# Mapa Scotland

**Minutes of 5th Annual General Meeting**

## Sunday 19th April 2015, Barony Castle Hotel, Eddleston

*Present:*

**1. Welcome, introductions, apologies for absence, minutes of last meeting (Roger Kelly)**

**Apologies for absence:** Krystyna Szumekolowa, Jim Barton, Nick Macdonald, Nigel Rose, David Cameron, Mr and Mrs Thin, John Yellowlees, Heather Tidy, Scottish Polish Cultural Association, Tweeddale U3A. **Attendance : See** attached list. Member attendance was quorate.

**AGM minutes** 2014 These were approved without change. Proposed: Kirsty Loudon, Seconded: Dave Peck.

1. **Chairman’s report - Nick Macdonald’s report** attached as circulated.

1. **Accounts for 2014-15.** Treasurer Gordon Cameron presented the accounts as attached. .This was the first full year of major expenditure after receiving grant provider approvals towards the end of last financial year. It was explained that expenditure was below income during the year due to the winter period holding re-start of restoration to avoid frost damae to concrete. This would be corrected during the spring to autumn work campaign which was now in progress. Team been waiting for weather to improve. Last year did not spend much. This year spending has been double - big items have been bought like rotator and the safety fence and the path. The account budgets have to be adjusted for each grant restriction.
   * Further funding includes £10,000 heritage lottery funding
   * Mercure Barony Castle matched funding but that has fewer restrictions.
   * Proposed Approved Barbara Conboy
2. **Progress Report**

**A copy of the detailed progress report is attached. Keith Burns summarised the main points:**

* 1. **Site work -** only about half of all the work that has been undertaken is visible on the actual MAPA site as 50% of the work has been preparing water transportation to the map (repaired 150m underground water supply pipe); site preparation through removing rubble (over 100 tonnes). Installation of the sub-sea water pipes on the map to feed the glens with water for the lochs. There had to be a SEPA license to borrow water before putting it back into the burn. About 11,000kg of concrete has been poured to restabilise the badly damaged foundations of the map before reconstruction begins on the mountains and landscape. A new surrounding path and slopedaccess ramp built to enable disabled access a round the map. Spring bulbs have been planted on the banks around the map.
  2. **Future work** includes 1) a lot more concrete pouring 2) sealing of the sea bed need contractors and 3) building a dam – need contractors 4) viewing platform.
  3. **Media and Education –** there has been a second round of leaflets, Wikipedia site update, MAPA Scotland website and through Facebook. Latterly in 2 weeks 10,000 viewings when new aerial footage was posted in u-tube video.
  4. **Visitors to MAPA Scotland** – there has been an increasing number of visitors, this is expected to rise with the BB1 programme “Secret Britain” being screened on Tuesday 21st April 9pm.

1. **Membership Nigel Rose** 44 individual, ? family, group members include the Scottish Polish Society and the Tweeddale University Third Age. There have been 16 personal donations totalling?
2. **Election of office bearers – There were no proposals for new office bearers. All existing office bearers were happy to continue and were re-elected without dissent. These are:**

**Ncik Macdonald (Chair), xxx (Vice-chair), Gordon Cameron (Treasurer), Keith Burns (secretary and Project Manager), Nigel Rose (Membership Secretary),**

1. **Close of formal meeting 14.44**
2. **Any other business –** 
   1. Poland/Scotland Link with Eddleston primary school – EU money for this. Parent teacher association very keen. Village had not been keen as nobody able to be contact person and organise this.
   2. Geography department Krakow university should be contacted to link up with MAPA scotland
   3. Mazcek suggestion link up with Polish armed services
   4. Discussion on difficulty of getting younger polish people involved but all working hard though aware some involved as contract workers. Perhaps Polish businesses could be directly contacted to submit contract for work.
   5. A polish school with 10-15 young people is interested in coming over to help in July in the summer.
   6. AGM of Polish Cultural Society meeting Monday 20th April may be of interest to MAPA Scotland members.

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| **MAPA SCOTLAND** | **2014-15** | **ACCOUNT** | **SUMMARY** |  |
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|  | **credit** | **debit** | **total** | **£** |
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| **Balance at 31 Mar 2014** |  |  | **24787.66** |  |
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| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |
| Membership subscriptions | £480.00 |  |  |  |
| donations | £262.94 |  |  |  |
| interest | £5.97 |  |  |  |
| Scottish Borders Council | £6,939.35 |  |  |  |
| Barony Castle Hotel LLP | £5,598 |  |  |  |
| Polish Consulate | £3,000 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL INCOME** |  |  | **£16,286.26** | £41,073.92 |
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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |  |  |
| fence final stage payment - Ladywood |  | £1,371.60 |  |  |
| media (leaflets/website/info. panels) |  | £6,918.59 |  |  |
| pit wall - Gordon Wilson |  | £11,196.00 |  |  |
| path/groundworks - Glendinning |  | £9,806.88 |  |  |
| leak repair/piping - Glendinning |  | £955.70 |  |  |
| industrial vacuum cleaner |  | £1,847.10 |  |  |
| cement mixer |  | £646.91 |  |  |
| ramp/barrow/rotovator |  | £289.97 |  |  |
| insurance - P&K |  | £318.00 |  |  |
| ballast/cement/gravel |  | £720.58 |  |  |
| office/admin |  | £55.41 |  |  |
| workshop |  | £72.70 |  |  |
| seeds/bulbs |  | £257.94 |  |  |
| consumables/tools/fuel etc. |  | £765.93 |  |  |
| **TOTAL SPEND** |  |  | **£35,223.31** |  |
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| **CLOSING BANK** |  | **31-Mar-15** | **5850.61** |  |
| (treasurers a/c) |  |  | 350.61 |  |
| (matched fund a/c) |  |  | 5500 |  |
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