

**Mapa Scotland**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, 14.00 Barony Castle Hotel, Eddleston**

*Present:* Dave Peck (chairman, in absence of Nick Macdonald), Keith Burns, Gordon Cameron, Jim Barton, Lynn Barr, Graham Little, Krystyna Szumelukowa, Ainslie Thin, Eppie Thin, Terry Wiles, Nigel Rose, Barbara Conboy, Anne Hardie, Kirsty Loudon, Fiona Gomes, Tish Chalmers, Jim Chalmers, Majka Koslowska, Hamish Brown, Ina Cruik, Czeslaw Cruik

1. Apologies: Nick Macdonald, Roger Kelly, David Cameron, Ian and Anne Nimmo, Bob Johnson, Aileen and Andrew Orr, Judith and Robert Pollock, John Hutchinson.

2. Minutes of AGM 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Approved without change. Proposed: Nigel Rose, seconded: Majka Koslowska

3. Matters arising: none

4. Chairman's Report

This had already been circulated by Nick Macdonald and no comments were forthcoming.

5. Treasurer's Report (Gordon Cameron)

The accounts summary at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 showed a closing balance of £6217.36. The major expenditure (£15206.40) has been the new viewing platform. Income of £6746.93 from Gift Aid covered the last 4 years. Donations greater than £100 have been listed separately, smaller donations aggregated.

In response to a question, we had insufficient data to decide whether donations had increased after the viewing platform was installed, although we were confident that visitor numbers have increased.

Accounts, proposed: Barbara Conboy; approved: Hamish Brown,

6. Secretary and Project Manager's Report (Keith Burns)

KB referred to the Progress Report to 31<sup>st</sup> March which has already been circulated to Mapa members. In summary, all the major objectives in the planned restoration have been achieved: the pit wall, fencing, water supply and sea bed sealing, information panels, viewing platform, visitor leaflets, contacts with local schools and media publicity. Recently we hosted a very successful visit by the Polish Ambassador, Dr. Arkady Józef Rzegocki, and Mr. Dariusz Adler, the Polish Consul General in Edinburgh.

Graham Little noted the importance of agreeing a formal end date at which the restoration project will close and maintenance (along with further development) begins. It was agreed that that this will be given priority. As given in the report's summary, this phase will require a new business plan and new custodians.

In discussion of widening funding and participation in the project, Krystyna Szumelukowa suggested investigating the Polish Ex-Combatants Fund and contact with

John Campbell, who employs a number of Polish workers locally in his egg business. Majka Koslowska is organising a group of Polish children to visit the map and will liaise with KB.

Lyn Barr pointed out that the stocks of Mapa leaflets were low, and that we should consider updating them – we agreed that this was timely.

KB noted the lack of significant engagement by local community.

KB said that John Hutchinson, Mapa member and PhD student at the University of Glasgow, is to attend a geography conference in Warsaw and will present a paper on the Mapa Scotland project.

#### 7. Membership Secretary's Report (Nigel Rose)

Mapa Scotland currently has 48 Individual members, 24 Family members, 2 voluntary group members (Scottish Polish Cultural Association and Tweeddale U3A), 1 Honorary member, 1 Public Body member (Eddleston Community Council) and 1 Donor member.

Membership for the next year is due and Nigel Rose was available to collect subscriptions after the meeting.

#### 8. Election of Officers

The existing office bearers were willing to continue and were re-elected without dissent. They are: Nick Macdonald (Chairman), David Peck (Vice-Chairman), Gordon Cameron (Treasurer), Keith Burns (Secretary and Project Manager), Nigel Rose (Membership Secretary).

#### 9. Any Other Business

The lack of a direction sign at the hotel entrance had been noted, resulting in potential visitors going astray. Jim Chalmers suggested an informal sign by their fence at the lodge, and KB will investigate action by the hotel to display a sign.

14.45 Meeting closed