

Ross Arts Society AGM Monday 2<sup>d</sup> March 2026 at Llarruperz Hall

Present: 55 members and 3 guests, Mr and Mrs Bach

Apologies: Ann Hay and Anne Summers

Address by Chris Chowney

Chris reported the sad passing of Liz Maggs. He noted the departure from the Committee (and their helpers) of a couple of members for personal reasons.

The Committee continues to run without an appointed Chairman, with the Art Society's agreement. This works well with the duties distributed to various members of the Committee. He thanked all those helping to run the Society, anyone interested would be welcome to apply to join the Committee or offer help in any other way. He gently reminded those members who had not yet renewed their membership that subscriptions are now due. He pointed out the new projector and screen along with a new sound system which had improved the presentation experience for both members and speakers, it also made setting up for the talk much easier.

Following the Day of Special Interest, which was such a success socially and financially, two more DoSI's are being arranged. The first by Chris Haslam on the Silk Road in March 2026 and a further one in the autumn. Two popular visits were arranged during the year, one to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery and another to Llantony Secunda, the next one is to Frampton Abbots Manor. For all events see Teresa who has a table with leaflets and booking forms at the side of the hall. Caroline Utting continues to promote the Society through a Facebook page and reports in the local paper.

The Treasurer gave his report, copies circulated, he noted the finances were in a good position due to increased membership, a profit from special interest days and visits, a reduced levee from the Arts Society, controlled expenditure, (speakers' fees had not increased) and some generous donations. Our bank balance has increased to £10,488. The accounts had been examined by Denis Holly FCA. By a show of hands the accounts were approved.

The Committee: Chris Chowney, David Thomson, Michael Hoddinott, Penny Walshe, Anne Summers, Teresa Newman.

The existing Committee were all prepared to stand for a further year and were elected en bloc by a show of hands.

Denis Holly was proposed as independent examiner and confirmed by a show of hands.