

Annual General Meeting Minutes
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held in person in the Eldon House Interpretative Centre

Present: J. O'Neil, M. Halliday, T. Wittmann, R. Fraser, B. McClure, L. Henderson, R. Armistead, M. Donachie

1. Approval of the Agenda

HENDERSON and FRASER

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

NIL

3. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

HENDERSON and DONACHIE

4. J. O'Neil – Chair's Remarks

- Thank you, M. Halliday, for your time
- Nice to see the house being painted and people coming.
- Open call for new board members

5. J. O'Neil – Election of Executive for 2026-2027

- J. O'Neil for Chair – DONACHIE and HALLIDAY
- M. Donachie for Vice Chair – O'NEIL and MCCLURE
- J. O'Neil as Treasurer – MCCLURE and FRASER
- B. McClure volunteered as secretary – DONACHIE

6. T. Wittmann – Remarks from the Curator Director

Presentation of the 2025 Annual Report (available online and in hard copy)

- Burst with activity, ideas and renewed energy
- Team embraced innovation and momentum – enhanced onsite accessibility and digital presence
- Long-standing partnerships deepened
- Surpassing pre-pandemic visitor numbers
- Thank all contributors to the annual report
- Amazing social media growth in followers

7. New Business

- J. O'Neil - Eldon House wish list
 - What would we love to see
 - Fire-resistant cedar shake roof
 - New gazebo
 - Terrace and steps restored
 - Completion of the kitchen – expanded, or new
 - Millie's photographs – get hands on the originals

- M. Donachie – Eldon House's dark room in the basement be opened to a photographer
 - L. Henderson – more staff to assist the existing staff to lessen the burden
8. M. Spencer Golovchenko – Research Update
- Port Ryerse– home of Amelia Harris
 - Have research from archives
 - Mark Tovey, recognized as a heritage hero, brought a copy of the agenda for the archives

GUEST SPEAKERS

9. Dan Brock, London Historian

ADJOURNMENT

HALLIDAY at 5:41

NEXT MEETING

July 15, 2026 at 4:30 via Zoom