

Note of meeting April 25th, 2019

1. Present: Ann Bridges, Liz Higgins, Anne Morris, Dorothy Orem, Arlen Pardoe, David Watkinson. Apologies: Ted Brocklebank, Jim Bennett, Maia Sheridan, Frances Humphries, Donald MacGregor, Edmund Robertson

2. The note of the meeting of 21st February was accepted.

3. Lindsay Matheson having intimated that he no longer felt well enough to carry on with his work with the committee, we recorded the enormous debt of gratitude which we, the school and indeed the town owed him in his many school-related endeavours, but especially, from our point of view, his persistence and energy in getting the group up and running and maintaining its momentum throughout recent years.

Planning for succession was discussed. AB was willing to carry on as chair but no-one was immediately volunteering to be secretary. AB had talked in the previous week to former pupils who were also members of staff, and they had mostly shown interest in the theory – if not the immediate practice – of the work of the group. AM had spoken to some former pupils about the project, and had come up with two people who would be willing to join the group – Erika Musselwhite and Helen Patrick.

Further publicity could be generated by talking to both the FP Girls and the Staff about the work of the group.

Jim Bennett has agreed to address the FP Girls at their annual dinner in November, and we should explore the possibility of talking to the staff as a whole – perhaps in an INSET day.

Olav Darge does use some of our material in the S6 Assemblies, which gives the work of the group a bit of exposure.

The need for liaison with Mr McClure was highlighted, as this had been one of Lindsay's functions.

4. There were no reports from the various sub-groups.

5. Staff photo (????) (Acting secretary cannot read own notes on this, sorry!)

Tom Drysdale's Diary has been transliterated and circulated to most of the group. A reproduction of a painting by Tom Drysdale of St Andrews, given to Lena Croll as a birthday present has also been added to the material, and also a link made between the two entries.

6. There was no other competent business

7. Date of next meeting was fixed for 29th August (subsequently changed to 19th September.)