

And on the motion of Mr Archie Macdonald, Seconded by Mr Thomas
Soudon it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr Mason to deliver
oration, the Secretary being advised to write and thank Mr Home
for his ungrudging services, and the great interest he takes in our
club. After a little discussion it was decided that the price of
the ticket for supper, be the same as last year, namely 6/6 each.
There were three new members which the meeting generally approved of
Mr John Coston, Mr George Williamson, and Mr James Mc Intyre.
This being all the business and with a fairly good attendance, the
rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

Robert Porteous
President

Sheep Head Inn
Laddington

1/1/36

A committee meeting was held on the above date to consider arrangements
for the annual Supper January 25th 1936. The following being approved of
and recommended by the committee. That we accept the catering of the
Kusselburgh & Fisherow Co-operative Society for supper at 2/6 with broth
added 3/-, and that we have the same service at tables as last year.
That complimentary tickets be issued to the following Gentlemen
Mr Mason (1) Mr Fred Belford (1) Mr George Macdonald (1) Whitelaws Brewery 2
Mr Andrew Wilson, Honorary President (1) The Piper (1) and one to our old worthy
member, to mark the occasion of his 74th Birthday, Mr John Swan. The selecting
of the piper was left in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr Robert Brown.
The refreshments to be looked after by the Croupier Mr Archie Macdonald, and
the arranging of the programme to be left with the Secretary.

The Committee then adjourned upstairs to put their recommendations before the general meeting.

Robert Porteous President
Sheep Head Inn

Dundington

1/1/36

The monthly general meeting was held on the above date. The President, Mr Robert Porteous, Esq., occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved of on the motion of Mr John Clark seconded by Mr Thomas Sneddon. All the recommendations of the committee in connection with the supper was put before the general meeting and unanimously agreed to. After a little discussion it was again decided to allow members to bring a friend who was resident outside the district to Supper. On the occasion of Mr Baxter, Ironmont, being due to give a Lecture on February 8th it was agreed to make the night open, the Secretary being instructed to notify all members of same, and that they be allowed to bring one gentleman friend. The usual generosity of our two noble worthy members, Mr Alex Home and Mr Andrew Milon Honorary President, in supplying the company with refreshments was cheerfully appreciated. Mr Home also commanded great attention from all members, to a most interesting Lecture on the letters of Burns. There were four new members enrolled. Mr Beveridge Kinghorn, proposed by Thomas Sneddon, seconded by Mr Robt McElshean. Mr James Thomson, proposed by Mr George Williamson, seconded by Mr Robt Porteous, junr. Mr David Lindsay and Mr William Livingston proposed by Mr John Clark, seconded by Mr George Williamson. This being all the business the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony. Robt Porteous President

Sheep Head Inn

Duddingston

8th February 1936

The monthly general meeting was held on the above date, The President Mr Robert Porteous, Esq., occupied the chair. The minutes of the committee meeting held shortly before the previous general meeting were read and approved of on the motion of Mr John Swann.

Seconded by Mr Robert Porteous, Junr. The minutes of the previous general meeting were then read and approved of on the motion of Mr Thomas Sneddon, Seconded by Mr Archie Macdonald.

The guest of the evening Mr William Baxter, Trarant, gave a most interesting and spirited lecture on the life and songs of Robert Burns. The meeting was patronised by three other worthy guests, namely, Bailie Wilson McHaren, Bailie Williams Dow & Councillor Thomas Dixon. Bailie Wilson McHaren very suitably expressed his pleasure at being present on this occasion. He complimented Mr Baxter on the merits of his lecture, and wished the club every success. Bailie Dow and Councillor ^{Dixon} also intimated their appreciation of the evening. Councillor Dixon, who put in an appearance after the general business was over, wished to become a member, and on the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie Seconded by Mr Archie Macdonald, it was readily agreed to admit Councillor Dixon a member. This being all the business the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony

Robert Porteous Esq

Sheep Heid Inn
Duddingston

14th March. 1936

The monthly general meeting was held on the above date, The President; Mr Robert Porteous Sen occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved of on the motion of Mr James Rafferty, seconded by Mr Robert Porteous Junr. The treasurer gave a very satisfactory report on the supper, showing a balance profit of five shillings and sixpence. A Telegram from Mr George Macdonald (Schoolmaster) was read, intimating, owing to business reasons, he was unable to be with us that evening. The question of the books for the schools annual competition arose, and after a little discussion it was agreed the Club make the same grant as last year. A suggestion to invite some friends from Carniston to a social evening meeting March 25th had hearty support, the secretary being instructed to notify all members for that night. On the motion of Mr Robert Bowie, seconded by Mr John Clark. The President agreed to be bowling secretary during the bowling season. The Honorary President; Mr Andrew Wilson gave a report on the intended drive, The members unanimously in favour of taking the advantage of this days outing, third Sunday in August. To help the Club funds it was proposed by Mr Robert Porteous Junr, seconded by Mr John Clark, that the Club run a dance. Mr David Lindsay proposed, seconded by Mr William Johnston that we run a social and dance. On the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie, seconded by Mr Robert Bowie, it was decided that we bring this question up again, earlier on in the coming season. It was agreed that April 11th being the last meeting of the season be open to members friends, and that the secretary notify accordingly. This being all the business the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

Robert Porteous President

Sheephead Inn

buddington

April 11th 1936

The closing general meeting was held on the above date, The President Mr Robert Porteous, Esq., occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved of on the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie, Seconded by Mr Robert Bowie. In connection with the Bowling game it was decided that all playing members give their names to the president: Mr Robert Porteous, Esq., who had been previously elected match secretary. Mr William Baxter, Trarant, gave a most interesting lecture on the Song and Loves of Burns, Bailie John Hay, Portobello replied to Mr Baxter, Councillor Thomas Dickson said a few words, and Mr John Ross, Portobello, who also spoke on the merits of Mr Baxter's lecture, thanked the Club for the invitation. Afterwards, The President: Mr Porteous, conferred an Honourary Membership on Mr Baxter. It was a largely attended meeting, and the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony.

Robert Porteous Esq. President

August 5th 1936

At Sheephead Inn, buddington, on above date, a Special meeting was held in connection with the motor drive to kumfries. £9.10- part payment of fares was paid in. This amount afterwards being handed over to the Honorary President: Mr Andrew Millon, convener of the drive. Two new members were admitted to the club. Mr John Robertson, proposed by Mr Thomas Snider, Seconded by Mr Robert Porteous, Esq. and Mr Robert Gibson, proposed by Councillor Thomas Dickson, Seconded by Mr Thomas Bowie.

This closed the Business for the evening.

Robert Porteous Esq. President

Sheephead Inn

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Oct 10th 1936

A Committee meeting was held on the above date, Mr Robert Porteous Senr occupied the chair, (Eight members being present.) On a motion by Mr Andrew King, Seconded by Mr Thomas Sneddon, it was recommended that Mr Andrew Wright, Corstorphine, deliver Oration at our Supper. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Eas Calder "Jolly Beggars" Burns Club, asking for a small donation towards Mr William Murdock's County (Young) benefit. After a little discussion it was decided to leave it over to a more opportune time. In conformity with the rules of the Club, Mr Thomas Sneddon gave notice of one month for the introduction of other Scottish Songs to the Harmony. This concluded the business of committee meeting.

Robert Porteous President

Sheephead Inn

huddington Oct 10 1936

The opening general meeting was held on the above date, Mr Robert Porteous Senr occupied the chair. The Chairman made a few appreciative remarks on the success of the drive to bumpies. Also intimated the result of the Bowling matches between the three clubs. The Jewel, Kildrie, and the "Poosy Nancy" Burns Bowling Clubs. Kildrie Club being lucky winners by one half point. The minutes of the closing general meeting (Last Season) April 11th were then read and approved of, on the motion of Mr James Rafferty, Seconded by Mr Thomas Sneddon. Mr Alexander Williamson who also made a few very appreciative remarks on the drive, moved a vote of thanks to the working committee of same.

Mr James Rufferty, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Millon for her courtesy and interest she had in our women folks at the drive. It was unanimously agreed on the motion by Mr Archie Macdonald that we entertain our women folk one night in the season. Mr Andrew Millon thanked the committee for the assistance given to the drive, and intimated we could have the hall any Saturday evening to entertain our women folks. On a motion by Mr Alexander Williamson, seconded by Mr Archie Macdonald, it was unanimously agreed to re- elect all office Bearer in Block, namely, Hon President: Mr Alex Horne, Hon Vice President Mr Andrew Millon. President Mr Robert Porteous, Senr. Vice Presidents Mr Robert Bowie and Mr Archie Macdonald, Secretary, Mr John Wood, Treasurer, Mr Robert B. Brown, Stewards, Mr George Robertson and Mr Archie Macdonald. The Chairman and Treasurer in turn thanked the members for the confidence in their re- election. On a motion by Mr Archie Macdonald, seconded by Mr Thomas Suddon, it was unanimous that we form a new committee, which reads as follows, Mr Andrew King, Mr James Rufferty, Mr Robert Porteous, Junr, Mr William Livingston, Mr Alexander Williamson, Mr William Young, and Mr Archie Macdonald. Representatives to the Association, Mr Robert Porteous Junr, Mr Andrew Millon, Mr Andrew King, The Treasurers Financial report, showing a very appreciative balance on hand, was cheerfully adopted on the motion of Mr John Swan, seconded by Mr Thomas Suddon, The question of a small donation towards Mr William Murdoch, (Canty young) benefit came before the members, and on the motion of Mr Thomas Suddon seconded by Mr Andrew King, it was decided that, should anything happen to Mr Murdoch in the near future, The Treasurer was instructed to forward to Mrs Murdoch, as a token of respect: a death aid Ten Shillings. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded

Mr Andrew King for the clear and very satisfactory report of the Federation Conference held at Elgin, which was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie, seconded by Mr Robert Brown. It was generally agreed to, on a report by Mr Andrew Milton that Mr Baxter would rather give a Hallowe'en Lecture on Nov 14th, and leave the lantern slide Lecture to a later date. The Secretary being instructed to notify Mr Baxter the feeling of the members. A discussion took place of introducing other Scottish songs to the Harmony. On a motion by Mr Andrew King, seconded by Mr Thomas Bowie, it was agreed to leave this matter to the Chairman's discretion. Mr Thomas Smedden gave a fine report on his visit with the Secretary to Miami Hill School, interviewing Mr Macdonald, and outlining what changes might take place between now and this time next year. On a motion by Mr Andrew King, seconded by Mr Robert Porteous Junr, it was unanimously agreed to hold our annual Supper on January 30th 1937. The Chairman Mr Robert Porteous Senr, apologised for the absence of Mr James Robertson. Mr Robert Porteous Junr, apologised for the absence of Mr George Williamson. This concluded the business, the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony.
Robert Porteous President

Sheephead Inn

Luddington Nov 14th 1936

The monthly general meeting was held on the above date, The President Mr Robert Porteous, Senr, occupied the chair, The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved of, on the motion of Mr Robert Porteous Junr, seconded by Mr Archie Macdonald. Ten new members made application for enrolment, On a suggestion by the Chairman it was unanimously agreed to enrol them en-Block. Their names read, Mr John Murray

Mr David McIlraith, William Shade, Mr William Thomson, Mr James Hoy,
Mr George McKee, Mr William Lait, Mr Robert Hewitson Mr William Corve
and Mr William Brown. A report in general by Mr Andrew King of a
meeting of the Edinburgh & District Burns Clubs Association was warmly
acknowledged, and approved of on the motion of Mr William Johnston,
Seconded by Mr Alexander Horne, On the motion of the Chairman, a hearty
vote of thanks was accorded Mr William Baxter for his general entertainment,
including, The Fattie and Herring Supper, The Musicians, The Decorations,
and his splendid address, to which Mr Horne and Councillor Thomas
Dickson made a most suitable reply. Mr Baxter intimated visits
he paid to our late Hon Member, Mr William Murdoch (Canty Jenny)
before he passed away, The members being gratified to know that
Mr Baxter, also attended his, (Mr Murdochs) Funeral. The Chairman
intimated an invitation from The Jewel Bowling Club, to a
Social Evening, which was unanimously accepted, Members agreed
to meet in Jewel Bowling Club Pavilion, November 28th. This being
all the business, the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony.

Robert Dickson
President

Sheephead Inn

Buddingston Dec. 12th 1936

The monthly general meeting was held on the above date, The President
Mr Robert Pordous, Esq., occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous
general meeting were read and approved of, on the motion of Mr
Thomas Bowin, Seconded by Mr William Johnston. A very cheerful letter
from Mr William Baxter was read, explaining the nature of his
accident, which also prevented him from attending at Jewel

Bowling Club Pavilion on November 28th. It was agreed on the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie, Seconded by Mr Andrew King that the Supper arrangements be left to the committee, Their recommendations to come before the general meeting. It was also agreed on the motion of Mr Robt. McElushan, Seconded by Mr Thomas Smeddon, that Mr Archie Macdonald take up, and fulfill his duties as Croupier at the Supper. The visitors to the meeting were introduced by our Hon President; Mr Alexander Horne. On presentation of a picture of Burns, by the speaker Mr John McVie, he spoke on the spirit of Burns Clubs, Complimenting the individual spirit of the members of The New Craighall & District Poosay Harry Burns Club, The Chairman moved, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr McVie. On the motion of Mr Thomas Bowie, the members unanimously gave Mr McVie a cordial invitation to our Supper which he accepted. Two visitors Mr James Bell, and Mr Andrew Wright made an excellent reply to the speakers address. A nice little gift presented to the Club by Mrs Robert Porteous, Esq. (Wife of our Chairman) realised the substantial sum of £1-12- for the benefit of Mrs William Murdoch, widow of our late Hon member Canty Young. There were three new members enrolled, namely Mr John McDonald, Mr David Rufferty and Mr James Peters. This being all the business, the rest of the evening was spent in Harmony.

Robert Porteous President