**Omagh Probus Club**

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 10.30am**

In Attendance: Jim McBain, Bob Lingwood, Kenneth Collins, Sam Bullock, David Haddow, Michael Cooney, Hugh Ward, Desmond Smart, Harman Scott and Alistair Orr. Jim McBain as host to the Zoom meeting admitted and welcomed members to the meeting.

**President**

President Michael Cooney wished members a Happy New Year and welcomed members to the first meeting of 2021. He noted that two members had passed away in the past year – Arthur Kelly and Noel Brown.

He also congratulated member Ivan Brown on being awarded the BEM in the New Year Honours.

In planning for the future he said the club needed to look at Committee continuity and the planning of an Annual General Meeting, which would normally take place in January. Some members suggested that the AGM should take place after our first physical meeting after lockdown. Subscriptions for 2021 also needed to be discussed. It was agreed that these would be discussed at a future meeting.

**Treasurer’s report**

Treasurer Sam Bullock gave members a financial update and said that the club was in a sound financial state with a small amount for the maintenance of the website the only outgoing at present.

**Club Book of Memories**

Hugh Ward gave an update on the proposed club book of memories. He had received ten contributions so far but would like another ten. He had also received a number of short “fillers” to put at the end of stories. Members discussed a suitable front picture for the book and Harman Scott offered a picture of the Fintona horse drawn tram. Hugh also said that face to face meetings would be needed with contributors to finalise stories and hopefully this could be concluded before the end of the year.

**History of Club**

Hon President Bob Lingwood said he had completed research into the first ten years of Omagh Probus Club.. Members congratulated Bob and Jim McBain offered to help write it up on the computer.

Bob suggested sending a get-well card to member Brian Duncan. Minute Secretary Alistair Orr agreed to do this.

Jim McBain showed members a copy of a booklet published by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council – “Share Your Story” – how local organisations were coping with Covid. An article about the club written by Jim featured in the booklet. Kenneth Collins expressed the club’s thanks to Jim for organising Zoom meetings to bring members together. The meeting ended at 11.05 pm.