

**Orkney Archaeology Society
Annual General Meeting – via Zoom
26 May 2021**

Present

67 people in attendance

Apologies

Apologies have been received from David Cowling, Bob Smith and Chris Gee. These were noted.

Announcements

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and it was noted that whilst it had only been 7 months since our last AGM, the Board had decided that it was time to get back into our usual cycle of holding our AGM before the end of May.

Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2020 were reviewed and agreed with no amendments.

Update from the Chair

David began by commenting that this was his first AGM as Chair, having taken over in the role from Martin Carruthers in October 2020. David thanked Martin for all his very hard work and leaving the Board in very good shape. David noted the newness of the Board, with a number of new Board members who joined 7 months ago and who have settled very well into their new role.

Since our last AGM we have had a number of public talks via Zoom, and these have been exceptionally well attended, with attendees from all over the World. Also worth noting that by holding meeting virtually, including the AGM, then we are able to welcome members to attend who would not be able to attend if that was a public meeting being held in Orkney. Given this, the Board will be considering how meetings such as the AGM will be held once we are able to meet in real life.

David concluded by thanking the Board, the members and all volunteers for their hard work and their continued support for archaeology in Orkney.

Update from the Secretary

Hayley presented the written report which will be sent to OSCR, as the Trustees Annual Report. Changes in the Board over the last 12 months were noted.

Treasurer's report and Adoption of the Accounts

The accounts were available in the meeting and agreed without comment. Noted that all expenditure has been as OAS SCIO, not OAS.

Review of membership and subscriptions

The Membership report was presented by Anna Gudge, and agreed by the AGM.

Election of Trustees to the Board of the Society

The current Board members stood down as per the constitution. The following were then agreed as Board Trustees; Hayley Green, George Vickers, Anna Gudge, Mark Newton,

David Drever, Colin Richards, Kath Page, Julie Cassidy, Moira Parker, Ragnhild Ljosland, Kaila Shepherd, Collen Batey, Kevin Kerr, Julie Ritch, James Moir. This leaves 0 vacancies, however it as agreed that if there is anyone who is interested in joining the Board they may be co-opted without voting rights.

Resolutions

None notified

Any Other AGM Business

It was agreed that David Campbell (VAO) should continue as auditor of the accounts.

Meeting closed at 19.45,

The AGM was then followed by a talk from Dr Antonia Thomas on the St Magnus Graffiti project, and an excellent discussion followed. This talk and discussion was recorded and is available on the OAS You Tube Channel,

The evening finished with thanks to Antonia for her continued excellent work on this joint OAS / HLF / St Magnus Cathedral Project, and thanks to everyone who had attended this virtual AGM, and made it such a good evening.
