

Tingwall Agricultural Museum & Heritage Centre, AGM Meeting
to be held a Tingwall Hall at 7.30pm Monday 9th June 2025.

Chairmans Report:

Mr Calum Sandison, owner of the buildings where the museum collection is housed, had asked for the loft area to be emptied in order that maintenance work could be done.

Two steel shipping containers were acquired, a site was prepared, and these Containers were sited at Veensgarth, near the collection. Our last 2024 Report showed that we had just reroofed the 20 foot container.

Since then, a new roof has been fitted to the larger 40 foot container, insulation has been installed to the roof and walls and shelving has been made up the whole length of this container.

Leslie Watt & I have put on displays for the Agricultural Museum at the Classic Car show at Clickimin and both Voe and Cunningsburgh Agricultural Shows, in the summer of 2024, where a lot of interest was shown by the public.

Brenna players put on their Murder Mystery Show for us before Christmas 2024, as a joint fund raiser at Tingwall Hall on Sat 7th of December 2024.

This Year the Loft Area collection has been moved into the 40 foot Container.

Help was sought from the Scalloway Weight Gym, who provided members to help move several heavy glass cabinets downstairs for us. Many thanks to them for their assistance.

A Grant of £5000 had been secured from Shetland Amenity Trust, to purchase equipment for the containers, this was for shelving, laptop, humidity monitoring equipment and so forth.

Leslie watt and I had a meeting with Eileen Brooke Freeman at the Shetland Amenity Trust Offices, on Thursday 22nd of May, to discuss what still needs to be done to complete this grant.

This is for training and to catalogue the collection, complete fitting of solar panels and batteries and the use of new laptop for the collection.

The Committee, put on a Sunday Teas and had a display of some items from the collection and numerous photos that had been prepared by Mr Neil Anderson. This was Held at Tingwall hall, Sunday 1st of June 2025. This was to mark 50 years of the first opening of the late Jean Sandison's Museum on the 2nd of June 1975 at Veensgarth.

Vintage tractors and some Vintage cars also came for a Display. Thanks must go out to the Classic Car Club members for their help.

Approx. 200 attended the Sunday Teas. Many thanks must go to the Committee and the many helpers, who baked, made sandwiches, helped to put out tea & coffee, collected money etc. and helped tidy up after the event. It was a Great Success.

Kevin Rennie and I Met with Mr Neil Robertson on Tuesday 3rd of June 2025, when

we asked how things were now.

He said the Tingwall Hall Site issue has still not been settled since his mother passed away in 2023' and he suggested we look at an existing shed somewhere else.

This concludes my report.

Regards

Harry Irvine.

Chairman