

MINUTE of the FIFTY SIXTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING of BORDER ICE RINK
LIMITED held at Border Ice Rink, Kelso on
Monday, 9th December 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr Andrew Wemyss (Chairman)
Mr Robert Walker (Director)
Mr Oliver Stark (Director)
Mrs Lucy Tile (Director)
Mrs Gill Adamson (Rennie Welch LLP)
Mr Graeme Baxter (Manager)
Mr Bruce Lees (Secretary)
Mr William Cleghorn (Member)
Mrs Fiona Turnbull (Member)
Mr Michael Sutherland (Member)
Mr Cameron Martin (Member)
Mrs Helen Matheson (Member)
Mr George Whiteford (Member)
Mrs June Swan (Member)
Mrs Christine MacLain (Member)
Mr Tom Baird (Member)
Mr James Fleming (Member)
Mrs Liz Martin (Member)
Mr Colin Martin (Member)
Mrs Liz Cullen (Member)
Mr Jim Cullen (Member)
Mrs Gwen Prentice (Member)
Mr Keith Prentice (Member)

- Chairman 1. The Chairman, Mr Andrew Wemyss, welcomed all present at this the Fifty Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company.
- Apologies for
Absence 2. Apologies for absence had been received from the following Members: Robert Dick, Graeme Cowe, Lord Joicey, Nina Clancy, Graeme Prentice, and Douglas Elliot.
- Notice Convening
the Meeting 3. The notice convening the Meeting was taken as read and on the proposal of Mr Stark, seconded by Mr Cameron Martin, the meeting was convened.
- Minutes 4. The Minutes of the Fifty Fifth Annual General Meeting of Border Ice Rink Limited held at Border Ice Rink, Kelso on 11th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m., copies of which were available at the Meeting, were, on the proposal of Mr Cameron Martin, seconded by Mr Cleghorn, taken as read as a true Minute of the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- Accounts 5. The Chairman invited Mrs Adamson from Rennie Welch to speak to the meeting and Mrs Adamson took the members through the accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Mrs Adamson then invited questions.

Mr Cullen commented on the depreciation of the land and buildings as giving a false impression of value. He also asked about the security over the property. The Chairman confirmed that there are no borrowings with the Royal Bank but the Royal Bank security has been left in place in case further borrowings are required from the Bank.

Mr Cameron Martin asked about paper copies of the accounts being available at the AGM in addition to being posted on the website and the Chairman confirmed that this would be done in future.

The accounts, having been laid before the meeting for approval, on the proposal of Mrs Swan, seconded by Mrs Tile, the Accounts were approved.

Directors

- 6 The Chairman confirmed that one Directors, Mr Wemyss himself, retired by rotation and he had offered himself for re-election. No other proposals for appointments to the Board having been made, on the proposal of Mr Stark, seconded by Mr Martin, Mr Wemyss was re-elected as a Director.

Other business

Chairman - the Chairman expressed gratitude for the contributions of the three Directors who had retired during the year: previous Chairman Nina Clancy, long-term Director Bill Cleghorn and Lewis McCran. The staff were also thanked for their contribution and in particular Mr Baxter and Josh Hogarth for their input and the new bar person Debbie Mellor was welcomed. The many unpaid volunteers were also thanked for their contribution throughout the year.

The Chairman reported that progress was being made albeit slowly in respect of the improvements for the Ice Rink. OSCR registration for the Trust had been achieved and lots of work had been put in by Peter Brewis in particular. That said the Chairman confirmed that progress has been made more slowly than the Board would like and that the Board was giving consideration to proceeding with the work rather than leaving this for the Trust to deal with. This would lose access to grant aiding but, given the Directors' responsibilities and the condition of the Ice Rink and the roof in particular, the necessary works ought to be carried out in the near future. Already this season there has, for example, been a major leak over sheet 1. In the meantime Mr Baxter is striving to keep the property wind and watertight. The Board continue to meet with the Trust to progress matters but if the hoped for progress is not achieved within the next 2 to 3 months then the Board may well proceed to instruct the works themselves. Presently, with lead in times and the Ice Rink's own season, 2020 is out of the question and spring 2021 is the next possible opportunity for the works. To achieve this, however, indications are that the work needs to be instructed in the near future. Three estimates should be obtained for the costs of the work which indications suggest will all amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds. There is no guarantee that the roof will last and costly repair is not an option; Replacement is what is required. The Trust and the Company therefore require to work closely together to keep things moving along as well as keeping all involved informed of developments.

Questions and matters arising from this were then addressed starting with the improvements. On this Mr Cullen commented that the timescale for access to funding is an issue and urged that the Company maintain the building in the meantime.

Mrs Tile pointed out that the longer you leave it the more problems there may be; and that could be a big problem just around the corner.

Mrs Martin gathered from the report she had seen that the roof could last so why rush things now. Mr Whiteford also was in favour of waiting to get the grant funding.

Mr Prentice and Mr Cullen both thought that spring 2021 is a realistic start date for the work given what needs to be done.

The Chairman suggested a newsletter to help with the dissemination of information and Mr Colin Martin suggested that this be done even if there was no progress to report.

Mr Cameron Martin asked if there is any guarantee of grant aid and it was confirmed that there is none.

The Chairman confirmed that the backup plan is that the Company would have the necessary works carried out.

Mrs Martin asked about how often roof repairs were required. Mr Baxter confirmed that regular repairs are required; The major repair to the roof over sheet 1 came when there was a cold frost; another repair was required in the summer.

Mr Cleghorn was concerned about the uncertainties with the work not being carried out.

Mr Whiteford asked that the roof repairs be kept on top of and Mrs Tile confirmed that was what had been happening on an ongoing basis.

Mr Cullen was encouraged by the roof report he had seen and pointed to the surveyor commenting that there could be 10 years life left in the roof particularly if cleaned.

Mr Prentice pointed out that with the AGM using the bar and the café being closed there was nowhere for curlers to go and there was unhappiness with this. The Chairman and Mr Baxter both confirmed that the café was supposed to be open during the AGM.

Close of Meeting - The business of the meeting having been concluded the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.