

**MINUTES of the 18th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Battle of Prestonpans [1745] Heritage Trust held at the Prestoungrange Gothenburg with complementary ZOOM access on November 14th 2024 a quorum being present throughout**

**Present:** Gordon Prestoungrange [in the Chair]

Sylvia Burgess-Porter [z]

Sharon Dabell [z]

Arran Johnston

David Ogilvy

John Unwin [z]

Avril Wills

1. **18th Trustees’ Annual Report and Annual Statutory Accounts for**

**12 months to October 31st 2024**

**Received:** 1.1 The Trustees’ Reportand the Statutory Accountsshowing total income of £134,244 [2023 £77,567] and a surplus on the year of £4,676 [2023 £11,173].

* 1. The Balance Sheet shows Restricted Funds at £63,073 [2023

£53,733] including £2,500 [2023 £2,500] in respect of Members’ Guarantees; and Hypothecated Accumulated Funds of £21,457 [2023 £26,121], there being no Unrestricted Funds presently to hand.

**Noted:** 1.1 The increased income for the year is significantly accounted

for by the capital works undertaken at the Town Hall and the conduct

of the Triennial Battle Re-enactment in partnership with Scottish

Battlefields Trust.

**Approved:** 1.1 The Trustees’ Report and Accounts subject to any necessary

non-substantive adjustments the Reporting Accountant might require.

* 1. That the Secretary have them available for any member of the

public exercising their statutory rights to a copy at £25 per set and to make them available password protected at the website as encouraged by OSCR.

**Thanked:** 1.1 Management Accountant Tony Gillingham, Secretary

Sylvia Burgess-Porter, all donors and all administrative staffs for their

work across the year, and the Reporting Accountant, Dr Richard

Dobbins.

1. **Re-election of Reporting Accountant**

**Agreed:** 2.1 To reappoint Dr Richard Dobbins & Co as Reporting

Accountant to the Trust for 2024/ 2025.

1. **Resignation & Re-election of Trustees**

**Confirmed:** 3.1 That Dr Julian Wills and Dr Mathew Wills retired by rotation this year and, being willing to stand for re-election, were so re-elected.

1. **Budget Proposals for 2025**

**Reported:** 4.1 That all existing funds available to Trust to pursue its Objects will have been exhausted by end 2025 which gives great significance to the continued annual support of ELC One Community Fund, HMRC Museum Exhibition Tax Credits, the growing activities from Prestonpans Town Hall resourced by volunteers and operational support applications to Grant giving organisations.

1. **Election of Chairman, Vice Chairmen & Officers for 2024/2025**

**Agreed:** 5.1 That Gordon Prestoungrange continue as Chairman with David Ogilvy as Vice Chair.

5.2 That Arran Johnston continue in the role of Executive Trustee

and Consultant Curator of the Battle & Jacobite Heritage Museum.

5.3 That Mathew Wills, Baron of Prestoungrange, continues to act as Treasurer.

5.4 That Sylvia Burgess-Porter continue in her role as Trust Secretary.

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**There being no further business the AGM was adjourned *sine die***