



CLAN GUNN SOCIETY

60th Annual General Meeting

Thursday 4th February 2021

Minutes

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Gunn Society took place virtually on zoom and those present were:

Iain Gunn of Gunn, Bunty Madam Gunn of Gunn, John Gunn, Younger of Gunn, Ed Aksamit, Sarah Gunn, Alan Robson, Adrian Robinson, Ed Robinson, Richard Griffiths, Rob Kamp Gunn, Ilona Kamp Gunn, Rich Gunn, Linda Gunn, Lin Robinson, Hugh Wilson, Andrew Gunn, Eleanor Rogers, Peter Wilson, Helen Kinsman

1. Apologies for Absence

Charlotte Gunn, Merran Gunn, Jamie Robb, Robert Gunn, Margaret Gunn,.

2. Minutes of the 59th Meeting: November 2019

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved by Sarah Gunn and seconded by Ed Aksamit.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3.2 Extension of lease for the Heritage Centre building from the Highlands and Islands Council.

The Highlands and Islands Council have agreed a 25 year extension to the Lease, this has been recorded with the necessary authorities.

4. Appointment of Officers to the Council of Clan Gunn Society UK

The following Members have been appointed officers to the Council :

Sarah Gunn – Secretary

Ed Robinson – Membership Secretary

Adrian Robinson – Editor of the Herald

The following appointments were approved by the Members at the AGM

5. New Council Members:

The following members of the clan Gunn society UK have been appointed to the council:

Charlotte Gunn

Eleanor Rogers

These were approved at the AGM.

6. President's Report

This is attached. See Addendum 1 to these Minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report & Annual Accounts

The Income and Expenditure report for the period 1st June 2020 to 31 January 2021 was circulated for examination. This covers a 7-month time span.

As a result of the restrictions on movement during 2020 the accounts for the year to 30 June 2020 are yet to be audited. It is hoped this will be addressed within the next few months.

In summary, Alan Robson reported that the Clan Gunn had an active and satisfactory year, operating reasonably and healthily, but this may change. He pointed out that by encouraging members, who currently pay £15/£16 annually to switch to digital membership and to allocate the surplus to donations to the Heritage Trust, may have negative affects on the Society's funding and its ability to pay for some of its activities. This will be reviewed over the coming months once the January/February standing orders are recorded.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Constitution amended and approved:

The constitution has been amended and formally agreed:

- Council Members terms of office have been increased from 3 – 4 years to reflect the change in timings of the International Gatherings.
- Other small areas have been modernized to ensure the constitution is fit for purpose and current.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

This is intended to take place during the summer of 2021, to ensure timings of the AGM reflect the financial year end (June).

Sarah Gunn
Secretary

President's Message

May I extend my welcome to you all for the 60th AGM of the Clan Gunn Association. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to you all and may we be able to be together again very soon. I would also like to thank the council members for their dedication, energy, and support over the past year. Let us continue to help and support one another as we all navigate through this most difficult time of lockdowns and Covid restrictions.

I hope, as Clan Gunn and our extended family across the world, that this pandemic will shortly be ended, and we can celebrate our 'gatherings' once again. I think now with the present regimes of inoculations comprising of a number of vaccine types, we can see that there is light at the end of the tunnel and much hope for the future. Since the last AGM, all Clan Gunn events have been cancelled as agreed at our Council meetings due to the present pandemic restrictions. It is likely that no events will take place until next year 2022. However, if the vaccination roll-out culminates in the lifting of travel limitations and 'lockdown' then maybe just maybe we may see a Clan Gunn 'Generations' event taking place in November of this year 2021.

The only Clan event in 2020 was the 'Burns' night celebration (we just made that in time) which was an enjoyable Clan event and part of my retirement celebrations. My thanks to all. I can report that the 'International Gathering' for next year 2022 is in the early stages of planning.

The Clan administration and event planning goes on and we have been carrying out virtual meetings via the 'Zoom' platform including a first for this AGM. It is proving to be a particularly useful medium and it keeps us all engaged. However, I think there is nothing like meeting 'face to face' and I am looking forward to the time when we can all meet up once again.

The Clan membership is steadily increasing with a split of around 60 / 40 for postal and electronic membership. I think the initiative to encourage the move to electronic membership is working well and we will be transferring to electronic membership for all new applications.

The refurbishment of the Heritage Centre is ongoing. It was decided necessary to replace another two windows that were in danger of collapse and with the rest of the outstanding work waiting for grants.

I can report that the 'Archiving' project has undergone application testing including remote 'archive' searches and we are pleased with the results. We are now in a position to procure from a 'service provider (Restore Digital)' remote access to the Clan Gunn Archives and more details will follow via the Website.

My thanks to all who have been involved in these initiatives and events. Your continued support is much appreciated.

It is hard to believe, but I have now been retired for one year and it has taken me that time to settle myself into the new way of working.

My very best wishes to all Clan Gunn members - Ed Aksamit President Clan Gunn.