

**Wellington Memorial Silver Band AGM 17/02/2025**

The band met for their annual AGM on 17th February 2025. Chairman Thomas Woods welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice presidents Raymond Stewart, Tom McNeilly, William Moody and Robert McClurg were in attendance. Apologies were accepted from president David Dickson, Jim Smyth and Avril Carse.

Thomas welcomed Robin Fairbairn, and asked him to close a moments silence for the bereaved in prayer. The minutes from last year's AGM were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

The treasurer, Sam Woods, gave a short report on the band's finances and spoke about the Gift Aid rebates which have been beneficial for the band. Thomas thanked Sam for his continued commitment to his role. The accounts have been checked and verified by independent auditors and it was proposed and seconded that the accounts be accepted as accurate.

The chairman spoke briefly about how the band continues to be busy, and acknowledged all the different roles that our members embark on, he thanked Sam for his continued work on maintaining the accounts, Victoria for her role as secretary and NIBA/BBNI representative. To Dawn for her continued hard work to get guests for our contests/concerts when we need them, getting music gathered for ensemble events and keeping things ticking over. It was also mentioned that her efforts at Christmas time, organising groups to play carols in various locations to raise money for Action Cancer does not go unnoticed. For the festive period of 2024, it was noted that her groups had raised £6636 for the charity. And finally thanks were expressed to Graham for his hard work in maintaining the instruments and he is always willing to help without complaint.

Thomas then handed over to the bands MD Stephen Cairns, Thomas welcomed him and thanked him for his dedication, hard work and patience with the band. With Fivemiletown being a success last year, we are hoping to bring the same results in, and we look forward to taking part.

Stephen spoke briefly and thanked the members for their attendance and commitment to the band. He was then given the task of choosing player of the year. This was awarded to Peter McAuley, Stephen remarked on how he is a good attender, he plays his parts well, and usually on his own.

Robin then thanked the band for inviting him back, and he expressed his gratitude at our support to him, and for playing carols for him in Portavogie during the festive period.

All offices were declared vacant and were re-elected in block. The meeting was then brought to a close and everyone enjoyed refreshments and time for a chat.

**Officers**

President: David Dickson

Vice Presidents: William Pentland, Robin Fairbairn, Jim Smyth, Raymond Stewart, Elma Pentland, Avril Carse, Tom McNeilly, Robert McClurg, William Moody

Chairman: Thomas Woods

Vice Chairman: Robert McClurg

Treasurer: Sam Woods

Secretary: Victoria McAuley

Assistant Secretary: Catherine Dodsworth

Librarians: Robert McClurg, Evelyn Woods, Patrick Millar

Committee: Catherine Dodsworth, Dawn Stewart, David Hanna, Graham McNamara

NIBA/BBNI reps: Catherine Dodsworth, Dawn Stewart, Victoria McAuley

SWDBA reps: Sam Woods, Thomas Woods

Crossgar War Memorial Hall reps: Robert McClurg, Callum Bowsie

Equipment Officers: David Hanna, Graham McNamara

Conductor: Stephen Cairns

Assistant Conductor: Thomas Woods

Band Sergeant: Dawn Stewart

Independent persons: Robert McClurg, Dougie Marr

Signed Chairman

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