

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee
on 27 October 2016**

‘Cuba’ by Sheila Den (Aberdeen P.S.)

- Welcome:** The president welcomed members and our Sheila Den from Aberdeen PS to the meeting.
- Apologies for absence:** Alan Roy, George Soutar, Robert Duguid, Dennis Collins
- Attendance:** 15 Members and 4 Visitors
- Minutes:** The minutes of the 13th October were approved by Ron Goodfellow and seconded by Colin Campbell.
- Display:** Tonight’s visitor was Sheila Den from Aberdeen PS who displayed stamps and covers from Cuba. Sheila began the evening by providing a brief history of Cuba from its time as a Spanish Colony up until it gained its independence. The display consisted of stamps, covers and postcards all relating to Cuba, including the 3 years between 1899 and 1902 when it was under U.S. Administration. In the 1955 stamps a variety of colours and surcharges were on display as well as the Lindbergh stamp which ended up with a number of variations due to its having been rushed in to issue. Sheila also displayed a number of colour trial proofs which were never actually issued in these colours, including one for the Centenary of the Cuba Flag. Also on display were perfins on cover, cinderella stamps, anti-tuberculosis stamps, tax marks, clipper mail, cancellation marks, tobacco tax proofs and advertising labels. Much closer to home was a postcard which had been sent from Havana to a house in Ferry Road, Dundee.
- Business:**
- President: Nothing to Report.
- Secretary: Requested 3 members to assist in visit to Aberdeen PS. Received a request from a philatelist in Australia seeking help. This was passed on to Alan Roy who kindly replied. Speaker has now been confirmed for next years’ syllabus already. Invitation received for Monacophil.
- Packet Secy: Packets 104-107 finished and £50 deposited in society funds. Packets 108 and 109 being issued.
- Librarian: New Books ‘500 years of History of post in Europe’, and ‘Postal History of Falkland Islands’ purchased for library
- Publicity: Reported that details of our meeting are on the Dundee City Council site and in the Courier (including a photograph), as well as the philatelic press.
- Webmaster: Informed members Sections F & G are now on the library database.
- ASPS Rep: Report issued to all members in attendance providing an update on current matters with ASPS.
- Vote of Thanks:** The vote of thanks was given by Doug Howkins who complemented Sheila on providing an excellent display.
- Date of Next Meeting:** Morning Meeting – 3rd November 2016 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 10th November 2016 Visit by Falkirk & District P.S.