

**Charity Registration No NIC 106019  
Friends of the F.E. McWilliam Gallery & Studio**

**MINUTES  
AGM  
16 April 2019  
7.00pm for 7.30pm followed by  
Speaker Locky Morris  
Gallery**

**Welcome**

Chair Millie Moore welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Brigitte Boland, Fionnuala Cook, Christine Wright, Fiona Hyslop, Deirdre Quail, Elizabeth McConnell, Allison and Isobel Moorehead and Margaret Jellett.

**Adoption of the minutes**

Jason Diamond proposed that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted - Eleanor Damaglou seconded this.

**Annual Report**

Millie talked through a short slide presentation highlighting the activities of the committee for the year. Millie talked about the ongoing impact of the Flax Flower project, the investment in 12 new stools for the gallery and the upcoming CPD workshops for art teachers. She also mentioned that she hoped that John Baucher, last year's Maurina Crozier bursary recipient, would be able to give a talk about his experience at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Hilary Good reported on the financial health of the charity: Hilary opened by apologising for not being able to circulate the financial report ahead of the AGM as our independent financial assessor had had a family bereavement. However, members were able to refer to a paper copy of the financial report that was available to everyone at the AGM. Anne Davidson proposed that we accept the financial report. This was seconded by Della McKinney.

**Election of Officers**

Millie Moore thanked Hilary for her great work as Treasurer, a role she has held since 2016. Millie also thanked Jane Hudson for her contribution as a member of the committee, particularly her organisational skills, and to Fionnuala Cook who was founding Chair of the Friends (a position she held until 2018). Their contributions through the years is greatly appreciated.

Millie then invited Riann Coulter to oversee the election of office bearers for 2019-20 as the constitution requires all committee members to stand down at the AGM.

Dermott Hutchinson was elected Treasurer, taking on the role from outgoing Officer Hilary Good. His election was proposed by Hilary Good and seconded by Lynda McFadden.

Helen Blane, currently a Friend of the gallery, agreed to join the committee.

At this point Riann Coulter suggested that the current committee be reinstated with the addition of Helen Blane. This was proposed by Eleanor Damaglou and seconded by Miriam Dudley.

There being no further business, Millie closed the AGM with further thanks to all for their attendance.

**Speaker**

Following the meeting, Riann introduced artist Locky Morris, who was the speaker for the evening. Locky whose show “once a day, every day all day long” is currently showing at the gallery, gave an interesting and entertaining talk bringing the evening to a close.

Chair ..... Honorary secretary.....