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AGM Appoints New Chair

A record turnout of supporters attended the recent AGM of the Cowalfest Walking and Arts Festival Association held at the Whistlefield Hotel, Loch Eck. Following the resignation of the chair, Russell Bruce and the vice chair, Dorothy Bruce, the committee extended an invitation to everyone with an interest in the festival, past and present, to join the meeting. An open, round table discussion took place on how to take the festival forward and ensure the continuation of the vibrant themes and activities it is known for. The new chair of the committee is Frieda Bos who has a long involvement with the festival and has built and maintained the website as well as dealing with on line bookings. Jean Maskell was appointed as vice chair. Jean has organised a programme of 'house tours' of some of Cowal's grand houses and mansions as well as 'shepherd led' walks on the Ardkinglas estate in recent festivals.

Praise Indeed!

Local Argyll and Bute Councillors, Bruce Marshall and Ron Simon attended the AGM and voiced their support for the new committee. They assured the audience that council funds were available to support events and festivals. Councillor Marshall

spoke of the value of Cowalfest2010 in offering a high quality event, second only to the Cowal Games in its importance to the area's economy.



Captain Davie Johnstone, of the Maersk ship 'Beaumont', presenting a cheque to the Cowalfest Treasurer.

New Sponsors - Lanarca, a Newark based management consultancy with a wide experience of project leadership, landscape design and destination management planning are major supporters of Cowalfest this year. Donations have also been received from Tesco and Maersk following a vote on the forargyll website. Cowalfest treasurer is seen above being presented with a cheque by Captain Davie Johnstone of Maersk ship Beaumont.

Log on to www.cowalfest.org for more information on the festival or to become a member of the Cowal Walking Festival Association.



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