

**Orkney Archaeology Society
Annual General Meeting 2017
22 May 2017**

Present

37 Members

Apologies received

George Vickers

Chairs address

Martin Carruthers welcomed all present to the meeting and emphasised the importance of the work of the Society to archaeology in Orkney. He introduced a short presentation that took the meeting through some of the highlights of the year and also previewed some of the events coming in 2017/18.

All Committee members were thanks for their work over the last 12 months, and particular thanks were given to those who had stood down in the year or who were standing down at the AGM. It was also noted that a number of new Committee members had been co-opted during the year and their hard work and enthusiasm was welcomed.

Financial Report

Elizabeth Corsie introduced the financial report and copies were circulated to all present. It was noted that the accounts had been sent for external scrutiny by VAO. After some questions the accounts were accepted.

It was noted that fundraising continues to been a top priority for OAS if we are to carry on supporting archaeology across Orkney as we do at the moment, with grants in excess of £8,000 paid out. The majority of OAS fundraising is through the Ness shop (which also raises funds for the Ness of Brodgar), membership subscriptions, raffles and donations at meetings / events. Over the last 12 months this has been substantial but requires a huge amount of hard work, especially from the small team of shop volunteers. All and any means of fundraising needs to be considered. OAS had been at the Blue Door in April 2017 and raised over £3,000 but this took a huge amount of work.

Agreed that VAO should be approached to provide external scrutiny of the 2017/18 accounts.

Membership Report

George Vickers had sent his apologies to this meeting but had submitted a written report which was circulated and noted. There were no questions and the report was approved.

Election of Committee Officers and Members (15 maximum)

The following were nominated. All were elected unopposed

Chair	Martin Carruthers
Vice Chair	No nominee – position vacant
Secretary	Hayley Green
Treasurer	Elizabeth Corsie
Membership Secretary	George Vickers
Student Rep	No nominee – position vacant
Members	Christine Northage Mark Newton Anne Lea Jan Blatchford David Drever Joe Horrocks PeterShakleton

It was noted that this totals 11 members in total. This leaves 4 vacancies. If anyone is interested in becoming a Committee / Board member then they should contact Martin Carruthers or Hayley Green

Resolutions

No resolutions have been submitted for consideration at this meeting

Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 19.55

Martin Carruthers
Chair

Hayley Green
Secretary