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18/8/21

Dear Branch Members,

The Carlisle & Border Branch Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at St. Luke's Church, Carlisle. The plan is to hold the meeting ahead of the weekly class; the meeting will commence at 7:15pm provided that there is a quorum present at that time. The class will be extended to 10pm to compensate for the meeting.

Should the meeting fail to be quorate the commencement of the meeting will be postponed for 15 minutes to allow additional time for members to join. Should there still be no quorum the meeting may be rearranged for another date.

All current members of the Branch (both annual and life members) are cordially invited to attend.

Attached with this notice of the Annual General Meeting a nomination form for the committee for the next year. Nominees should be proposed and seconded and indicate that they are willing to stand for the office indicated. Completed Nomination Forms should be sent to the secretary, Francis Reid, either by post to the address above or by email to [reid825@btinternet.com](mailto:reid825@btinternet.com) and must be received by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

The current office bearers and committee are:

Honorary President (non-voting) : Gillian Thompson

Chairman: Jane Atkins

Vice Chairman: Elizabeth Allen

Honorary Secretary: Francis Reid

Honorary Treasurer: Graeme Ridgewell

Ordinary Committee Members: Marlene Jackson, Eleanor McGarry and Gail Inglis.

Marlene Jackson acts as Membership Secretary.

The provisional agenda for the meeting is shown below.

## **Provisional Agenda - Carlisle and Border AGM 7 October 2020**

- Chair Person's Welcome.
- Apologies for absence.
- Adoption of the minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 on Zoom
- Secretary's report on activities for the year - 2020/21
- Treasurer's report on financial activities for the year 2020/21
- Motion: see below
- Donations / fundraising ideas
- Election of office bearers and committee.
- General Discussion
- Any other (competent) business.

### **Motion 1 - Donation to HQ - proposed by the Committee**

**Background** - Our membership fee is £24. In previous years £20 went to HQ and we retained £4. At the Society AGM held in Perth in November 2019 a motion was passed that the remittance from branches to HQ from our annual subscription should be reduced from £20 to £18 so that branches could invest in attracting new members. Due to Covid-19 our branch has limited costs and HQ have unexpected and substantial financial needs.

**Motion:** As last year the committee seeks members permission to remit £2 of the total annual subscription of £24 to RSCDS as a donation to funds to allow the continued training of teachers and musicians and maintenance of standards of Scottish Country Dancing.