

**Minutes of Orkney Alcohol Counselling & Advisory Service's  
Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2008 at  
7.30pm at the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall.**

**Present:** Alistair McLeod (Chairman), Simon Gordon, Dr Peter Hardus, Jackie Howard, Renate Andrews, Karen Scholes, Andi Ross, John Richards, Shona Drever

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to all present

1. Apologies  
Rab Muir, Angela Sutherland, Margaret Foulis, Elsbeth Bews, Erik Gilbertson, Beverly Henderson, Andrew Drever, James Henry, Kathleen Duncan, Graham Ramage, Alastair Buchan, Councillor Sam Marcus, Councillor Roderick McLeod, Councillor Russ Madge, Rhoda Walker, Jon Humphreys, Marlyn Firth, Gill Manson, Belinda Warnock, Gaynor Jones, Christina Bichan, Geraldine Ferguson, Elaine Grieve
2. Minutes of 2007 AGM  
Subject to Gemma McGregor being added to the list of those present, the Minutes of the 2007 AGM were approved as a true record.  
Proposed by Dr Hardus and seconded by Alistair McLeod
3. Matters arising  
There were none
4. Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statement  
Karen Scholes, the Company's Accountant, spoke about various aspects of OACAS' finances: in particular that although there seemed to be a significant surplus, most of this was restricted funds and "spoken for", to be spent on specific projects. Just £1,255 was unrestricted surplus – but charities are not in business to make large profits. All in all she felt that OACAS' finances were well managed and within budget.  
  
The adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement was proposed by Renate Andrews and seconded by Peter Hardus and approved by the meeting.
5. Proposal of AJB Scholes as Accountants  
Proposed by Renate Andrews and seconded by Peter Hardus and approved by the meeting
6. Election of Board Members  
The present Board members all having intimated their willingness to continue, and there being no additional nominations, it was proposed by Andi Ross and seconded by Renate Andrews that the present Board be re-elected *en bloc*. This was agreed by the meeting.

7. Question and Answer Session

Simon Gordon, the manager gave a brief resume of OACAS' activities over the year, and its aspirations for the coming year.

Alistair McLeod gave a personal view of how alcohol affects Orkney society, but he was optimistic that just as the Scottish government was effectively dealing with smoking issues, it was showing increased determination (and funding) to address alcohol issues nationally and locally.

There was some general discussion as to OACAS' future, particularly whether the organisation's profile should be significantly raised, given that generally people now felt more at ease with the concept of counselling.

8. A.O.C.B.

There being none, the chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting