

Dr David Dorward is a retired General Medical Practitioner, born in Dundee. He served three terms as a non-Executive member of NHS Tayside, two of which as Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee and Chair of NHS Tayside Charities Fund. His interests include hillwalking, natural history, sailing and gardening. He has volunteered as a wood warden for the Scottish Woodland Trust at Backmuir Wood in Angus for nearly a decade.

Bill Cant is a long standing local resident, interested in developing this unique building and its contents for future generations. Bill is a retired Chartered Accountant, having spent a career in a variety of financial roles. He is treasurer of the local hall and spent six years as treasurer of an Edinburgh based international charity.

Tom Dowie is a Chartered Accountant with UK and European experience, both within the profession and in commerce. After leaving the profession he trained as a modern languages teacher and taught in the state sector. Now retired, he is keen to bring his financial knowledge to the role of treasurer and retains his interest in all things educational.

Professor Chris Whatley, who lives in nearby Longforgan, is a well-known historian of Scotland, mainly from the 17th century onwards. Prior to his retirement he was a Vice Principal of the University of Dundee. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and is still active in research and public engagement. A lifelong advocate of local history (he is Honorary President of the Scottish Local History Forum), he believes in the capacity of heritage buildings to help sustain communities by engendering pride in their past.

Des McWilliam is retired Managing Director of UK Sailmakers Ireland and ex-President of the UK Sailmakers International group of over 40 sail lofts, based in New York. He graduated as an Engineering Geologist and worked in the Soil Mechanics Department of Wimpey Laboratories. He lectured in Engineering Geology at Oxford Polytechnic then moved into textile engineering as a sail maker and designer. He and his wife moved to Fowlis in 2017 and were delighted to find St Marnocks with all its archaeological and architectural interest right on their doorstep. It is a constant source of satisfaction to be associated with the building and its heritage.