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Extracts from Minutes of Dalry Burns Club 1919-1959.

Secy. Patrick Comrie 1911-1934.

Minutes actually began in 1920.

6-1-20

Short toast programme due to limit of nine o'clock still insisted upon in licensed premises. (Mr & Mrs Deane new hosts of inn)

11-1-21

Licence extended to 11 o'clock. Cost of supper was 10/-.  
Extra levy of 4/-.

29-1-21

Membership limited to 50.

9-1-22

Licence now 2 am.

27-1-22

Resolved that Chair to be taken at Centenary of the Club by oldest member and Groupier by next.

7-1-24

Mrs Gibson new host at the Inn. (Membership + supper cost £1.)

8-1-25

Licence to 2.30. Geo Houston agreed to supply printer with an Etching of Courthill Inn. To printed on menu & Greetings cards. New proprietor - Mr & Mrs Gibson.  
Cost of supper was £1 (including special levy of 5/- for additional expenses)

11-1-29

Cost of supper - 12/6. + membership 2/6.

12-1-31

Club decided to seek re-affiliation to the Burns Federation.

28-12-31

Cost of supper - 10/- + fee 2/6. Club reaffiliated to Federation with their old number. (35)

2-1-34

Patrick Comrie resigned from office of Secretary. J.D. Gordon appointed.

30-12-34 Suggestion that club present a prize to school to encourage knowledge of Burns

8-1-37 Announced. proprietors of Courthill Inn refused to allow supper.

12-1-37 Proposed approach to Kings Arms Hotel as to holding the supper (Present Wm Wilson, Wm Boyd, Douglas G Gordon?)

22-2-37 J.D. Gordon & Wm Wilson appointed Secy and Treasurer jointly. The first committee for 1937-1938 elected for first time viz.  
John Henderson (Chair) A. Wilson Boyle (Croupier)  
Wm Donald (next croupier) J.D. Gordon.  
Wm Wilson.

John S Howie and Wm Wilson agreed to make an accurate copy of first minute book.

<sup>30</sup>12-39 Agreed. to provide each member with a refreshment from Tappit Hen for least King & Royal Family etc

28-12-40 Last recorded minutes till →

14-2-46

Membership limited to 70.; guests should not exceed 10  
Members Books presented to club by Sir Standish Crawford be repaired & this was left in hands of David Houston.  
Committee appointed to draw up Constitution.

viz. J.S. Howie, David Houston, D.G. Gordon, A.R. Chisholm.  
W.B. Brown.

26-4-46

Constitution submitted. Summer trip arranged for 1-6-46

28-11-46

AGM Wm Wilson, J.D. Gordon resigned. New secy. D.G. Gordon  
Treasurer - A.G. Comrie Club Guests H. John Gunn - Kings Arms Hotel  
John Reid J.P. - 130 Garnock St

19-12-46

A.G.M. to be held at beginning of the year to allow names of chairman etc to appear in Burns Chronicle

27-3-47

Meetings to be held. First in Oct with Sir Patrick Dollan speaking.



25-11-47 AGM.

Social meeting now fixed for 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 48. Death of G Howler announced (oldest member)

22-12-47

~~Social night to be a Buffet Tea - cost 3/6 in Kings Arms Hotel with late licence. Guests of club -~~

Dr Somerville - 200 St Vincent St. Glasgow E 2.

Mr LW Holland - Rector of High School.

16-2-48

Members night - 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. - a Buffet Tea - cost 3/6 Kings Arms late licence. Members' contributions. No guests.

25-3-48.

AGM. Decided to sponsor Burns Comp. in High School.

5-4-48

School comp. to confined to Higher grade only. Sub committee formed. Summer outing - 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. June. New Treasurer. J Thomson.

17-11-48.

Toasts arranged.

11-12-48

Dinner 15/- (inclusive of membership).

6-1-49. Dinner now 15/- + 2/6

Club. Guests L W Holland, Strands

Rev Rbt Kirkland, Manse.

31-3-49 AGM.

Delegates to Ayrshire Burns Federation authorized to invite Assoc. to meeting following May meeting to Dalry. Club to give hospitality.

1-6-49

School comp. 15-6-49.

26-10-49

Kings Arms Hotel, prop Mr Smith (new) Rt Hon.

Thomas Johnstone <sup>to be</sup> invited as guest. of the Club. (125<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

Also John Irvine, Secy of Ayrshire Burns Fed.

28-11-49

Both guests [F Johnston P.C. LL.D; John Irving] accept invitations Mr Johnston to be asked to reply to Land O'cakes & Mr Irving to Burns Clubs.

9-1-50.

Hugh Shedden former member of club dead.

Hotel Redburn to cater. Kings Arms Hotel to charge members 7/6 corkage per bottle. Hall charge. £1-11- [Bottle of whiskey £2]

[Mr Johnston, had thought he was to propose "The Immortal Memory", now being correctly informed, asked to be relieved from attending] Dinner ticket 15/-.

Guests of Club.

Mr John H Irving, 20 Melville St, Kilmarnock.

L. W. Hollana, Stranda

2-3-50

Arrangements for entertaining Ayrshire Fea. of Burns Clubs at Dalry.

Kings Arms Hat. catering for 50 people. Meeting 3.30 - Tea 5pm. Response from Dalry members disappointing (only 9 acceptances)

30-3-50

Tom Steele, Thomas Tait dead. Mr Thomson resigns Treasurer. new A.G. Comrie. Membership fee up to 7/6. Suggested club needing more publicity = in local paper (no speeches should be reported) Mr D. Tait to frame an article on the club for the Burns Chronicle.

1-6-50.

School Comp. 21-6-50.

30-10-50

Mr Tait's article to appear in 1952 Chronicle. Deaths announced Wm Wilson M.A. & John Wallace (new member).

Club guests Mr John Irving (Secy of Ayrshire Ass.)  
Mr Robert Wallace of National Burns Club.

Books left by Mr. Wm Wilson scrutinised by John Howies Secy to exhibit a Annual Suppers (Available for members to borrow)



11-12-50 Auld Hoose.

Supper in K.A. Hotel, catering by Redburn, Irvine Both  
bequeathed by Wm Wilson now in Secy's hands. Price 12/6 + 7/6.  
Collection for waitresses - not to exceed 2/-

4-1-51

Auld Hoose. Mr John Hall - pianist.  
Guests of club.

Mr John Irving, 20 Melville St, Kilmarnock.

Mr Rbt Hamilton, Clippermore, Port William, Wigtownshire.

29-3-51 King's Arms Ho. AGM

Implementation of Art 7 as amended 30-3-50 resulted  
in exclusion of 6 members who were unpaid for 1951

21-5-51 Auld Hoose:

New members proposed to fill vacancies. School comp.  
to be again held.

5-11-51 Auld Hoose

Mr D. Tait, due to illness, was unable to complete his article.

Mr John S Howie's submitted to the Chronicle, Mr Howie

asked to establish history of the Tappet Men. Mr Wm Donald

(West Killbride) died (a past President) Supper to be held in Lesser Public  
Hal. Caterers - Dalry Baking Co. Bar - John M<sup>c</sup> Cullock, Black  
Bull Inn. [Cost of Hall £2-10/-] Cost of supper 12/6 + 7/6.

4-1-52 Auld Hoose

Club guests. Mr Roberts, Hindog Rd.

Rbt Muir, West Lynn, Dalry (Solerton)

Also died since last supper - John M<sup>c</sup> Donald

3-3-52

Committee 1 min silence as tribute to late King George VI

Wm Crawford to be informed he was next in line for croupier.

24-3-52

Special meeting. Non paid up members ousted, New members  
all accepted. Mr Crawford & Mr Dunlop refused croupiership.

Mr James Hardens next in turn.

27-3-52 AGM Auld House.

Alteration to Article 7 of the constitution should be printed & attached to the constitution: Lesser Public Hall for supper 1953.

26-5-52

Chronicle to be sold at the supper. Gomp (school) wed 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr John McDonald jr. appeared to have joined club in 1938 but on further inspection this was only as a guest & did not join till 1947. Mr David McGinnis next occupier.

29-10-52.

Supper as last year except bar - Miss Sloss.

Secy to ascertain if Mr Jas McDonald, a member, will act as pianist.

6-1-53

Miss Sloss did not wish to run bar; Mr Alex McLean of Museum Tavern. Mr James McDonald unable to be present at supper, Mr Robt McDonald Kilburnie asked, Club guests

Mr T. Cochrane, Mount Pleasant.

Mr Mung Mc Kie, Manager of Clydesdale Bank.

Secy asked to ascertain with regard to Cheese Permit(?)

3-3-53

Mr L Stuart Cowan asked to pay 12/6 price of dinner ticket - did not replied.

26-3-53 AGM Auld House

Mr J. L. Thomson elected Treasurer. Mr Howie proposed members over 70 with at least 15 years membership be granted Honorary Life Memberships. No decision.

21-5-53

School Camp. 10-6-53. Secy to notify National Bank of Scotland re the appointment of Treasurer.

19-10-53

Mr Boyle referred to 1955 when club would be asked to entertain oversea visitors. Supper as per last year.  
Club guests J. Kevin McDonald, Past President of Burns Federation.  
JOHN BAXTER Formerly of DALRY



4-1-54

Club guests not available.

New Guests

Rev. David B Baxter, St Columba's Church, Largs.

Mr G.B. Hepplethwaite, of Messrs Fleming Reid.

Mr. John L Thomson sent letter of resignation, Secy asked to ask him to reconsider. J.R. McCreadie Interim Treasurer.

25-3-54 AGM.

Treasurer elected Mr. J. Russell McCreadie.

8-11-54.

Supper as per last year

Mr Boyle congratulated re being ~~appointed~~ elected President of Burns Federation.

6 Oversea guests to be invited to Supper in 1959.

6-12-54

Price of supper 15/- + 7/6 membership. It was decided to make an appeal for funds for next 5 years (2 annual Supper)

No Club guests this year.

7-1-55

Mr Gordon to appeal for funds 2 annual supper

7-3-55

A measure should be used for refreshments 2 supper. A letter from A Comrie, dated 1/2/55, re collection 2 supper discussed. Secy to write to Mr A Chisholm to apologise for the behaviour of certain members. 2 annual supper. after he had made his appeal on behalf of the club.

31-3-55 AGM

Mr McCreadie submitted statement showing balance of £34-11-10. Mr. Comrie objected to appeals for funds. No one supported him.

30-5-55

School Camp. 17<sup>th</sup> June.

31-10-55 Supper in Kings Arms Hotel. who would cater etc.

Collection stopped. Price upped to 17/6.

Club Guests - H.J. Hague & W. Hudson of Roche.

12-12-55

Wm Dick, died in Prestwick Nursing Home. John H Hall asked to be pianist. Secy asked for a Master of Ceremonies to assist. Chair. Immediate past chairman to introduce chairman of supper. Greeting cards left to John S Howie to design etc.

9-1-55

George Lochart to be pianist. Solos to be J R McCreddie  
Bass ) P Mr J R Rennie Tenor.  
5-3-56

Funds in hand. £36-9-4. Motions re honorary members to be presented by Mr J L Scott. "Imperial Forces" tract to use. "Her Majesty's Forces".

29-3-56 A.M. Various motions re articles of constitution James L Scott moved 'The Club may elect Honorary Members, such members to be persons who have rendered conspicuous or meritorious service to the Burns Movement or to Dalry Burns Club'. Carried.

14-5-56

School camp. 12-6-56. Periodical meeting agreed. Mr Tait agreed to give a paper in Oct.

J L Scott moved Art. 3 of constitution be altered. No new members till Art 3 be amended.

24-9-56

To arrange monthly meetings in Oct Nov Dec Feb. D. Tait to give talk on "Loves of Burns" in Royal Hotel on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 7.30 pm. Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov next, speaker A. W. Boyle. Dec. musical night under direction of N. G. Clark. T. London speaker in Feb. "Haunts & places of Robert Burns".

29-10-56 Royal Hotel

Mr. D. Tait gave his address. Mr Rennie sarg. also Mr Clark. Company + discussion. 18 members attended  
29-10-56 Royal Hotel  
Supper in Lesser Town Hall. Arrangements Dalry Burns Club Bar



29-10-56 Royal Hotel

Mr. A.W. Bryle absent, hence no "Burns & Religion". Mr. Baillie A.B. Mackay of Glasgow spoke on "Burns Words" + Jan O'Shanter.

10-12-56 Aula House.

Kilmarnock Equitable Coop. sorry to cater. Lesser Public Hall Club guests. - John Hay, MA, BA. P. Teacher of History, Kilmarnock. Willis Calder, 41 Ardgowan St, Greenock.

Cost 12/6 + 10/-.

2-7-56 Ordinal 3 of Constitution. Ex. AGM required.

7-1-57 @ 7.30

Art 3 still to be considered?

7-1-57 @ 8.15

John Hay regrets! Only 1 guest.

22-2-57

Mr T London + slides "Haunts & Places of R Burns".

4-3-57 ~~AGM~~

Death of Wm Davies & Wm Pratt. New members elected. Art 3 still under discussion.

28-3-57 AGM

Move to revise constitution carried.

Annual Supper to start on time + timetable adhered to. Outing arranged to Burns Country.

25-9-57

Revised constitution submitted, and adopted by committee.

Secy to write to clubs in district re formation of a Burns Bicentenary Committee.

21-10-57

Arrangements for supper - Lesser Town Hall. Caterers Kilmarnock Coop. - Bar - Mr M-Lean, Club Bar, Pianist - Jack Reaiche. Soloists - Robert Burns, J.R. McCreadie. Club guests RB Watson, Glengarnock, Gao Nisbet, Dalry. J.R. McCreadie resigned as Treasurer. (moving to Greenock) D.H. Copeland - interim treasurer.

3-10-57

Monthly meeting in Royal Hotel. (14 present), speaker - Lt Col. Robert Watson M.B.E., Headmaster glengarnock school, subject - "Language of Burns".

6-11-57

Monthly meeting. (23 present)  
Thomas Loudon in "The Burns Country" Slides + C Fullerton reciting poems.

25-11-57

Arrangements for supper finalised Cost. 15/-.

12-12-57

Monthly meeting. (22 present) Musical evening under direction of N.G. Clark. Solos by ~~Messrs~~ Messrs. Clark, Rennie, Gray, Nisbet. Pianist was Jas. F. McDonald.

6-1-58

Guests accepted. Jas Marshall to give recitation @ Supper.

5-2-58

Monthly meeting (18) John S Howie - History of Dalry Burns Club.

17-2-58

Committee meeting. Death of P Comrie 27-1-58. 11 members not paid subscriptions

27-3-58 AGM.

D.M. Copeland elected Treasurer. Monthly meetings to be continued. Concert to be held to celebrate Bi-centenary.

2-6-58 Committee.

School Comp. 20<sup>a</sup> June. 58 Monthly meeting speakers - A. Comrie (Oct); Mr Cairns (Nov) Rector Ayr Acad.; Musical Evening (Dec); Baillie M<sup>c</sup>Kay (Feb).

Sub committee formed re Bi-centenary concert

18-8-58

Committee agreed to buy badges + book from Burnokedo (5/; 7/6)  
Recommended badges should be worn @ ~~annual~~ Bicentenary Supper.



21-10-58

Miss May Tait agree to act as producer of Bi-cent. Concert.

Supper as per previous years

Club guests Mr. Soutar

Mr. Thos. McCosh.

8-12-58

Treasurer report low state of funds (£2). Annual Sub to be increased at A.G.M.

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