

**THE OLD EDINBURGH CLUB**  
**The ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB**  
**held as an online meeting**  
**on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm.**

John N. Amoore  
Honorary Secretary

**Draft Minute**

1. Welcome

- By the Lord Provost (transcript notes in Appendix 1)  
The meeting was opened by the Right Honourable Frank Ross, the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh and Honorary Patron of The Old Edinburgh Club. He expressed his great pleasure in warmly welcome all to this, the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Because of the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic he noted that we cannot all be together but would hope that we can see each other soon. Despite this the Club's work continues.  
On behalf of the citizens of Edinburgh, he put on record his sincerest thanks and gratitude to you all, for the continuing hard work that you do for our ancient Capital. From establishment in 1908, members of The Old Edinburgh Club regularly undertake the enduring work of recording the vanishing evidence of Edinburgh's history, its buildings and its past inhabitants, from prehistoric times onwards – and now at the maturing age of 112 years, he expressed delight that you are still going strong. Operating for such a long time is truly amazing in itself, but to keep up the work of recording our proud built heritage is remarkable, and is testament to the enthusiasm, commitment and devotion of you all. It is of course vital that our built heritage is chronicled, and over the last year, the Club has maintained the lively meetings with leaders in their field, considering a range of related topics. Your additional efforts to produce the 2019 Edition of The Old Edinburgh Club book, to commission a Bibliography of Edinburgh, and to offer virtual or blended lectures for the 2020/2021 year, all represent a substantial contribution to our city.
- By the President of The OEC  
The President of The OEC thanked the Lord Provost for his warm welcome and looked forward to being able to meet again for the AGM in the City Chambers.

2. Apologies and Present (On-line)

2.1 Apologies for absence

Iain Roberts, Mr Steven Robb, Dr Norah Smith

2.2 Present: The Lord Provost and Honorary Patron, Frank Ross; the Right Honourable Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, Honorary President; The President and Members of Council (Rev W Peter Graham, President; Dr Edward Duvall, Vice-President; Mr Michael Harrison, Hon Treasurer; Mrs Pat Jones, Publicity and IT; Dr Diana Leat; Ms Alison Macdonald; Dr Neil MacGillivray; Professor Robert J Morris, Editor; Mr Jerry Ozaniec, Membership Secretary; Professor Richard G Rodger, Programme Secretary; Dr Wilson Smith, Editor Designate; Dr John Amoore, Hon Secretary); (14)

Alexander, Fiona; Andrew, Dr Patricia R; Baugh, Douglas; Bell, Andrew; Blake, Robyn; Boyd, Mr Andrew A; Briggs, Ms Lorraine; Brown, Dr Iain G; Buchan, Mr W M & Mrs Toni E; Bulman, Anne; Chalmers, Mr John & Mrs Gwyneth; Collins, Sheila; Cruickshank, Graeme; Cullen, Lord Douglas & Lady Rosamund; Dawe, Jenny; Dunn, Mrs Frances; Duvall, Mrs Marjorie; Farquharson, Harold Martin; Finlayson, Dr Niall & Mrs Dale RA; Fraser, Mrs Anne; Fraser, Joan; Johnson, Squire; Jones, Mr Peter; Gainey, Gina; Gibson, Myra; Gow, Mr Colin; Macdonald, Mr Nick G; McAleese, Dr John; McIlwrick, Maurice; McKean, Miss Christine; McKinney, Mr J Alan; McLennan, Mr James M & Mrs Marsha; Mann, Miss Rosemary; Milne, Professor Simon; Moodie, Alison Margaret; Parker, Ms Doreen; Paterson, Ms Leonie J; Roads, Mrs Elizabeth A, LVO, FSA, AIH; Rodger, Mrs Susan M; Richardson-Kirk, Andrew; Rule, Mr Graham; Storey, Miss Patricia J; Torrance,

Mr D Richard; Tough, Mr Ian W; Tully, Mr Ian A; Williams, Dr Jean Kay; Wilson, Maggie; (53)

3. Minute of the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
(printed on pages 141 & 142 of Volume 15 of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club)  
Approved as an accurate record

4. Intimation of items for inclusion under 11: Other Competent Business;  
Bibliography  
Dr Wilson Smith asked that the Bibliography be added to the Agenda; agreed

5. Annual Report

The President thanked the members of the Council for the contributions they make to the Council, grateful to Dr John Amooore for responding to his heartfelt plea for a volunteer to serve as Secretary. Jerry Ozaniec continues to look after our membership lists and our Programme Secretary Professor Richard Rodger is always well advanced with planning the programme of lectures. Each year he succeeds in giving us interesting and varied series of speakers. In the past year we have been taken back to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; we have heard about football, music and theatre, John Knox's House and Homes for Heroes, archaeology, and a University marking its tercentenary. Pat Jones displays an indefatigable energy in arranging for the printing of programmes and publicity, in promoting the Club in whatever ways she can, and in setting up the IT equipment for our speakers. Thanks also to our Vice-President, Dr Ted Duvall who brings to our discussions wisdom, good humour, and sound common sense. He highlighted the award of the Old Edinburgh Club Prize, the first recipient being Charlotte Bowers for her MSc History Dissertation on Blood donor recruitment, identity, and motivation in Edinburgh, 1930-1939. He spoke of the importance of the historical record provided by the Book of The Old Edinburgh Club, expressing gratitude to its Editor and to Graham Rule and his support for its dissemination.

In commending the Annual Report to the AGM, he expressed the importance of the Club's rigorous work investigating and reporting on Edinburgh's historical roots. The Annual Report is reproduced in Appendix 2 and the President's report in Appendix 3.

6. The Hon. Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary presented his report, outlining the activities of the Club during 2019-2020, including how the Club conducted its business. See Appendix 4.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer presented his report, supplementary to the more detailed accounts in the Annual Report. See Appendix 5. He reported that, during the past year, he had claimed Gift Aid payments for the past five years, boosting the Club's finances by £4500, leaving the Club's finances in a healthy position. The Club's financial transactions consist primarily of membership income (at the beginning of the financial year) and payment for publication of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club in the second half of the year.

8. Re-elect Stuart Lockhart as Independent Examiner  
Approved

9. Editor's Report

A joint report was presented by Professor Robert Morris and Dr Wilson Smith, Editor and Editor Designate respectively – see Appendix 6. Professor Morris paid tribute to the work of his predecessor Andrew Fraser who in 1991 had re-

established the Book in 1991, reporting that Andrew had sadly died this year. Professor Morris had, with the support of Council, established the Book as an annual publication. He stressed the importance of encouraging contributions, noting that its format and colour illustrations make it attractive to prospective authors. Subject matter covers the city, not only the Old Town, with scope extending to the 20<sup>th</sup> century and covering a wide range of subjects such as William Fortescue's article on Black Slaves in eighteenth century Edinburgh, and Esther Breitenbach on Edinburgh Suffragists and the franchise.

He thanked Graham Rule for managing the distribution of the Book to members. Dr Smith, in taking over the editorship from Professor Morris, expressed gratitude for his spell as understudy in the preparation and production of volume 15. He looked forward to future volumes and urged authors to keep submitting contributions.

10. Election of Office Bearers and Council:

Honorary President	Lord Cullen of Whitekirk
President:	Rev W Peter Graham
Vice Presidents:	Dr Edward Duvall
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr Mike Harrison
Hon. Secretary & Minutes	Dr John N. Amoore
Secretary:	
Editor	Dr Wilson Smith
Membership Secretary:	Mr Jerry Ozaniec
Programme Secretary:	Professor Richard Rodger
Publicity Officer:	Mrs Pat Jones

The Council office bearers listed above were willing to continue in office and their membership was approved.

The President reminded the AGM of Council members elected in previous years to serve on Council for three years (date of election in brackets): Dr Diana Leat (2019), Dr Neil MacGillivray (2019), Ms Alison Macdonald (2019) and Mr Steven Robb (2018). He paid tribute to the contributions of Ms Asma Khan, elected to Council in 2019, who had resigned from Council in August 2020.

He called for further nominations to Council, but none were forthcoming at the meeting.

10.1 Appointment of Hon Vice President

The President announced that in recognition of his work on the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club that Council had unanimously approved Professor Morris as Honorary Vice President and Life Member of the Old Edinburgh Club. Professor Morris was also given the title of 'Editor Emeritus'. Professor Morris thanked the President, assuring him that he welcomed the opportunity to continue serving the Club.

11. Bibliography

Dr Wilson Smith drew attention to the Bibliography that had been commissioned by the Club and the work done by Malcolm Noble in compiling this important contribution to the literature of Edinburgh.

It was now important to develop methods of making the Bibliography available to members and researchers. He expressed gratitude to those who were trialling the Bibliography to help make its knowledge base more widely known and accessible. He welcomed others who wished to be involved to contact him.

12. The President then declared the AGM closed, thanking those who had attended and looking forward to next year's AGM on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, hoping it would be able to take place in the Council Chambers

### **350 years of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)**

After the close of the formal business Professor Simon Milne, Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, gave an informative and entertaining illustrated talk on the Garden in this its 350<sup>th</sup> year, taking us through its development from its origins as a Physick Garden and to those who had contributed to its development. He showed the importance of the work of the RBGE across the world. The development of the Garden continues, and he outlined the £50 million development plan scheduled for beginning next year following substantial contributions from the Scottish Government.

## **Appendix 1: Welcome by the Lord Provost**

President, Ladies and Gentlemen, in my role as Lord Provost of this great city, and as Honorary Patron of The Old Edinburgh Club, it gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you all to this, the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Whilst we cannot all be together, your work continues, and I would hope that we can see each other soon.

Firstly, on behalf of the citizens of Edinburgh, I would like to put on record my sincerest thanks and gratitude to you all, for the continuing hard work that you do for our ancient Capital.

From establishment in 1908, members of The Old Edinburgh Club regularly undertake the enduring work of recording the vanishing evidence of Edinburgh's history, its buildings and its past inhabitants, from prehistoric times onwards – and now at the maturing age of 112 years, I am delighted that you are still going strong.

Operating for such a long time is truly amazing in itself, but to keep up the work of recording our proud built heritage is remarkable, and is testament to the enthusiasm, commitment and devotion of you all.

Edinburgh is ordinarily, a wonderful city to live, work, and visit, and with its outstanding natural and architectural heritage, and we are continually struck by the high-quality design and build of our vintage and contemporary buildings.

It is of course vital that our built heritage is chronicled, and over the last year, the Club has maintained the lively meetings with leaders in their field, considering a range of related topics, including:

- Edinburgh's claim to hosting the world's first football Club;
- the importance of preserving John Knox's House;
- housing for veterans of WWI;
- music and theatre in 18th century;
- how the University of Edinburgh celebrated its bicentenary in 1884; and
- exploring the archaeology of Scotland's Capital.

Your additional efforts to; (i) produce the 2019 Edition of The Old Edinburgh Club book, (ii) commission a Bibliography of Edinburgh, and (iii) plans to offer virtual or blended lectures for the 2020/2021 year, all represent a substantial contribution to our city.

Your continuing efforts have of course, occurred against the backcloth of a dynamic year for Edinburgh. From a city in receipt of many national and international accolades, embodying a colourful hive of social, cultural and economic growth, by necessity, to protect us all from COVID-19, around six months ago our leaders ordered that things should stop, and our Capital became characterised by virtually empty streets, empty hotels and buildings, empty schools and workplaces, and covered in a somewhat sombre grey palette.

Our most vulnerable across our communities, have been profoundly affected, with a combination of; (i) loved ones sadly passing, (ii) the strains of those living in isolation, (iii) employment and incomes being at risk, (iv) limited ability for schooling, (v) restrictions on our cultural heritage and traditions, and (vi) the negative affect of being separated from close family and friends and support networks.

Throughout lockdown, we have also seen a rainbow of communities coming together, more people giving their time for others, and above all, the profile of our NHS, our carers, our volunteers, and our enterprises becoming higher than ever.

Every single person giving their time, skills and commitment to help others, is a vital part of Edinburgh's response, and a symbol of how we'll move forward.

Now, as we begin to cautiously progress a phased re-opening of our lives and respecting the need for social distancing and safety, we are all entering a so-called 'new-normal', however we face an uncertain few weeks and months ahead.

City partners, including the City of Edinburgh Council are coalescing around robust Adaptation and Renewal Plans. City partners, public bodies, business and enterprises, third sector and communities are invited to get behind these plans to ensure a focussed and coordinated recovery across all of our key sectors and communities.

I know that the Old Edinburgh Club will want to contribute to the City's recovery, as best it can, helping to restore our built heritage and international reputation to its former status.

I wish our great city and the Old Edinburgh Club a safe, healthy and productive year ahead.

Thank you.

## Appendix 2: Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020 Scottish Charity Number SC006177

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### Trustees

The Old Edinburgh Club (Club) is managed by a Council of paid-up members of the Club, consisting of the following office-bearers (the President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Membership Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Editor and Publicity Officer) and up to nine Ordinary Members.

The members of Council are the trustees for the purposes of charity law. At the date of approval of this report they were:

President	Rev W Peter Graham
Vice President	Dr Edward Duvall
Treasurer	Mr Mike Harrison
Secretary & Minutes Secretary	Dr John N Amoore
Membership Secretary	Mr Jerry Ozaniec
Programme Secretary	Professor Richard G Rodger
Publicity Officer	Mrs Pat Jones
BOEC: Editor	Dr Wilson Smith
Immediate past Editor	Professor Robert J Morris
Ordinary Council Members	Ms Asma Khan, Dr Diana Leat, Dr Neil MacGillivray, Ms Alison Macdonald (all elected at the AGM on 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019); Mr Steven M Robb (elected at the 2018 AGM)

The above were members of Council throughout the period from the start of the year reported on to the date of approval of this report, except for Dr John Amoore, who was co-opted to the Council on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### Governing document

The Club is a charitable unincorporated association with a constitution that sets out its purposes and administration arrangements. The constitution was last revised in September 2014.

### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees (members of Council) are elected by and from the Club's membership at the Annual General Meeting, but the trustees do also have the power to co-opt additional trustees and have chosen to exercise that power. The office-bearers are elected annually. The President and Vice President(s) hold office for no more than three years. Ordinary Council Members are elected for three years: normally three of them retire annually by rotation and are not eligible for re-election as Ordinary Council Members for one year. New trustees have their duties explained to them in full and are given a copy of OSCR's Guidance for Charity Trustees.

### Charitable purposes

The purposes of the Club, as set out in its constitution, are the study of all aspects of the history of Edinburgh, and the promotion and encouragement of interest in Edinburgh by means of lectures, visits, publications and appropriate activities for public benefit.

### Activities and achievements

*Background note - Covid-19 pandemic: Imposed from the second half of March 2020, restrictions to assemblies and movement were required to control and suppress the Covid-19 pandemic. These restrictions, with some relaxations, are likely to continue for the rest of 2020. Fortunately, we were able to hold the last of the 2019/2020 monthly meetings in mid-March before the restrictions were imposed. Meetings of Council since then have been conducted on-line, and the pandemic restrictions will cause the AGM to be held on-line. The pandemic and its control-restrictions are expected to prevent the normal running of the 2020/2021 programme of monthly meetings. Council has been considering how best to maintain the programme, envisaging that on-line presentations may be required.*

In 2019-2020 the Council met six times for ongoing and routine business. At each meeting, the Council received reports on Finance (Mr Harrison), Membership (Mr Ozaniec), the Programme of Lectures (Professor Rodger), Publications (Professor Morris and Dr Smith) and Publicity & IT (Mrs Jones).

The active membership for 2019/2020 were 210 full and 81 joint members (372 members). In 2018-2019 the Club had 222 full and 96 joint members (414 members).

In 2019 documents were lodged with Edinburgh Central Library for archiving. This was not possible in 2020 because of the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 coronavirus. Once restrictions are lifted it is intended to request that the following documents are archived by the Council:

- Annual Report for 2018-2019
- Lecture programmes for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
- Minutes of Council meetings from October 2018 to September 2019
- Minute of AGM held on 26 September 2019
- Volume 15 of the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club*

During 2019-2020 the Club held its usual series of well-attended winter lectures, with the December event again taking the form of a Members' Evening and Social with a talk on "Edinburgh Homes for Heroes". Andy Mitchell kicked off the series in October 2019 with "The World's First Football Club – Edinburgh 1824". In November Bob Morris presented "The Saving of John Knox House". David Todd described "Music and Theatre in 18th Century Edinburgh" in January 2020 followed, in February, by Robert Anderson showing how Edinburgh University celebrated its Tercentenary in 1884. At the final meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Tom Addyman and Phil Karsgaard presented "The Archaeology of Edinburgh.". This was less than 2 weeks before the imposition of movement restrictions to limit the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus. These restrictions led to the cancellation of the normal programme of summer visits

Volume 15 of the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* was published, and 89 copies distributed at the lecture on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Subsequent distribution to members was prevented by the Covid-19 restrictions, the books remaining in St Augustine's Church which was closed by the restrictions. To provide members with access to Volume 15 Dr Wilson Smith and Mr Jerry Ozaniec organized a limited duration access to a digital copy of Volume 15. This was taken up by 69 members; the relatively low uptake suggests that many members preferred to wait until the printed Volume becomes available.

Plans are in hand for the publication of volume 16 in 2021.

It is worth repeating that in 2019 all volumes of the Old Series of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club were digitised by Edinburgh University Library's Digital Imaging Unit. These are readily accessed through the Club's website and, with the assistance of the lists of contents of the volumes in both old and new series and the indexes (for all volumes in the Old Series and for volumes 1-5 in the New), provide an invaluable source for all seeking information about many aspects of Edinburgh's history.

Dr Joe Rock continues to work with the Dean of Guild papers held in the City Archives. His aim is to provide an annotated catalogue of all the material available for the period from 1700 to 1824. At present records for the years 1700 to 1710, 1727 and 1746 to 1824 are

available to view online. Dr Rock is currently working on material from 1711 and has still to record the contents of ten boxes of material. There are gaps in the collection, principally for the period from 1728 to 1741 for which very few documents have survived.

As previously reported the Council has provided financial support for the Edinburgh Southside Graveyard Project, which continues to be coordinated by Mr Alan McKinney, who also represents the Club's interests. The City of Edinburgh Council supports the Project. The Club currently retains a balance on behalf of the Project of £2100.

In 2017 the Council commissioned Dr Malcom Noble to compile a bibliography of historical publications on Edinburgh to be hosted on the OEC website. Compilation was completed in 2020, with plans being made as to how this will be made accessible. Members have been invited to test the Bibliography and Council is considering how to maintain the Bibliography to keep it up to date.

The Council's plans to award a prize for a piece of work on local history by an undergraduate or in a master's graduate dissertation were successful and the first prize awarded to Ms Charlotte Bowers, MSc student, University of Edinburgh. The prize was awarded for her History dissertation: "Men who loved their fellow mortals: Blood donor recruitment, identity and motivation in Edinburgh, 1930-1939". She received her MSc in History in November 2019. The President announced her award at the monthly meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. It is planned to include an article by Ms Bowers based on her thesis in Volume 16 of the BOEC.

The Club has a profile on both Facebook (managed by Mr Jerry Ozaniec) and on Twitter (managed by Dr Lyndsay Levy). On Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OldEdinburghClub>) the Club has 1740 'Likes' and 1820 'Follows' and on Twitter (@OldEdinClub) over 1230 followers. Dr Levy has relinquished her role after 7 years of service and was thanked for her important contribution to the Club. A successor is being sought. The account tweets details of the Club's meetings and events along with other historical/archaeological news of local interest. To maintain interest, postings include wider Scottish historical news and pictures of Edinburgh buildings and street views. It is hoped that this may be a means of recruiting new members to the Club.

The Club has a website ([www.oldedinburghclub.org.uk/](http://www.oldedinburghclub.org.uk/)) which is regularly updated and the Council is seeking ways to promote more widely the aims of the Club and to attract new members.

### **Financial review**

The club's finances are in a generally stable state. Our main income is from subscriptions which come in during October. Most are paid by standing order and most come with gift aid in addition. The principal item of expenditure is the printing and distribution of the Book. The income this year is boosted by the claim of gift aid for four previous years. This has given us an additional £3500. These claims are now up-to-date.

We are a small independent organisation and do not receive any funding or support from any other body, yet we are still able to meet our aims. Should there be a major project that we would wish to undertake we have funds that can be used but would then probably need to raise the subscription.

### **Reserves**

The Reserves Policy agreed by the Council is that an appropriate level of reserves would be £15,000, on the grounds that such a reserve would provide the immediate funds to produce and distribute a volume of *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club*, as well as meeting the immediate costs of running the Club with the subsequent balance covering any unforeseen contingencies.

The Club's unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves, were at the year-end £22,945. The funds are used in furtherance of the Club's charitable activities, including expenditure relating to the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club*.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Club. The trustees have taken out suitable insurance and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

In response to a communication from OSCR to all Scottish charities, reminding them of the need to have appropriate safeguarding policies, procedures and practices in place and also of the need to identify and report "notifiable incidents", should they occur, the Council agreed that there was no immediate requirement for safeguarding procedures to be in place and that all members of Council should be aware of the nature of notifiable incidents.

### **Plans for the future**

The Club will continue its work into the study of the history of Edinburgh and will continue to forge links with local history societies.

### **Acknowledgement**

The trustees express their gratitude to the Lord Provost and Council of the City of Edinburgh, Patrons of the Club, for hosting the Club's Annual General Meeting in the City Chambers.

Approved by the trustees on 01 September 2020 and signed on their behalf



W Peter Graham  
Trustee, President, The Old Edinburgh Club

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Note	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 Total	2018-19 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary income	2	11,079	-	11,079	8,234
Bank interest		81	-	81	168
Receipts from charitable activities	3	417	-	417	1,005
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>11,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>9,407</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments for charitable activities	4	9,503	-	9,503	13,640
Independent examination		250	-	250	260
Council meetings		396	-	396	141
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>10,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>14,041</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		1,428	-	1,428	(4,634)

## Statement of Balances

	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 Total	2018-19 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>				
Balance at start of year	20,517	3,100	23,617	28,251
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1,428	-	1,428	(4,634)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>25,045</b>	<b>23,617</b>

	1	Cost £	Value 2019-20 £	Value 2018-19 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Projector Screen		121	91	-
Projector 2013		-	-	-
Projector 2018		994	249	497
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,469</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>497</b>

## Other assets

	8	2018-19 £
Gift Aid: tax reclaimable		1,212

The additional notes following form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Council on 01 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by

Michael Harrison, Treasurer

W Peter Graham, President

*Michael A. Harrison*

*W Peter Graham*

**1 Fixed Assets**

Equipment is valued using annual depreciation on a straight line basis to reduce the value to zero over four years, except that the projector obtained in 2013 is valued at zero for accounting purposes because it was donated second hand to the Club and is considered to have no resale value.

**2 Voluntary Income**

	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 Total	2018-19 Total
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	6,498	-	6,498	7,311
Donations	18	-	18	50
Gift Aid (2016-20)	4,563	-	4,563	873
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,079</b>	<b>8,234</b>

**3. Receipts from charitable activities.**

	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 Total	2018-19 Total
	£	£	£	£
Book of the Old Edinburgh Club: sales	205	-	205	335
Winter lecture guests	212	-	212	290
Summer visits	-	-	-	380
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>1,005</b>

**4. Payments for charitable activities.**

	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds	2019-20 Restricted Funds	2019-20 Total	2018-19 Total
	£	£	£	£
Book of the Old Edinburgh Club	7,175	-	7,175	6,868
Winter lectures: Speakers/Catering	221	-	221	225
Hire of Augustine Church	976	-	976	1,891
Summer visits	-	-	-	17
Digitising BOEC	-	-	-	3,436
Insurance	75	-	75	75
Print & Post	719	-	719	161
IT equipment	140	-	140	333
Website and publicity	-	-	-	529
Misc.	197	-	197	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,503</b>	<b>13,640</b>

**5. Trustees and connected parties. No trustee and no person connected to a trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.**

**6. Fund transfers & balances**

	at 2019-07-01	Incoming Resources	Transfers	Resources Expended	Transfers	at 2020-06-30
Unrestricted						
General	20,517	11,577		10,149	1,000	22,945
Restricted						
Index	1,000	-	-	-	(1,000)	-
Graveyard Fund	2,100	-	-	-	-	2,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,617</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,045</b>

The Index Fund arose from a donation to produce an index for the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club*. This has now been used in the digitisation project.

The Graveyard Fund holds funds that relate to the Edinburgh Southside Graveyard Project to repair and restore gravestones.

## 7. Analysis of bank and cash balances at end of year

	2019-20 Unrestricted Funds £	2018-19 Total £
Bank current account	3,438	2,091
Bank savings account	21,607	21,526
PayPal account (now closed)	-	-
Cash in hand	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,045</b>	<b>23,617</b>

## 8. Gift Aid

Gift Aid 2016-20 has now been received.

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Old Edinburgh Club

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 7

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and  
(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations  
have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date 17 July 2020



Stuart J Lockhart  
53 Kemp's End, Tranent, EH33 2GZ

## Appendix 3: President's Report for 2019-2020

### Annual Report: President's Remarks

In submitting the Annual Report for 2019-2020 I wish to place on record my thanks to the Council and especially to those who offered themselves for service at the time of last year's AGM. They have all in their own way made valuable contributions to the work of the Council and have supported the existing office bearers in the performance of their duties. In particular we are grateful to Dr John Amore for responding to my heartfelt plea for a volunteer to serve as Secretary.

It is always invidious to single out some for praise while seemingly ignoring others. However, since some office bearers do not report directly to the AGM, I mention four of them:

- Jerry Ozaniec continues to look after our membership lists and tries to ensure that everybody is paying the correct subscription. He also organised summer visits when they were taking place and had some good ideas ready for this year, but they could not be implemented.
- As Programme Secretary Professor Richard Rodger is always well advanced with his planning and each year he succeeds in giving us interesting and varied series of speakers. In the past year we have been taken back to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; we have heard about football, music and theatre, John Knox's House and Homes for Heroes, archaeology, and a University marking its tercentenary.
- Pat Jones displays an indefatigable energy in arranging for the printing of programmes and publicity, in promoting the Club in whatever ways she can, and in setting up the IT equipment for our speakers.
- Last, but by no means least, there is our Vice-President, Dr Ted Duvall. Ted brings to our discussions wisdom, good humour, and sound common sense.

In February I was able to announce the details of the first recipient of the Old Edinburgh Club Prize, which is awarded for a piece of work on local history by an undergraduate or in a master's graduate dissertation. She is Charlotte Bowers and her MSc History Dissertation on Blood donor recruitment, identity, and motivation in Edinburgh, 1930-1939. Unfortunately, by the time the award had been made Ms Bowers had returned to the United States and it was not possible to present it to her in person. However, it is hoped that she will contribute to a future volume of the Book.

The Book is of course the Club's principal publication and for many is the Club. Without it not only the Club membership would be the poorer in knowledge and understanding of our City's rich heritage, but so too would a wider public. On its publication in March, almost on the eve of the lockdown, the Book was handed out to those attending the last lecture of the season, but it was not until relatively recently that it was possible to post out copies to the remainder of the membership. We are grateful to Graham Rule, a former member of the Club's Council, for dealing with the mailing and for his maintenance of the Club's website.

Who could have imagined, as we made our way home from that last lecture in March, what was in store for us in the months that followed? Our changed circumstances and loss of social contact enabled, or was it forced, people to tackle many different things, in some instances the tasks and chores they had been putting off for a long time, in others something new never tried before. In particular, perhaps like me people may at last have had the time to read in greater depth than usual, exploring the wider background to local events and history. Perhaps some were able to delve into back numbers of the Book: online there are 35 volumes of the Old Series, an historical cornucopia with just so much to inform us and to encourage us to look again at different aspects of our city's history. Perhaps some found time and space to research topics in which they are interested and to write up their findings, to do history. And I am well aware that there is more than one way of "doing history".

At a time when long held views on events and people of the past are being vigorously challenged, when the narrative of past events is being re-written to suit some particular point of view, when inconvenient and disturbing truths are being symbolically erased, there is greater need than ever for rigorous historical investigation. We have to understand where we have been, where we have come from, what life was like, how people who lived in a particular context thought and behaved, if we are to grasp why our society is as it is, and if we are to have any vision of where our communities, and, in particular, this city to the study of whose history we are committed, may be heading.

On behalf of the Council I submit the Annual Report and commend it to you.

## Appendix 4: Hon Secretary's Report for 2019-2020

Since the last AGM the Council of the Old Edinburgh Club has met seven times, six planned, the seventh focusing on how to hold the members' monthly meetings in 2020/2021 recognizing the continuing nationwide restrictions to manage the Covid-19 pandemic. The Club maintained business despite the Covid-19 restrictions, with the final three Council meetings held on-line using the ZOOM tool: thanks to the Hon Treasurer for organising these on-line meetings.

During 2019-2020 the monthly members meetings were held as normal, concluding on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 prior to the restrictions being introduced. Plans are well advanced for the 2020-2021 sessions, with the first few planned as on-line meetings in compliance with the pandemic restrictions. The first of these meetings has been delayed till November,

Council currently has twelve members, details on the Agenda Item 10. Council members are the Club's Trustees, fulfilling these obligations in two ways:

Firstly, they are entrusted by the wider membership with continuing and developing the aims and objects of the Club. To this end they spend time discussing ways of publicising the Club and its activities and recruiting new members. Currently membership is 230 individual and 95 joint members, a total of 420 members. In common with many charities during the pandemic Council will need to look for ways how to maintain its existing membership base and attract new members. This it can do by maintaining and publicising its activities. Whatever the power of advertising, word of mouth is probably still the best method of recruitment and that is something in which all of us can participate.

Secondly, Council members are Trustees of the Club's charitable status. Conscious of this at each Council meeting these are discussed. An annual report is prepared and submitted to our Independent Examiner, with final approval by Council, presentation at the AGM and submitted to OSCR.

The Club continues to organise and provide several activities. These include the six monthly meetings covering a wide range of topics about Edinburgh. Secondly, the Club publishes an annual edition of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club, a learned volume of articles about Edinburgh. Its back issues are a valuable resource and so Council has used some of its to finance digitising the Old Series of the Book of the Old Edinburgh Club. Council will need to explore how to publicise this valuable source of information about Edinburgh.

In past years the previous Secretary has referred to the work being carried on our behalf by Dr Joe Rock of cataloguing the Dean of Guild Papers. Dr Rock is continuing with the work. Material from 1700 to 1710, 1727 and from 1746 to 1824 is available on-line, searching for Edinburgh Dean of Guild Papers. This is a rich source of information about the citizens and buildings of Edinburgh in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Club has an active website and Facebook page. Dr Lindsay Levy is thanked for managing our Twitter account for many years but has had to resign; we are looking for a new manager.

Council continues to look for further ways of advancing its aims and objectives.

Finally, may I thank the members of the Council for their active participation in its meetings and for all that they do to ensure that your Club is run efficiently and effectively.

## Appendix 5: Hon Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020

### *Supplementary to that included in the Annual Report to OSCR*

'Unprecedented' Has become the most overworked word in the last few months. I'm pleased to say that it does not apply to the finances of the Old Edinburgh Club. Financially, there has been little effect on us. Most of our financial activity occurs at two stages of the year - the income is mainly received in September/October, and the expenditure is mainly the production and distribution of the Book of the club. We were fortunate that the winter programme was just about complete at the time lockdown started, but the distribution of the book was delayed beyond the end of the financial year.

Due to some administrative problems in previous years Gift Aid had not been collected for some time, and so our income in this last financial year has been boosted with £4500 of Gift Aid from the previous five years. Normally, and in future, we will expect Gift Aid to raise about £1000 a year. A large number of members have signed a Gift Aid declaration, but we still have a significant number who have not done this. Most members pay their subscription by standing order and we would urge more to do that.

Not owning any property, the club has no maintenance expenses but does have to pay for the hire of rooms for meetings and space for storing equipment and copies of the book. The book is the biggest expense we have in printing and distribution. The real cost is reduced by the significant amount of voluntary work put in by writers, editors and those who willingly spend time arranging for posting out copies. The normal method of handing out quite a lot of copies at our meetings towards the end of the winter season did not work this year because the book only arrived in time for our final meeting and then copies were locked down and not available for distribution for some time.

You may note in the accounts that the reserved amount of £1000 for indexing the book has now disappeared. Last year the council agreed that the digitising of the index should be partially paid for by this money which had been donated for indexing. At the time, the independent examiner was not happy that that should be done without this specific consent of the original donor as it was a restricted fund. We did manage to trace the donor and get agreement to apply that money to this purpose. Future copies of the book, at least for the moment, will be produced both in digital and printed formats, hence updating the index to include future issues will be relatively simple.

One final note which perhaps should have gone in the report is that because of lockdown I was unable to visit Savings Bank how to get the second half of the year's interest written up, so that will be approximately £70 carried over to this current year.

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## Appendix 6: Editor's Report, Book of the Old Edinburgh Club for 2019-2020

Volume 15 of the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* appeared just in time to be distributed to those members who were present at the last lecture meeting of the Club in March 2020. This was more than the usual annual miracle as within days the storeroom of the Augustine Church, where the remaining volumes were located, was closed by the lockdown consequent on the onset of the corona virus which dominated life over the summer. The electronic version was made available, but many members made it clear that this was not a real substitute. The relaxation of restrictions has meant that the *Book* has now been distributed to members. As in earlier years I am grateful to Graham Rule for undertaking this task.

For a variety of personal reasons, I have demitted office as Editor. I took over from Andrew Fraser who sadly died this year. His pioneering work had re-established the *Book* in 1991. During my time as editor I have been able to establish the *Book* as an annual publication, one of Andrew's ambitions and one which depends on the work of many authors. I want to continue to encourage members and friends with interests in Edinburgh history to bring their work to publication standard. I have also been anxious to extend the scope of Edinburgh history. There is an entertaining entry in the early minutes of the Club indicating that Council seriously debated the wisdom of extending our interests to the New Town! We are long past this worry. Publication has continued with an interest in the extending suburbs of the City. One pleasing innovation has been the increased interest in twentieth century history: Steven Robb on inter-war local authority housing, Michael Gall on redevelopment in Leith. If anyone asks about the Old Edinburgh Club contribution to diversity in history, point to William Fortescue on Black Slaves in eighteenth century Edinburgh, Barclay Price on the first Chinese citizen and Esther Breitenbach on Edinburgh Suffragists and the franchise. Contributions to our familiar territory of understanding the built environment are too numerous to list. They show there is still much to understand and appreciate.

One strength of the *Book* is our ability to offer a variety of length and presentation to authors that range from short notes to extended articles that go well beyond the 8,000 words familiar in many journals. We have also been able to offer colour illustrations to the many authors who provided illustration and photographs. I am grateful to Council who supported the mild increase in cost entailed in this innovation which has added to the impact of many articles. Council, members and authors have been outstandingly supportive of your editor and my thanks is due to them all.

Now to hand over to Wilson Smith as new editor. Continue to give him the support which I have had over the past few years. The variety of people with whom I have discussed history has been one of the delights of the task. I am not going away so please continue to talk to me, knowing that final decisions are no longer mine!

Professor Robert J Morris, September 2020

Taking over the editorship of the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* from so experienced a hand as Bob Morris might seem a somewhat daunting task: but my spell as his understudy in the preparation and production of volume 15 proved an invaluable introduction. Bob, as ever, was generous with instruction and advice. Now, looking forward to future volumes I can only hope to maintain the momentum and to follow the high standards that he has set. I'm greatly looking forward to working with OEC Council and members, the Advisory Group, and of course the authors on whose contributions our continuing success depends. Keep them coming!

Dr Wilson Smith, September 2020