



Report to Guildry & Mortifications Funds Committee 06/09/20

We continue to receive nominations of local citizens who are contributing to our city and it is wonderful to have all admitted at full Council. Burgesses must now number close to 1,100, I will arrange a count. There are eleven Guildries in Scotland (including Berwick-upon-Tweed) and we seem to be admitting many more than others. I make the point that we do not actively recruit, nominations are proposed and seconded by individual Burgesses and reviewed by a Committee of Assessors before the candidates are proposed to ACC.

Our programme of lunches has been well supported, as have been our social events and visits. Many suggestions come from within the ranks and we are always seeking to hear someone or see something with a connection with or for our city.

Following on from the successful 'This Is Our City' dinner last February when we launched the 'We're For Aberdeen' initiative we are now working with ACC, Aberdeen Inspired and AGCC, also the 'Evening Express', to develop this.

On the business front, we are currently in discussion with ACC Officers on a few matters including OSCR status, Guildry Award, and employment contract for our Clerk. Further information could be available for the meeting.

Finally, we have been approached by ACC to discuss what may be done for the 900 years' celebration next year, perhaps we can incorporate my desire to have the role of the Burgesses in our city recognised in Marischal Square ?

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