

ALLANIAN SOCIETY AGM

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018, 5.30PM

Attending: Bill Lomas (Chairman), Dr J R Hind, Helen Richardson, Marion Russell, Christine Straker, Gordon Robinson, Chris Archer, Stephen Davies, Dave Stewart, Sue Stewart, Tove Elander.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed all present to the AGM. Draft minutes of the 2017 AGM, accounts for the year ended 31st July 2018 and “Allanians for Life” proposal document were circulated.

Apologies were received from Trevor Scott, Walter Armstrong, Julia Weatherall, Brian Adcock, Elliott Ward, Jon Archer, Abby French.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes were accepted by all present.

3. Matters arising from minutes

No matters arose.

4. Review of the year

Dr Hind gave his review of the year, highlighting the following:

- The A level results this year were good, together with very strong GCSE results of which 20% of papers scored a nine (the national average was 4%).
- Sport: among the sporting highlights were the rugby and hockey tour to South Africa, and the rugby team beating Ampleforth for the first time in many years. The sports award evening was a success, with former GB swimmer Chris Cook as a guest speaker. The Richard Holmes memorial rugby game was held at Kingston Park and raised £800.
- Music, dance and drama: all very good, particular highlights include the senior school's production of Grease, Year 6's production of the Tempest, and an outstanding Year 7 pupil violinist.
- CCF and OLED continues to grow.
- Various awards were received during the year, including a Gold in the Biology Olympiad, and an award was received from the English Speaking Union for promoting debating in the Schools.
- The Schools currently have 1099 pupils on roll, of whom 299 are in the Junior School. This year saw a big growth in numbers in Year 7.
- Dr Hind attended the funerals of Margaret Johnson, Colonel Johnson and June Salmon.

Finally the Principal thanked the Society for the support and the work they have been doing for the Schools over the last year; he and the Schools are very grateful for this.

The Chairman then gave an outline of the work done during the year:

- Contact forms were handed out to Year 13 leavers, of which 92% were filled in and returned.

- At the Christmas lunch, Elliott Ward was presented with Life Vice-Presidency by the Society.
- The Society sponsored the welcome drinks at the leavers' ball.
- The dinner was cancelled due to low ticket sales.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending on 31st July 2018. The Society made a profit of £1,062.10. There are no bills outstanding. The Founder's Day lunch broke even before charges were incurred because of the late invitation to HB and HG to attend lunch. The committee approved the accounts.

6. Allanians For Life proposal document

The Principal presented the proposal document "Allanians for Life." The proposal from the Principal was to confirm all members of the Schools both current and future leavers as associate or full members of the Allanian Society with no fee demand, replacing the present system where a fee is demanded in the final school fee bill. This would both reaffirm the concept of the Schools as a family and also take account of the school fees which have been paid over the years without levying a further charge to join the Society.

Following the discussion, it was proposed:

- The Allanian Society will continue to receive an annual income from the Schools.
- The sum will be calculated by multiplying the Allanian Society membership fee by the number of leavers (from ALL year groups). The figure will be paid to the society in September of each year (to allow time for a full list of leavers to be drawn up).
- In light of its budgetary needs, the Society will continue to set its own membership fee.
- The Schools reserve the right to discontinue this practice should it be felt that the Society is not using its income in the best interest of the Schools.
- Mr Stephen Davies will submit a draft outline of a policy to the Principal and this will be put to the vote at the next meeting of the Board.

7. Election of the Board

The current members were elected en bloc. The officers remain as follows:

President – Bryan Sanderson

Vice Presidents – Christine Straker, Julia Weatherall, Dave Stewart, Jon Archer

Chairman – Bill Lomas

Honorary Treasurer – Chris Archer

Honorary Assistant Treasurer – Marion Russell

Nominations of new board members will be made at the next general meeting.

8. Any other Business

There was no other business.