

Minutes of Inaugural meeting held at Woodlands Primary School on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1975.

The meeting opened with Mrs. Gaw's introduction of herself and Mrs. Keyte who had called the meeting to find out how much interest would be forthcoming for the formation of Ayrshires first all female Burns Club. Mrs. Gaw formally proposed the formation of such a club, and it was seconded by Mrs. Barrow.

A telegram of good wishes was read, which had been sent by the President of the IRVINE BURNS CLUB, Mr. Charles Mason. This was warmly appreciated by all present.

Nominations for officers and committee then ensued and those elected were as follows:-

<u>Officers</u>	President :-	Mrs. A. Gaw -
	Secretary :-	Mrs. R. Keyte
	Vice President :-	Mrs N. Whyte
	Treasurer :-	Mrs A. Kelly
<u>Committee</u> :-	Mrs. D. Bates :-	Miss A.Campbell : Mrs. A. Flack
	Miss. L. Gibbs :-	Mrs. C. McPhee : Mrs. A. Neill.

#### TITLE OF CLUB

After a democratic vote had been taken it was agreed that the title of the Club would be Irvine Lasses Burns Club, and that the meetings should be held on the second Wednesday in each month beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1975. Mrs. Gaw emphasised the need for a prompt start, as the building must be vacated by 9:30 p.m. It was also agreed by members that tea and coffee would not be made in order that no time should be wasted in two hour meeting. Soft drinks could be brought by individual members, but none of an alcoholic nature was allowed on the school premises. All litter to be taken away.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

It was unanimously agreed that the subscription would be £2 per annum, and £1 for senior citizens. A charge of 10p per meeting for ordinary members, and 20p for visitors would be made. Visitors would be allowed twice only within a 12 month period.

#### RAFFLE

A small raffle prize would be donated by members each month at a cost not exceeding 50p. Raffle tickets could be sold at each meeting without a license from the Police but if a large one was held at any time , when tickets were sold outside then the necessary licence would be obtained. Mrs. Gaw kindly offered to give the raffle prize for the March meeting.

#### CONSTITUTION

Mrs Gaw went through each clause, making all necessary amendments to fill the Club's needs: a copy of the Constitution suitably amended is affirmed in the front of this minute book.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

It was unanimously agreed that we should apply for membership of the AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION BURNS CLUB, also THE BURNS FEDERATION.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was unanimously agreed that members would be called by their first names in order to reduce the felling of formality, and create a friendly atmosphere.

#### MARCH MEETING

Members felt that for this meeting and possibly the first few meeting, it was preferable that women should be the contributors, although subsequently we might avail ourselves of the well-known local males who excelled in talking about and performing Burns' works. Agnes Campbell volunteered to give a reading on 5<sup>th</sup> March; Nan Whyte would bring a friend also to give readings, while she herself would play the fiddle.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

These should be held on the first Thursday in each month, beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March at 66 Bank Street – the President's home.

Twenty eight members signed the Charter as Founder Members, and the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

SIGNED:- Anne Gaw. President 12/3/75