



LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY

Honorary President The Marquess of Linlithgow
Honorary Vice-President The Earl of Mar and Kellie

Minute of the 38th Annual General Meeting of Linlithgow Union Canal Society held in the Canal Basin Tea Room on 7th December 2017 @ 7:30pm

Present

A list of all members present is shown on Appendix "A" (available on request)

Item No.	Item	Action
1	Introduction & Apologies The Chairman (Allan Melling) opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. A list of all apologies received from members was read out by the Secretary, and is shown on Appendix "B" (available on request) It was noted that the Annual Report had been distributed to all members and the reports from Convenors are included in the Report.	
2	Adoption of Previous Minute The Chairman asked if there were any corrections required to the minute. As there were none approval of the minutes were requested. Adoption of the minute was proposed by Stuart Rennie (SHR) and seconded by Stewart Liddle (SL) Norman Foulner undertook to send the approved minute to the web master for uploading to the member's web site.	NF
3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minute	
3.1	New gas supply for the Mel Gray Centre SGN (Scottish Gas Network) visited us and subsequently gave a costing of over £4600, mainly because a whole new supply pipe from Manse road to the yard would be required This cost was felt prohibitive and the proposal was withdrawn.	
3.2	Improvements to the basin Wi-Fi system This has been on hold as we cannot yet get a 'fibre' broadband line. Once this is in place we can progress to extend the Wi-Fi to the MGC and improve the Wi-Fi in general.	

4.0 Report of the Committee of Management for the year to 30th September 2017.

The Chairman noted that the Report is given on pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 of the Annual Report which had been previously circulated.

5.0 Treasurers Report ~ (Year ending 30th Sept 2017)

The Chairman asked the Treasurer to present accounts for the year to 30 September 2017.

The Treasurer issued the Balance Sheet for 1/10/16 to 30/09/17 and gave a summary as follows:-

	2017	2016
	Total Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Total Income	51,886	50,461
Total Expenditure	(154,566)	(43,774)
Net Movement	(102,780)	6,687
Funds Brought Forward	133,494	126,807
Total Funds Carried Forward	30,714	133,494

6.0 Independent Examiner Report

Philip Bald Accountancy
3B Ormiston Terrace
Edinburgh
EH12 7SJ

DS reported that nothing significant was reported by the Independent Examiners following examination of our records. The independent Examiner's report however not an audit, and should be read in that light.

The report is prepared in accordance with relevant financial reporting standards, and done on an accrual basis, and thus shows slight variations from our monthly accounting procedures.

- 6.1 The Treasurer proposed that the Independent Examiner be appointed for a further 12 months. This was approved by the meeting. **DS**

7.0 Appointment of Solicitors

Messrs Pagan Osborne
55 – 56 Queen Street
Edinburgh
EH2 3PA

- Treasurer proposed that the same Solicitors be asked to continue for a further 12 months. This proposal was approved by the meeting. **DS**

8.0 Appointment of Officers and Members of the Committee of Management

(For convenience, the Proposers and Seconders of all candidates are tabulated below)

The Chairman sought nominations for the Committee Officers from the floor. As there were none the Nominations for Committee Officers already received were duly elected as given below.

Chairman:	Allan Melling
Vice chairman:	Vacant
Treasurer and Company Secretary:	David Shirres
Minute Secretary:	Vacant

The Chairman sought nominations for the ordinary members of Committee from the floor. As there were none the Nominations for ordinary members already received were duly elected as given below. Unfortunately, the minute does not record some proposers and seconders, but all were accepted by the meeting.

The Committee for 2017 / 2018 is as follows:

Office	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Allan Melling	Stuart Rennie	E A S Liddle
Vice-chairman	Vacant		
Treasurer	David Shirres	Allan Melling	
Secretary	Vacant		

Ordinary Committee Members

Gordon Hewit	E A S Liddle	
Iris Melling	Gordon Hewit	Chris Hunt
Stuart Rennie	E A S Liddle	Mike Smith
Graeme Scott	David Shirres	
Lynne Nelson		David Shirres
Ronnie Reis	David Shirres	

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the new members of the committee.

9.0 The Chairman gave a brief outline of the main tasks for the coming year

St Michael Boat Safety Certificate to be obtained.
Completion of construction and rectification of defects.
Increased number of drivers.
Driver training

St Magdalene Intended to continue at least until St Michael is in use.
MGC Replacement boiler
Volunteers Drive to recruit.
Pre-payment Final consideration of the several outstanding issues.

10.0 Subscriptions for 2018

It was proposed by the Chairman that there should be no increase to Subscriptions for the coming year. Seconded by Stewart Liddle

11.0 Motions notified prior to the AGM

There were no motions notified prior to the AGM

12.0 Close of Meeting

The Chairman thanked the members for a good turnout and for their active participation.

He also confirmed that he expected the coming Season to be as successful as the previous one