

THE GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Company Number SC009393
Scottish Charity Number SC008870

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2019



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the hybrid Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas on Friday 28th May, 2021 commencing at **1.00pm**.

Please note new venue for AGM, this is to allow for current social distancing rules.

You must register to receive your Zoom invite, please contact the office.

Business

- 1 To receive apologies.
- 2 To approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 31st May 2019.
- 3 To receive and adopt the Report of the Trustees
- 4 To receive and adopt the Report of the Auditors and the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2019.
- 5 Appointment of office bearers - Honorary President and Honorary Patrons are fixed for a period of five years - 2017 to 2022
- 6 To re-appoint the Auditors and authorise the Trustees to fix their remuneration.
- 7 Any other competent business.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES
D GOLDIE
Secretary

15 New Market Street
Castle Douglas
DG7 1HY

Please note this year's AGM will follow this meeting, notice is hereby given on page 7.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE SOCIETY 2019

HONORARY PRESIDENT: -

10th Duke of Buccleuch and 12th Duke of Queensberry, KBE, FRSE, DL

HONORARY PATRONS:-

Mr AM BROWN, Drumhumphry, Corsock, Castle DouglasA

Mr WFE FORBES, Earlstoun Lodge, Dalry, Castle Douglas

Mr CG NOBLE, West Acres, Kirkclinton, Carlisle

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CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Duncan Maxwell, Blairvockie, Rowardennan, Drymen, 01360870242

VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Alan McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow, Selkirk, 0175042245

JUNIOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry, Castle Douglas, 07708004757

DISTRICTS TRUSTEES

Borders

Mr A McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow, Selkirk, 0175042245 (Retires 2020)

Mr K Laurie, Southdean Farm, Bonchester Bridge, Hawick (Retires 2021)

Mr A Tullie, Bowanhill, Teviothead, Hawick (Retires 2022)

Dumfriesshire:

Mr D Cornthwaite, Balgrayhill, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire 01576610206(Retires 2020)

Mr S McKinnon, Shancastle, Moniaive, Thornhill 01848 200376 (Retires 2021)

Kirkcudbrightshire East:

Mr AM BROWN, Drumhumphry, Corsock, Castle Douglas, 01644 440231(Retires 2020)

Kirkcudbrightshire West:

Mr J Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas, 01644 440241 (Retires 2020)

Mr R McTurk, Glenhowl, Dalry, Castle Douglas, 07814086984 (Retires 2021)

Mr P Hunter-Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry, Castle Douglas, 01644 430495 (Retires 2022)

Wigtownshire & Ayrshire:

Mrs S McKinnel, Garrarie, Whithorn, Newton Stewart 01988700287 (Retires 2020)

Mr S Redman, Creeside Farm, Barrhill, Girvan, Ayrshire 01465821538 (Retires 2021)

Mr M McCornick, Barquhill Farm, Newton Stewart 01988 860266 (Co-opt) (Retires 2022)

Rest of Scotland:

Mr W MacLean, Inverglenn, Barcaldine, Oban, 01631 720494(Retires 2020)

Mr D Maxwell, Blairvockie, Rowardennan, Drymen, 01360870242 (Retires 2022)

Cumberland:

Mr A Waugh, Park Farm, Bewcastle, Carlisle, 01697748627 (Retires 2020)

Mr CG Noble, West Acres, Kirkclinton, Carlisle, 01228 675255 (Retires 2022)

Northern Counties:

Mr D Heath, Heathersgill, Field Lane, Wroot, Doncaster, 01302771772 (Retires 2020)

Rest of England & Wales:

Mr M Partridge, Townwood Farm, Poundsgate, Newton Abbot, 01364631008 (Retires 2020)

Mr J Teare, Ballavair, Bride, Isle of Man, 01624880830 (Retires 2021)

Mr J Heard, Hughslade Farm, Okehampton, Devon, 0183754575(Co-opt) (Retires 2022)

Ireland:

Mr J Smyth, Upper Buckna, Ballymena, Co-Antrim, 02825684245 (Retires 2020)

Mr B Douglas, 15 Ganvaughan Road, Castlederg, Co Tyrone 07549112651 (Retires 2021)

Mr S Martin, Garuagh, Barnesmore, County Donegal 0870557027 (Retires 2022)

CO-OPTED TRUSTEES:

(3 individual persons not necessary to be members of the Society co-opted as Trustees and shall serve until the next AGM)

Mr AK McConchie, Stryde Cottage, 8 Ramsay Wood, Gatehouse of Fleet

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY, held on Friday, 31st May 2019 in the Board Room, Harrison & Hetherington Ltd, Rosehill, Carlisle at 1.00pm

Mr John Finlay Chairman of Trustees , presided, and in attendance Mrs D Goldie (Secretary)

Present: Mr A McConchie, Mr G Noble, Mr D Cornthwaite, D & D Heath, Mr R McTurk, Mr S McKinnon Mr P Hunter Blair, Mr A Brown, Mr MJ Ross. Mr A McClymont, Mr D Maxwell, Mr A Waugh, Liz Wilkinson, Messrs B & B Douglas and Mr K Laurie.

1. Apologies:- Messrs I Finlay, W Forbes, A McMillan, J Smyth, S Redman, A Tullie, Miss M Howie and Mrs S McKinnel.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Kings Arms Hotel, Castle Douglas on 23rd May 2018 were approved by Mr A McClymont and seconded by Mr S McKinnon. The Chairman signed these Minutes.

3. Report of Council: - Mr John Finlay stated that the majority of the Society's activities had been covered in the 2018 Breed Journal, he then read out the following Trustees' report. The Galloway Cattle Society had another successful year, the Society's sales had been well supported, Troloss Farms had topped the bull trade again and heifers were very well bid for at both Castle Douglas and Carlisle.

The summer shows were well attended by both exhibitors and spectators and a special thanks to our exhibitors who take the time to attend these shows. At the Royal Highland show, the Society was represented with a stand and marquee. Congratulations were extended to the Troloss Team who won the championship with Blackcraig Sid and Jason and Sarah Wareham who received the reserve championship award with Troloss Legend. At the Yorkshire show, the Ross Team from Romesbeoch received the championship with Nerys 1306 of Romesbeoch and Harvey's Zsa Zsa from George Harvey received the reserve title.

The Society has been represented at various events and beef events around the country and our thanks go to everyone who helped and offered cattle for stands. The 2018 Tullamore Show was a new event and we thank Brendan and Barry Douglas for their support at this event, their Galloways which were exhibited on the stand created a lot of interest and with new interest from Irish farmers the Society will capitalize on events such as this. In the last few weeks, the Society had attended Beef Expo and Scotland's Beef Event, at both events excellent cattle were on display and they were much admired by visitors to the events.

The Galloway Beef Scheme is progressing, the Quality Assurance scheme is now underway with members being assessed under the new rules, in recent months Galloway Burgers had been sold in Scottish Aldi stores, the Galloway Pie and Galloway Beef Web site had been launched and future PR events are being launched. The last learning trip is planned for Green Week in Germany and this will be advertised in coming months.

Mr Finlay then thanked his fellow Trustees for their help and support, he also thanked Dorothy and Miss M W Lothian for their help in organising the office and Andrew McConchie who is called upon to attend shows and events.

This report was approved by Mr P Hunter Blair and seconded by Mr A Waugh.

4. Accounts: - The Chairman called on Mr Andrew McConchie to give the report of Auditors and the Financial Statements. He presented the following report:-

As expected, due to the ongoing promotions, the Income and Expenditure account for the year end showed a deficit of £3828. Turning to the Society's income, overall total income showed a decrease of £573 on the year, registration fees and subscriptions decreased by £1920 and £603 respectively, levy on sales increased by £1212, and all other income was comparable to 2017. Our income from Society's investments is a welcome income source as income from our investments was nearly a 6th of our total income. On the expenses side, total expenses were £44533, £5571 increase on the year before, our largest expense was publicity and advertising of £14601, up £8294 on the year. This was due to the extra work and expenses with the Galloway Beef project, which was now reaping rewards as the first Galloway beef pie was being launched at the Galloway Sale, all other expenses were comparable to 2017, except for postage as this saw an increase of £296 due to an extra mail shot and increased postal charges. There was also no Legal and professional fees due to the new constitution being a one off expense in 2017. Turning to the Balance Sheet, the overall funds of the Society were £217082, this showing a decrease of £22035 on the year, this was due to the decrease of quoted investments from £214, 509 to £186,876. Also sundry debtors and trade creditors show increases due to more registrations in December and the Leader grant being still to claim.

Regards to our investments, a request was made from Speirs and Jeffery to undertake decisions on our portfolio without consultation from Mr McConchie. This was agreed and Mr McConchie will inform Speirs and Jeffery of this decision. It was noted as from the 1st June 2019 Speirs and Jeffery our stock broker merged with Rothbones Brothers.

Mr McConchie also explained that in 2020 it is the intention not to post out hard copies of Accounts to members, this information will be posted online on our web page and to anyone who requests a hard copy. At this point it was suggested hard copies will be posted to all Trustees, this was agreed and the Secretary will send all Trustees a copy.

The Chairman asked for questions: Mr S McKinnon asked how Speirs and Jeffery received their fee, Mr McConchie confirmed that was a percentage of total income and therefore in their best interest to invest wisely. It was also confirmed the Society receive reports of investment and income quarterly.

As there were no further questions the report was approved by Mr S McKinnon and seconded by Mr A McClymont.

5. Appointment of Office Bearers: -

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6. To Re-appoint the Auditors and authorise the Trustees to fix their remuneration: Mr A McConchie proposed that Messrs Carson & Trotter CA, 123 Irish Street, Dumfries, be re-appointed Auditors to the Society, Mr P Hunter Blair seconded this.

7. Any other Competent Business: - Several questions were asked about the Quality Assurance Scheme and the promotions of Galloway Beef, Mr Scott McKinnon gave the following update on the Scheme. The Quality Assurance Scheme was now underway and over 20 farms had been assessed. This was a bolt on to the members existing Quality Schemes and this included the Red Tractor Scheme in England and the IMC in Ireland. We were pleased to announce Aldi had sold out of Galloway Burgers. Further talks with a leading supermarket at the forthcoming Royal Highland Show have been arranged to develop the Galloway range sold in stores. Regards to Galloway Beef, in the last few months, a Galloway pie had been launched along with the Galloway Beef web page and it was hoped to secure a premium at the farm gate for our product. Members were reminded that the Galloway scheme was for 50 % Galloways, either dam or sire had to be registered with the GCS.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 1.45pm, with a vote of thanks to the chair from Mr A McConchie.

**The 2019 Trustees' Report and Financial statement has
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2020 Financial Statement

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