



**Minutes of AGM on 2nd December 2017
Held at the Wynd Centre, Paisley**

Item		
	Attendees	Fiona Campbell, Kay Thomson, Alison Mackinnon, Patricia McArthur, Allan Taylor, Geordie Murison, Joyce Murison, Shirley Foulkes, John Foulkes, Laurel Thomson, Susan Kirkwood, David Francis, Natalie Chalmers, Iona Fyfe, Liz Cuthbertson, Robert Watt.
1	Welcome	Convener Fiona Campbell opened the AGM and welcomed everyone.
2	Apologies	Siobhan Miller, Duncan MacInnes (SEALL), Mary Henderson, Gavin Waddell, Jim Taylor, Kate Taylor, Rhona Taylor, Joe Aitken, Pat Aitken, Ian Russell, Barbara Dickson, David Thomson, Dougie Mackenzie, Sheena Wellington, Shirley Watt, Alex Green and Madeline Miller.
3	Minutes of AGM on 3rd December 2016	Proposed by Natalie Chalmers Seconded by Shirley Foulkes
4	Convener's Report	<p>Fiona Campbell reported that 2016/17 was the biggest year in our history - the organisation began in 1966, although the formal setting up was in 1967. Due in part to a legacy from Ian "Jock" Hunter, we organised a concert "Back in Blairgowrie" to celebrate. Jock's brother Murray and his wife attended, as did a number of founding members and locals who have been involved in the early days.</p> <p>We held another "Wee Red Book" concert at Celtic Connections.</p> <p>Following funding hold-ups we are getting back on track with the TMSA Young Trad Tour.</p> <p>She thanked all funders for this and other project support.</p> <p>We continue to support the Citty Finlayson Scots Singer of the Year Award at the Scots Trad Music Awards.</p> <p>Thanks to support from VisitScotland, our Event Calendar for 2018 will be distributed to England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland. Their funding has also enabled us to work towards a musical map of Scotland, showing traditions geographically and thematically. We hope it will be a starting place for the inquisitive. She concluded by thanking all volunteers at Board and Branch level.</p>

5	Treasurer's Report	<p>Kay Thomson advised that when Gregor Clarke was appointed, he was an independent "one accountant" company, but following his death his company had been taken over by Bill Hay & Co, who then amalgamated with Thomson & Cooper. As they got bigger, the more prices increased. She reported that we had appointed a new Independent Examiner, following approaches to different firms. She presented a draft of the accounts as prepared by our new appointee John Paul (who trades as Acumen Business Services). There are a number of queries we have for him - eg we think Gift Aid has been included in the figure for Membership Fees in 2016, making it look as though we have had a drastic drop in membership in 2017.</p> <p>Allan Taylor asked how many members are now paying by Direct Debit, and Fiona Campbell advised, from memory, there were around 25.</p> <p>John Foulkes asked if the membership form is still available in a paper version and Fiona advised it was.</p> <p>Natalie Chalmers comment that the fee for the Independent Examiner is around half of the amount for last year - a considerable saving.</p> <p>Kay Thomson advised that she and Fiona are going to meet with John Paul in the New Year to discuss how reporting on the accounts will be done.</p>
6	Elections to the Board	<p>There are 3 General Directors' places available. Kay Thomson was nominated by Laurel Thomson and seconded by Fiona Campbell. There were no other nominations, and no objections therefore Kay was elected for another term.</p>
7	Independent Examiners	<p>It was agreed that we appoint John Paul for another year.</p>
8	Honorary Membership	<p>Alison Mackinnon nominated Arthur Johnstone, and there were no objections.</p>
9.	AOCB	<p>John Foulkes complimented Janet Weatherston on her compering of the Wee Red Book 2 concert at Celtic Connections in February.</p>