



Minutes of Committee Meeting of **SELKIRK MERCHANT COMPANY**
held in Selkirk Rugby Club on Wednesday 5 February 2025 following the SGM.

1. Present: Master Falconer Grieve, Andrew Anderson, Neville Dundas, Eileen Easton, Dale Henderson, Al Pattullo, Viv Ross, Judith Thompson.
Apologies: Margaret Moyes, Jake Wheelans.
2. Minutes of previous meeting: approved on the motion of AP, seconded by EE.
3. Matters arising: The Master reported that the medallion had been successfully incorporated into the new chain's pendant, that the chain was with Hamish Smith for engraving (all former Masters starting with Bill Ainslie in 1984) and would be ready before the AGM/Dinner.
Agreed that a photo be arranged with Bill Ainslie, whose name was the first on the chain; website storage – AP will follow up; AA reported that he had contacted the National Museum of Scotland for advice on the preservation of the flags but owing to work pressures they might be slow to respond.
4. Correspondence: Sent – Letters to Provost and Guest Speaker re Dinner; Received – confirmation from entertainers. Noted response from HB regarding future events. **Agreed** that entertainers be consulted in that regard and that a presentation be made to HB at the Dinner.
5. SGM Review: 23 members (plus Master) in attendance. Proposals for 6 new Members were approved and will be submitted to the AGM for ratification. The Secretary will now write to the individuals advising them of the outcome and the joining fee/subscription, and current members will be emailed giving details of the AGM Agenda and change of venue. The members present at the SGM also agreed to recommend the proposal re Subscriptions which should now be put to the AGM for approval.
6. Treasurer's Report: Current Account balance £2,228.62; £8,000 deposited in new Commercial Instant Access Savings Account. Noted that 28 ordinary Members were currently paying subscriptions at less than the £25 rate.
7. AGM 2025: Venue – Cruickshank Room, Victoria Halls; VR to confirm requirements and timings with Live Borders; review of annual donations to be undertaken, involving discussions with recipient bodies, with recommendations for 2026.
8. Dinner 2025: Noted change of venue to Lesser Victoria Hall; Member giving vote of thanks agreed; menu choices agreed (ticket price set at £30); top table seating and 8 complimentary tickets confirmed, also Dinner Programmes and printing of top table place



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names, photographer and meeting arrangements for guests and new Members; table for sale of raffle tickets to be set up in foyer.

9. CR Trust Update: Noted content of meeting summary provided by JW and that, as anticipated, the logistics of the Lesser Victoria Hall being set up after the Company Foy for the Common Riding Ball Dinner would have to be resolved.
10. AOB: AP to look into the suggestion of a Calendar of Company Events on the website: noted that, with easier and quicker electronic communication available to most Members, Notices for SGM and AGM might be issued separately in future.
11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 March 2025, Hammermen's Hall – VR will book.