**ELLON RUGBY AGM 12th May 2015**

**7pm Meadows Sports Centre**

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Present- R Porteous, H Singer, G Kemp, E Milligan, C Tennant, A Paterson, K Whyte, S Hardie, G Campbell, N Scott, E Kemp, R McMillan, D Notton, S Munro, W Milligan, L Donnelly, D Johnstone, P Williamson, S Cochrane, K Martin, J Young and T Brown.

Apologies received- M Osterberger, K Falconer, A Davidson, R Morrice, B Innes, D Greig, S Notton, G Reed, M Pearce, K Pearce, G Heath, D Heath

1. **Acceptance of 2014 AGM minutes**

Minutes of AGM 19th May 2014 accepted. Proposed- R Porteous, Seconded- W Milligan

1. **Presentation of Accounts- H Singer**

Accounts attached which cover period from 2nd May 2014 to 30th April 2015. We still await funds from the SRU for travel subsidy and participation payments. These are normally paid by mid-June at the latest.

Short term loans were made from the Senior Account into the YDO account to cover salary and expenses until the SRU funding was received.

Travel costs and Pitch rental for the Meadows continue to be our 2 largest items of expenditure.

In common with previous years, we expect once all invoices are paid and monies due collected to be in a break even position.

I will not be standing for re- election and will be happy to work with my successor to ensure a smooth transition.

**ELLON RUGBY CLUB – ACCOUNTS 2014/2015**

**Senior Account Bank Balance as at 2nd May 2014: £1773.79**

**Income**

* **Memberships 14220.00**
* **Match fees 6546.99**
* **Sponsorship 13856.00**
* **SRU Funding 10188.67**
* **YDO Funding 16000.00**
* **Donations 340.00**
* **YDO loan repaid 7253.64**
* **Bucket 151.76**
* **6 Nations tkts 12891.00**
* **Fundraising 2374.70**
* **Merchandising 240.00**
* **Kit 475.00**
* **Dance 823.15**
* **Travel 390.00 £85750.91**

**Expenditure**

* **Pitch rental 15465.25**
* **Travel 16936.48**
* **Loans to YDO acc 7253.64**
* **YDO funding 16000.00**
* **Accommodation subsidy 1000.00**
* **Post match catering 2759.00**
* **Coaching courses 388.45**
* **Laundry 183.00**
* **Physio /Medical supplies 909.05**
* **Playing fee 540.00**
* **Dance 685.00**
* **6 Nations tickets 13213.00**
* **Repairs to lights 800.34**
* **Pitch Boards 396.00**
* **Equipment 755.60**
* **Misc 970.67**
* **Kit 8487.47 £86742.95**

**Bank Balance at 30th April 2015 : £781.75**

**YDO account balance at 2nd May 2014: £7861.85**

**Income**

* **SRU 15000.00**
* **Sponsorship 4000.00**
* **Junior Funding 1000.00**
* **From Senior account 7253.64 £27253.64**

**Expenditure**

* **Salary 17418.55**
* **Expenses 3525.75**
* **NI/Tax 3898.33**
* **To Senior account 7253.64 £32096.27**

**Bank balance at 30th April 2015: £3019.22**

**Dance/Misc account balance at 2nd May 2014:**

**Income**

* **6 Nations 12445.00**
* **Dance 70.00 £12515.00**

**Expenditure**

* **SRU 6 Nations tickets 12309.00**
* **6 Nations refunds 117.00**
* **Dance 70.00**
* **Club account 20.00 £12516.00**

**Bank balance at 30th April 2015: £1.49**

Accounts accepted. Proposed- G Kemp, Seconded- C Tennant

1. **Annual Reports**

**President’s Report- R Piteous**

Once again another year has passed, it does not feel as if it was a year ago that we were sitting at the previous A.G.M. So what have we achieved as a club in the North East, what were the positives and the negatives.

**Seniors**

I have always been a strong believer that we should try to develop our own coaches to move up through the club and operate at the senior level, but to be honest I have been disappointed in the willingness of past players apart from one or two being prepared to put something back into the club. This is not taking away from the efforts of the present coaching team who can only work with the raw material that they have turning up for training. Over the past month the Executive have been working behind the scenes to come up with a settled structured coaching team to hopefully to allow Ellon to attract and retain senior players for the future and also allow developing youth players to blend in to the senior game with more confidence.

**Youth**

Our youth system continues to flourish and I would take this opportunity to thank all the coaches for their dedication and support over the past year, with a special mention for Scott Munro for his work when we moved Ross up to work with the seniors. The culmination of good work was when the boys went down to Madras in St. Andrews and put up a good show in the finals day a couple of weeks ago.

**Girls Rugby**

An area of the club where we can build and I know there is a lot of focus and encouragement to get more females involved in the game, well done so far.

**Junior Section**

We are very fortunate to have a strong committee who are much focused and does an excellent job, my thanks to Emma and her team for their efforts.

**Finances**

Year on year having finances available cover all that we do in developing the game and club is a real challenge. The Meadows themselves who we are part of are in the middle of dealing with a serious cash flow problem. The relative costs to us as a club operating here in Ellon have to be found and also the expense of supporting youth teams and seniors travelling to away fixtures puts a lot of pressure on the funding. With this in mind it is becoming more obvious that in order for ourselves to really develop we need to think about how we can generate additional cash. This is why we have put forward a need for a business development manager who would set up and work with a team of individuals who would focus on generating revenue for the club overall, they do not necessarily need to be rugby enthusiasts but purely have a focus in tuning in with what our ambitions are with the club in promoting sport and a healthy lifestyle.

In closing I would like to thank all of the people who I have worked with in the Executive over the past 3 years whose support and advice has been greatly appreciated and finally thank you to all of you for being involved with what I think is still a “great place to enjoy and play rugby” Ellon Rugby Club. I wish the Club every success in the future.

**First XV Report- C Tennant**

Difficult season

Only 1 win – realistically should have won 3 or 4 but failure to close a game out and short of full 80 minute fitness were crucial factors.

Several games rescheduled due to lack of available players culminating in 3rd time call off against Caithness leading to results nullified and relegation from the league by championship committee. I spoke directly to the Committee secretary and while we were in line for relegation anyway they were sympathetic to our situation and we escaped a harsher punishment this time.

So we play in Caley Div 2 North for next season. If core of squad can be retained and building on U18’s moving up and any new players that can be sourced the squad will find their level, need to work on building ownership, confidence, momentum and team spirit. Guiding and empowering young players in the correct environment will also be vital. The squad needs to take responsibility for setting and implementing team ethos, goals and objectives. It has to be more than just a game of rugby; we need to reenergize the passion and pride in playing for the club.

I am hopeful Ryan Morris will stay on in coaching capacity with support from others and potentially new D.O. as well. New 1st team manager in place now to replace me and arrangements for improved Physio cover are in progress.

After an encouraging start the 2nd XV faded away but lack of a Manager/Coach, suitable opposition and regular games to play didn’t help so we should instead concentrate on a 1st team in Caley 2 with all the adult players we have and grow a solid platform on which to begin the rebuild.

**U18 Report- S Munro**

The first half of the season turned into a huge learning curve for the U18s, with narrow defeats that should have been wins and a couple of resounding defeats on our travels. Injuries were beginning to stack up also, broken bones, dislocations and concussions.

All these factors didn’t seem to faze the squad and they continued to put in hard work on the training ground.

The turning point for our season came when we travelled to West of Scotland with only 14. (Our travelling support nearly outnumbered the players)

Just to try and make it more difficult for ourselves we had 3 yellow cards during the game but still ran out comfortable winners (24-5)

From this point on our season turned and confidence grew in the squad.

We finished the league campaign with 4 wins and 10 losses (last 5 games we had 4 wins)

In the new year the Caledonia cup beckoned wins against Deeside, Grammar and a bruising encounter with Gordonstoun moved us into the semi-final away to Stirling County. League score back in September was 71-0.

Another big travelling support saw us on the big pitch.

We started well and after 25 minutes Stirling brought on the players that were meant to play for Seniors if all was going well.

Final score 22-14, they scored their last try in the final minutes.

Defeat gave us the consolation of a Shield Final against Highland, unfortunately a very good Highland squad proved to be too strong and they won 36-10

A late invite to the Glasgow 7s tournament was the perfect end to the season.

First up was GHA, “we were sh\*\*\*e” a supporter proclaimed on the bus home, he wasn’t far wrong.

This defeat put us into the plate and wins against Dumfries and West of Scotland put us into the final against Stirling County.

We couldn’t quite get there, but another fine performance with possibly 65% possession, but we couldn’t quite break them down and lost 19-12.

Thanks must go out to our ever-growing travelling support, combined with our faithful home support.

The squad itself has been a pleasure to work with.

They listened, trained hard, they took on board criticism, and the odd rollicking As the season wore on they began to take charge on the training ground, match days and even had an input to selection.

Congratulations go to Paul Paxton who was rewarded for some displays with Caledonia U18s with two caps for the Scotland U18 Development squad

One last thing a special mention must go out to Ross Finlay, his hard work and training at the start of the season has been a major factor in the development of the U18 squad and he will be sorely missed at this club.

**U16 Report- W Milligan**

The U16 team have had a much better year this year than they had as U15s, largely due to their greater numbers (22 when all fit), allowing them to honour every fixture they had available. The increase in numbers is due to Ross Finlay’s great work recruiting from local schools. This increase in numbers has been essential as we have had several injuries/ illness this year, ranging from broken cheek bone and orbit, through concussions to kidney stones.

The boys have developed hugely throughout the year, playing to a very effective and organised structure (most of the time), as their results have shown. They came a creditable 2nd to Highland in the Caledonia League, which we lead at Christmas, having played all our fixtures. This meant that we were Caledonia’s entrant into the National League Cup (much to Highlands dismay), travelling to Hawick to play the U16 “Green Machine”. We put up a great fight, losing 34-14, having experienced our usual post half-time sticky patch. I think everyone agreed that the day was a great, if very long experience, where the boys did the club proud in both play and behaviour.

The New Year saw us also enter the Caledonia Cup, but not until the Quarter Finals, where we beat Mackie 20-0, going on to play Highland, losing 15:35. This meant that we went to the finals day to play in the bowl, where we lost to Glenrothes.

The boys have been a joy to coach, seeing them develop before our eyes throughout the year (especially as some of them are completely new to the sport). I hope that they will all stick together to meet the new challenge of U18 rugby with Scott next year. Thank-you very much lads.

I want to thank the parents whose support has been vital, home and away, week after week. I would like to give special thanks to Derek Greig who has more than assisted me; Bill Innes who has supported us in joint training with the U15s and several of his charges for playing up when requested; and Scott Munro and his U18s for their support and sometimes bruising development.

Finally I would like to thank Ross Finlay whose coaching, advice and exceptional recruiting skills have been invaluable – as much to me as the team.

**U15 Report- B Innes (read out in his absence)**

Sorry for this short note but with being busy with work and running my team single headedly, I did not know we had to do a report for end of season.

We have had a mixed season with highs and lows.

**Highs** we have improved significantly and a lot of that training with the under 16s, and having good numbers at training. We beat Ross Sutherland in the cup after them beating us in the league by a very high score. We had a great trip to Stornoway that was a good team builder, and a good game that should have ended a draw.

We beat Huntley for the first time and we played some good rugby. Overall the lads’ attitude has been good and they have been willing to train. I would like to thank Some of the parents with helping washing strips and getting there lads to training, photos and videos, Coming to watch what I think makes a difference to how the lads perform on the pitch. We also got some new players that have come in and settled very well. Overall the season has gone well and I praise the lads that have put in the effort. We just need to get fitter.

**Lows**

We lost games through player commitment travelled to Caithness with 12 and got stuffed, when with a full squad we would have beat them. This was all season down to injuries etc. Injuries we have had 6 x concussion, broken wrist, fracture wrist, broken ankle, neck injury, back injury.

Running a team on my own has been hard work with booking food, busses, refs and refereeing myself, doing admin answering parents complaints that the baby sitting service was not advertised properly etc.

We could lose up to 6 players as to not wanting to play up because of size and weight. I just hope we have numbers for next season.

I was surprised how some of the clubs in this league will do to get a win over Ellon. I thought it was supposed to be for the players?

**Girls Rugby- R McMillan**

Girls section is slowly increasing in numbers and regular attendance is improving, U15s needs a push though.

Girls are keen to get involved in games, whether it be 15s or 7s even though finding dates and getting games is hard. They are keen to improve their knowledge and learn ball skills and always take on board what any coach has to say.

Hopefully looking for an increase in games for next season so the girls get to learn more about the sport as a whole.

**Junior Club- E Kemp**

Member numbers are still healthy within the junior section. Again we have had a steady flow of new members throughout the season and this is still continuing with new players joining us into the last stage of the season. This is mainly at the Rascals and Mini sections but a few have been joining the older age bands also. To date we have 198 players covering Rascals to S2.

We held our annual home events. This season we changed the format of the P3 –P7 Festivals to hold smaller events rather than just the one. Our first was held on 14th September hosting games for Grammar, Deeside and Garioch. The second was held on the 2nd November hosting games for Wanderers, Grammar and Mackie. Both days where a success and feedback form coaches and visiting teams where very positive and thoroughly enjoyed their morning at Ellon. We also held a 3rd with visiting teams from Banff and Huntly on the 2nd December. We hope to continue this format as the morning of rugby ran very smoothly.

Our Tournament was on 22nd March. We catered for 400 players and the day saw some fantastic games played. Teams were Wanderers, Mackie, Deeside, Grammar, Garioch and Ellon. We also changed the format to a round robin which meant each team had at least 1 hour of play in total. Mackie played well taking 1st place in all age groups. Our highest placed Ellon team were the P6 team who came 2nd; they played great rugby with good runs from the boys, visiting coaches complimented the team on their stamina throughout their matches, so well done to the players and coaches at P6. The P3 enjoyed their tag festival showing great effort and enthusiasm.

Our teams also travelled throughout the season as far as Highland and Stirling. At the P4-7 stage the emphasis is on learning and improving skills, encouraging participation in competitive rugby and fair play. Our P6 team have played well away from home, particularly at Grammar where they won second place. The S1 and S2 teams have travelled across the North East and Highland playing great rugby and some fantastic wins. This season the S1 and S2 players have purchased and now wear Ellon black shirts and ties to all games. It is a great way to represent the club and I am sure you agree they look very smart. Well done to all our teams and coaches, they show continuing effort and passion for the game and let’s hope we can carry it into next season to make it equally successful.

More recently we held our S1/S2 7’s. This was a hard day for the players and coaches as the weather was horrendous with driving rain. The players ploughed through and played on which just shows their dedication to their team and club. Stirling left victorious with winning at both age groups S1 and S2 winners. A harlequin team came 2nd for S2 which included 2 Ellon players so well done to them. Despite the weather we received positive feedback from visiting clubs which is a great credit to the club. I wish to thank everyone involved for their support, it is very rewarding to be able to provide players the opportunity to experience competitive fun rugby and it just wouldn’t be possible without the support of our volunteer coaches, committee and parents.

Fundraising has been fairly quiet this season as we are holding 2 events being the Fun Run and Summer Ball in June. We received a kind donation of £300 from Ellon Rotary. The junior section has been raising funds over the last few years to buy a new strip for all teams from P4 – S2. We are now in the position to purchase these and hope to have the new strips ready for the new season. We are continuing to use Rugby Plus for our training gear which is another way of the club to earn commission on all online sales. Thank you to Dean Notton, our Fundraising Convener and the Summer Ball committee for organising the Ball, I am sure it will be a fantastic night.

We have provided a BBQ for all Senior 1st XV team home games and the Ythan challenge which has proven to have a steady income for the club.

Sadly, our DO Ross left this season; we wish him all the best for the future and thank him for all he has done for the junior section. The children always speak highly of him and enjoyed the sessions he held in the primary schools and in the club. We would also like to wish Matthew Emmison all the best for the future and thank him for his hard work over the season.

As a Club there has been reason to celebrate this season, firstly I would like to congratulate all our coaches who attended their 3 day course and passed their CC level 2 qualification. The Junior Section and Head Coach Gareth also received a nomination at the Aberdeen Sports Council Awards. Both just missed out winning but a huge achievement. Lastly congratulations to Gareth who has won BT volunteer of the Month Award for February.

The Junior Section also attended a lunch in the aid of the Bill McLaren Foundation with guest speakers Al Kellock and Duncan Weir. It is great to show our support for such a great foundation which develops and promotes sporting opportunities for young people. Ellon Rugby has received grants in the past from the foundation and hope to continue this in the future. If you wish members of Ellon can also show their support by donation as little as £20 to this great cause.

We are continuing to look for more parents to become more involved in the committee. The Junior Section has had a busy and successful season thanks to all the hard work of the players, coaches who voluntarily give up their time each week to coach the children. There are too many people to thank and without their contribution no matter how small, it is a credit to the club.

**Development Officer, Modern Apprentice and PCS- G Kemp**

**POSITIVE COACHING SCOTLAND (PCS):**

Almost three years ago Ellon became the 6th club in Scotland to become an Accredited Positive Coaching Scotland club. This came about after 8 months of hard work by a dedicated team from Ellon Rugby.

This is just a quick update on how things have gone in the last year.

PCS has rapidly developed across Scotland and there are over 28 clubs Accredited now.

We continue to be a leading club in the PCS and youth development and are highly thought of by the SRU. Because of this we have assisted other clubs with their development in PCS and youth sections. We have also attended a PCS workshop at Murrayfield where we met and worked with all the other clubs. During this event the initial leader and person who set PCS up for Scotland, Bosman Duplessis, had his leaving doo as he moved to America. Ellon Rugby led the goodbye and thank you speech and handed over a leaving gift. Items from this workshop have been implemented and others will be over the summer. We still need a yearly review with the new person, Gordon Lyons, originally from RHC Cougars, and we have a number of things to work on and develop over the summer.

The PCS incentive has really brought players to the club, and has helped keep players in the system. Parents rave about the initiative and from that talk, more come to the club. We have noticed though that we have almost become to PCS, and moved away a little from winning. “Winning” is not a dirty work in PCS, but we should “Play to Win, but not at all costs”. As a club we aim to even the balance out a little more, but pushing the players more to develop a winning mentality.

We hope to have a coach’s review/ meeting at the start of the season and another parent’s day.

Garioch have become accredited recently, but Ellon still leads the way in the North of Scotland.

We have a PCS festival at the end of May in Glasgow, where this year it is expanded to P4, P5, P6, P7, S1 and S2 7s, and U15 10s.

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:**

Ross has been our Development Officer for two and a half years now. His remit includes, coaching the U18 team, developing the players at the club, leading the Modern Apprentice and working in the community within Ellon catchment area and assisting the SRU with coaching and development.

Just after half way through the season, Ross was moved from managing the U18 to the First XV to try and save the season. A very hard task coming in part way through and trying to adjust things. Also made very hard with lack of numbers at training.

U18. This past season Ross has run the U18 coaching team and assisted by Scott coaching. This season he run a successful preseason and then into the National U18 League. With the change half way through the season Scott Munro took over. Scott will mention the progress of the U18 in his report, but Ross has been involved for a good proportion of the season.

Working hard in the local community Ross, along with the Modern Apprentice, has increased numbers at the club and run sessions with Ellon Academy that have boosted ability and interest.

As a large proportion of the funding comes from the SRU, Ross assists with coaching courses, events and has a large role to play in developing the SRU side of rugby in the NE, teaching at

* UKCC Courses
* Regional Skills Camps
* SRU age-grade events
* SRU Age Grade Rugby.

It is almost detriment to us that Ross is such a good coach, as he does tend to do more work for the SRU then other DO’s.

Sadly, 2 months ago now, Ross left Ellon to move to Aberdeenshire Rugby Club to work with the schools in their catchment area and begin the task of setting up a Youth section. As much as Ellon did not want to lose Ross, who has been a fantastic asset to Ellon Rugby, we could not compete with the offer from Aberdeenshire, who offered a higher financial package and extras.

At the moment there is an advert on the SRU and Sport Scotland webpages, with a closing date of 22nd May. It has been on 4 days and at the time of writing I have received 4 applications! It should be noted that there are also adverts for a Development Officer at Caithness, Crieff, and Carrick; although they all offer less money than ours (except Caithness who haven’t quoted a salary), so we have a few clubs to compete against.

We are aiming to develop Rugby here at Ellon at the upper age band of the club for the next few years. At the moment rugby is going well and running smoothly in the Junior Section, we need more emphasis on the Youth and Senior sides. With this in mind we hope to bring in a Development Officer who has the ability to work at the upper end. His primary role will be working in Primary schools and Academies to bring players to the club, but aside from that we hope to have a DO who will be working with the Senior/U18 players, developing the coaches at all levels of the club (better coaching means better players), and building the S1-U16 players for KNT camps and player development.

It is hoped that they will be able to coach within the Senior Section, or assist as a player coach. If this is not possible, we will look to bring in a DO to work with the upper Junior and Youth Section. Either way, we should attract a decent Development Officer for next season.

The Development Officer role is a great asset to the club, something we need to work hard to ensure it is maintained. Without a Sponsor for the Development team, we may not be able to continue these roles, so it is vital we try and find a sponsor, and money to cover the £15,000 a year this costs Ellon Rugby.

**Modern Apprentice:**

Matthew Emmison has been our MA for this season. A club member since he was 4, now playing at Aberdeenshire, Matthew fitted the role well. He worked alongside Ross and then for periods on his own in schools all over the NE. He set up and ran a specialist S&C morning session twice a week for 4 club players who were associated with Caledonia Rugby, assisted in evening session’s midweek, helped especially at S1/2 and U15/16 with coaching, specialist skills and refereeing matches. Also working the junior festivals and tournaments as referee and in the planning stages.

Not only a great help to Ross, Matthew was a fine asset for Ellon Rugby, a fine example to players and schools of how a rugby player can be and how they can develop.

This coming season, we have a vacancy for a Modern Apprentice, but as yet no takers. If this fails, with club will consider a “community coach”, a club coach who is available during the required hours, paid a small amount to assist the DO.

1. **Election of Office Bearers**

**President – No Nomination at this time**

**Vice President- Gareth Kemp elected. Proposed by H Singer, seconded by S Cochrane**

**Treasurer- No Nomination at this time**

**Secretary- Elaine Milligan elected. Proposed by H Singer, seconded by R Porteous**

**Club Captain-No nomination at this time**

**Vice-Captain- No Nomination at this time**

Executive committee meetings require a quorum of 4. Ordinary members can be pulled forward and / or co -opted onto committee.

However, the above vacant positions must be filled as soon as possible and further requests will be posted via social media, email etc.

Matt Pearce will continue as Fixtures Secretary, website and will now also act as 1st Team Manager.

Susan Cochrane will continue to oversee 6nations/Test ticket sales.

1. **Meadows Representative Report-**Gordon Reed(read out in his absence)

I am unfortunately unable to make AGM tomorrow so just wanted to advise that the role of the Meadows Liaison will have to change this year I have put details below I am going to stand down this year as I cannot  commit to the work required for the new SCIO going forward I would rather someone that can fully give there all to take the trust forward as well as putting rugby club needs first and foremost .I am more than willing to continue with meetings until end of season and of course give a handover to the person selected to replace me .   
THE NEW ROLE   
the Club need to consider who they are going to nominate to be their Trustee. Each Club can nominate one person (does not have to be a Club member) to be a Trustee.   
Instead of a Committee there will be a Board of Trustees. The day to day may not change too much, but moving to a SCIO means that the governance is slightly different and we need to be aware of that.   
The Board of Trustees will be able to appoint additional Trustees, or invite individuals to attend meetings to advise them or assist them in their task of managing the Trust, but only Trustees can vote and they are technically responsible for ensuring we operate within the framework of the constitution.   
Clubs need to decide who is going to be their Trustee for the next 12 months (In the SCIO format all Trustees resign and are re-elected annually) Clubs also need to be advised that they should take turns of being Chairperson or secretary for the trust.   
I would also recommended that the club representative is included in rugby club meeting minutes so they are aware of current club information of what's happening they can then pass to trust

Gordon Reed

Susan Cochrane and Emma Kemp kindly offered to represent senior and junior sections at Meadows Trust meetings until others step forward.

It is likely the Meadows Trust will be dissolved and SCIO trustees elected around October.

1. **Any Other Committee Business**

**Ythan Community Sports Hub**- Elaine Milligan has been attending meetings of this new initiative on behalf of the Rugby Club.

The aim of the Hub is to create a vibrant sports orientated town, enhancing and encouraging health and wellbeing through easy, inclusive access to a wide range of coordinated sports, leisure and community resources. A temporary committee is in place at the moment, with input from council, sportscotland and established hubs. (Elaine is co secretary until full committee elected in October when she will stand down and a new rep from Ellon Rugby will be needed at Hub meetings.)

The next YCSH meeting is 21st May at 7pm in the Ythan Centre, please come along if interested.

**Fundraising-** Dennis Johnstone suggested looking into CROWDFUNDING to raise club funds. Dennis kindly offered experience re this and to attend next committee meeting to discuss other ideas.

**Thank you-** Elaine gave a vote of thanks and gifts to retiring members Richard, Helen and Colin who have played a large part in the club over many years.

**Honorary Life Members-** (a member who has served the club in a meritorious way) Richard Porteous and Colin Tennant nominated as Honorary life Members. Proposed H Singer, seconded S Cochrane.