

**West Blasket Association
Annual General Meeting
November 24 2014**

Present: Richard Grant (Chair, RG), Evelynne Hill (Treasurer, EH), Mike Hunter (Hon Sec, MJH), Ian Carter, Alice Foster, Kate O'Brien, Carolyn Walker, Rosemary Wake, Iain and Fiona Maclaren, Bob and Val Lees, Roger Pountain, Jackie Grant, Tim Barnes, Nigel Cumming, Georgina Clayton, Helen Macdonald, Nathalie and Stuart Wallace, Ron Hill, Philip Bennett, Chris Theobald, Judy Alexander, Laura Bradley, William Walker, David Hope, Sandra Carter, Angus Cowie, Jane and John Griffiths, Hazel Fletcher (Blasket Association)

Apologies: Desmond Rubens, Maggie Stevenson, Charles Warlow

AGM Minutes 2013: approved *nem con*

Chairman's report: Richard Grant welcomed everyone. The events of the previous 12 months included a collapsed wall in Upper Gray Street, a successful February social, an exhibition of paintings by Bob Lees at Fountainhall Library, Summer walks organised by Carolyn Walker and Maggie Stevenson, and an autumn History Group meeting on WWI memorabilia. Rosemary Wake outlined plans for further History Group activities: a visit to Craiglockhart poets section; a survey of domestic architecture (KoB); a February meeting on graves and graveyards. The Association had objected, in detail though not in principle, to a planning application for Purpose Built Student Accommodation on Causewayside, even though it is strictly outside our area: a revised application is under consideration. Hazel Fletcher, Chair of the Blasket Association, discussed our shared aims and how we might co-operate in the future.

Treasurer's report: Evelynne Hill had tabled a full report for the year to 31/11/04, including a surplus to date of £55.78 and a balance of £770.21

Election of Office-bearers & Committee:

Evelynne Hill wished to stand down as Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary after 22 years. Nigel Cummings had agreed to take on the position of Treasurer but without attending committee meetings. Kate O'Brien and Alice Foster had agreed to share Membership Secretary responsibilities. Evelynne Hill is willing to continue as a member of the WBA committee and to act as mentor for her replacements. Richard Grant is willing to continue as Chair for a further year, but we should look for a replacement

Following formal business, Bob Lees provided a very entertaining talk on 'Painters in Arran', based on the idea that some famous painters may have visited the island, but illustrated by his own paintings 'in the style of' these artists

The meeting ended about 930pm.