

The Chairman welcomed members to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year for 2013. Among his brief remarks he noted that almost all of the press articles had been published in the local press giving the club a good community profile. Mike J's work running our web site was appreciated by all.



Apologies for absence were noted and the Minutes of last years AGM were approved.

Vice chairman, Mike J gave a report on the activities of the club over the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012, briefly reviewing the variety of the meetings and the enjoyment and fun of participating in them. Nic was thanked for his voluntary tea-making.

Mike F as secretary gave a short account of the committee meetings held during the year, noting that much of the business of the committee had been done by email. The main work of the committee was the finalising the programme of meetings.

The Chairman, acting as Treasurer, presented the audited financial report, noting a modest increase in funds. As financial resources were satisfactory, he recommended no increase in either the annual subscription (£5) or the meeting fees (£2 for members, £3 for visitors). The situation would be kept under review, but if present attendances increased a little there would be no danger of any increases arising in the near future.

The difficulty in obtaining better interest rates on deposited money was noted.

He noted that some of the club's equipment was obsolete or nearly so and the committee wished to dispose of some. After some discussion it was resolved that the committee would consider some further suggestions.

All reports were adopted unanimously and the meeting proceeded with the formation of the committee for the ensuing year.

Howard pointed out that he had now been Chairman for twelve of the last fourteen years as well as carrying out other club duties at the same time. He was therefore pleased to announce that he had nominated Mike J as chairman and seconded by Mike F, the new chairman was unanimously approved and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The following were then elected:

Mike F. as Vice Chairman (doubling up as Secretary.)

Howard D as Treasurer,

Rhona, Kevin S and Nic as committee members.

A vote of thanks to Howard was approved for all his work for the club over the years.

The secretary requested that each member submit an email to him with their current address and contact number to update the club records. He also confirmed that once the committee had set the programme, a copy would be provided for members as well as being put on the web site.

Members were encouraged to identify topics to be included in the programme and suggestions were noted for early consideration.