

# Minutes of the branch meeting held at the Carron works, Falkirk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Present: Graeme Ross; (Chair): Wendy Ross; Norma Gallacher; Bill Purnell, Garry McPhee; Willie Hunter.

Apologies: Ian Young Stuart Batchelor; Sarah Hutcheon; Gordon Morrison; Davy Rodger; Valerie Dunkling; George Thomson; John Goodlet: Brian Cheeseman.

Minutes from the previous Committee meeting held at the Corbie Inn, Bo'ness on 21st of September 2024 had an amendment to add Jonathan Harris as attending, then were proposed and seconded by acclaim.

- 1) Treasurer's report: we have £5489.53 in the bank and will be buying polo shirts at a cost of £696.07, so balance will be £4801.96. Four beer engines and two sumup machines have been purchased.
- 2) Membership: September, 413 members. October 422. 12 new and 3 lapsed.
- 3) Alloa Real Festival. Over 50 beers (4 pins). One GF and seven vegan. Beers coming from Isle of Man. Graeme used pilgrim and it populated the beers' description. Programme in order. Health and Safety all in hand. Entertainment both nights. Volunteer trip on 23rd of November at Loch Lomond Brewery.
- 4) Secretary: deadline for CBOB voting 27/10. Winter festival 12 - 15 February 2025 in Rotherham
- 5) Pub & Brewery: Rock Bottom due to open 9/11, will have 27 lines but not cask. Might do keykeg. Do Wetherspoons do real cider? Never seen by those present. They're doing a Monday – Wednesday club in Scotland. In cheaper Wetherspoons, voucher would take cost to below minimum alcohol pricing. Unit price is now 65p.
- 6) Branch diary – see separate sheet.
- 7) Wednesday Wanderers. See separate sheet for further dates and please contact [wednesday\\_wanderers@forthvalley.camra.org.uk](mailto:wednesday_wanderers@forthvalley.camra.org.uk)
- 8) AOB: Corbie Inn won't be advertised as LocAle, as it doesn't meet the criteria. In the 50 anniversary of CAMRA in Scotland, Wattie Dunlop was missed. How do we keep minutes of meetings, as all minutes should be passed to secretary. Can we do an award for the top pub in the Dark Trail?

**Next meetings:** Wednesday 20th November Committee meeting. Wheatsheaf, Falkirk. Branch social and meeting: Saturday 14th December 14:00. Venue TBC