



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MORRISONIAN CLUB
SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE, 2019
DALLERIE SPORTS FIELD**

1. President's Welcome & Opening Remarks

Present: Gareth Warren, David Johnston, Jim McGregor, Colin Dolby, Miranda Powell, Caroline Dingwall, Landel Johnston, David Glen, Fiona Walthall, Edward Coffey, Jane White, Karen Elwis, Angela McCluskey, Hilary Bennett, Allan Downie, John Stewart, Alasdair Boyd, Morven White, Iain Barr, Mike Sheppard, Ken Scott, Russell Hall, Robert Bone, Michelle McGregor, Ann Ross, Margaret MacArthur, David McCall, Judith Bell

The President, Jim McGregor, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Unfortunately, the following members had died this year, Charlie Thomson (Depute Rector), Nigel Pennie (Head of PE), John Reid (Teacher and House Master of Avondale) and James McEwen, Professor of Orthodontics at Dundee University.

2. Apologies: See attached sheet

3. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by: Fiona Walthall

Seconded by: David Glen

5. Matters Arising

Jim reported that as the final total for the two hockey dugouts came to more than we expected, it was agreed that we would only pay for one of them, therefore, £3,500 was paid to the school.

6. Presentation of Honorary Membership

The following members of staff have been nominated to become Honorary Members of the Club:

Teresa Lafferty: Unfortunately Teresa was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. David Johnston praised Teresa highly for her work in the English Department, an excellent and popular teacher and her contribution to the life of the school. Since her arrival in 2007 she has been involved in school productions, the Debating Society and as Pastoral Head of Year. He wished Teresa and her family well.

Hilary Bennett: Hilary joined the school in 2002 from a background in marketing and events. Landel Johnston talked about Hilary's friendly personality and style. She became Marketing and Development Officer in 2006. She has been involved in the

Morrison's Academy Foundation and has been a wonderful fund raiser as well supporting the Club in its events, gatherings and reunions. She is known for her unflappable style and diplomacy. We wish her well on her relocation to Edinburgh.

Jane White: Eddie Coffey told us of Jane's background before coming into teaching which involved her being the inventor of cheese strings and the Dulux dog advert for paint. She then trained as a teacher of French and German and came to Crieff twenty years ago. She has contributed to many aspects of school life such as exchange trips, the Eco Club, Rights and Respecting Group, the S6 programme and tutor, the Marketing Committee, the school website, school co-ordinator for innovation, badminton and Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. He wished her well in her new venture.

Angela McCluskey: In Alistair Jack's absence, David Johnston spoke about Angela who joined the staff of the Languages Department in 1988. She speaks French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin and brought the teaching of Spanish to the school's curriculum. She has been involved in German exchange trips, marked Higher French exam papers for the SQA, joined the Pastoral Care team in 2003 and in 2010 was appointed Assistant Rector. She has been involved in the Chess Club and the Pipe Band. She is a very caring, professional and resourceful person and David said it had been a great pleasure to work with her.

7. Presentation of Accounts

Colin gave a resumé of the accounts, a copy of which is attached. They have been reviewed by Morag Speak, Finance Manager.

David Glen said there was a lot of money in the account and offered to give the Club suggestions as to how it could be spent. As we have no plans at the moment, David will provide a list of ideas.

8. Adoption of Annual Accounts

Proposed: Landel Johnston

Seconded: Ann Ross

9. Appointment of Financial Independent Examiner

Morag is happy to continue to be the independent financial adviser next year.

10. Rector's Report

Gareth reported that the closure of Beaconsfield meant that we gained 78 pupils from them. He thanked staff for their work in integrating the new pupils into the school. The exam results were good with an average of 94% though the Advanced Higher results were disappointing.

STEM subjects have been introduced to the junior school with the recruitment of a science and technical teacher which saw the younger pupils engaging with these subjects.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is thriving as is the CCF with over one hundred pupils.

There have been trips to Naples, Germany, France and the Pipe Band to Malaysia. Pupils attend the STEM festival at the Strathearn Campus. The Summer Ball raised over £10,000. In November, the whole school held a Remembrance service which involved pupils bringing photographs of relatives lost in wars with a display in Memorial Hall.

The productions this year were “Our House” and “Alice in Wonderland.”
The Cafe recently opened with reused, recycled science equipment on display. This has been very popular with the pupils.
He praised the staff and said losing Angela, Teresa, Jane and Hilary was difficult as they are hard to replace.
He said that the current climate was to “bash” independent schools which creates an economic impact along with increases in pay and pensions for teachers but the school is in a good position and the Club was a vital part of the school.

11. Election of Office Bearers

President: Jim McGregor (1962)

Proposed by: Landel Johnston

Seconded by: David Glen

Vice-President: Miranda Powell (1993)

Proposed by: Landel Johnston

Seconded by: David Glen

Treasurer: Colin Dolby (2005)

Proposed by: Landel Johnston

Seconded by: David Glen

Secretary: Judith Bell (1969)

Proposed by: Landel Johnston

Seconded by: David Glen

Jim reported that Karen Elwis is stepping down as the Female Representative of the Board of Governors after five years though she will be staying on the Committee.
Landel is retiring as Chairman of the Board of Governors after serving for twelve years and David Glen will be taking over as the new Chairman. He thanked both Karen and Landel for their input over the years.

12. Ratification of Club Female Governor Appointment

Jim notified the meeting that after interviews and with the agreement of the Board, Sally Brooks (1975-83) has been appointed as the new Female Representative. She has a degree in Accountancy from Glasgow University and has been working in the transport and aerospace industry in the UK and USA.

Proposed by: Fiona Walthall

Seconded by: Landel Johnston

13. Any Other Competent Business

Fiona Walthall said it was interesting to hear of developments the Club had contributed to within the school but wondered if it was possible to get photographs of these displayed at the AGM so members could see what had been achieved during the year. Michelle McGregor said that this could also be done in the form of a newsletter.

14. Closing Remarks

Jim told the meeting that the Club donates the Dux Medal each year and this year it will be presented by Jamie Crawford who is a former Dux Medallist and has recently been seen on TV in a programme called Scotland from the Air which he produces, directs and presents.

He then spoke on how we can take the Club forward. He said that decadal reunions had fallen by the wayside and, due to the advancement of social media, former pupils were organising their own class reunions which have been successful. This year the class of 1989 and 1994 are holding reunions. There is a group of twelve FPs from

Glasgow who meet once a month. Gatherings are held in Glasgow and Edinburgh and Caroline and he had been to Aberdeen but this was not well attended. Any ideas? At 1.45, at the opening of Sports Day, pupils who play in A and B bands and the Development Band of the pipe band will be playing. At present, one pupil in seven is playing or learning the bagpipes or drums. He mentioned that the Archive Group had moved from the Old School Building to a room on the ground floor of the John Smith building and he recommended that people go to look at it.

He thanked members for attending the meeting.

Landel thanked the Committee and the school and, in particular, the support given by Caroline Dingwall. If you are interested in joining the Committee please see Jim.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

The Morrisonian Club

Treasurers Report

Year Ended 31 March 2019

The club finished the year with a £461 surplus and with £6,457 in the bank.

Annual income came from the lifetime membership of pupils, which was £3,534. There was only one income generating event held within the year being the Sports Day Ball.

The expenditure of £5,606 during the year was made up of the following:

- A donation of £3,500 to the school to fund a hockey Dugout at the new astro pitch at Dallerie.
- Costs of £2,035 were spent on the Sports Day Ball including the venue and catering.

In terms of the administration of the club's finances, online banking is now in place to facilitate the ease of payments and access to timely statements.

Due to the changes in personnel of the committee, the bank signatories have being changed to; Jim (President), Miranda (Vice President) and myself (Treasurer).

The clubs address has also being changed from the previous Treasurers personal address to the school, to minimize issues with future position changes.

Colin Dolby
Treasurer

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APOLOGIES

Henry Vick

Valerie Bruce

Ruth Jermy

Catriona Welch

Derrick Doherty

James Fairbairn

Andy Croy

Richard Vick

Gavin Strang

Ken Beaton

Jim Menzies

Ruth Mochrie

Gordon Martin

John Fotheringham

Scotty Watson

Jim Gray

Bill Gibson

David Gaskell

Michael McNie

Bayne Shaw

Grace Payne

Alisdair Murray

Iain Glen

Alistair Mitchell

Brian McLean