also re-join.

Supporters

Sponsorship received from Investec for Business Awards

RBS sponsorship supported the Conferences

Virgin Money supported the Women of Inspiration Awards
Badenoch & Clark allowed use of their offices for Business Award interviews and were sponsors at the Awards.
Peoplefinders sponsored the Drinks Reception at the Business Awards.
Business Gateway are long term collaborators.

The support of these businesses is crucial and we are grateful for it.

WM also thanked the Committee, who are all volunteers, for their support. They have been very proactive, and a great support to her.

3. Treasurers Report

VC read through the Income & Expenditure Accounts. She thanked the Thomson Cooper for checking the annual Accounts free of charge.
On being asked if there were any queries about the accounts, CT asked about the payment for Zoom. VC explaining this was the video conferencing site used for the Webinars. No other questions.
LB proposed that the Accounts be accepted, SN seconded.

4. Resignations & New Appointments

WM advised that VC was stepping down as Treasurer. She has been a rock and kept everyone right for around seven years, and will be missed. WM presented VC with a gift and a Certificate for Lifetime Honorary Membership as a show of appreciation.
AH was also stepping down from the Committee after around eight years, and WM also presented her with a gift and a Certificate for Lifetime Honorary Membership as a show of appreciation.
EY is also stepping down, although could not be present at the AGM.
WM advised that there were two proposals for new Committee Members, being SW and LM, who had previously been co-opted onto the Committee.
WM asked for a vote of approval. Approved by a show of hands.
LC is the proposed new Treasurer. WM asked for a vote of approval. Approved by a show of hands.

5. AOB

None.

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