

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 25 October 2018
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

Charles Lloyd (Dundee & District P.S.) – ‘UDI Rhodesia & Zimbabwe’

Welcome: In the absence of President David Millar, Vice President Harry Jackson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Apologies: David Millar, Alec Steele, Sandra Campbell

Attendance: 12 Members and 2 Visitors

Minutes: The minutes of the 27th September 2018 were approved by Robert Duguid and seconded by Colin Campbell.

Business:

President: Nothing to Report

Secretary: Charles informed members that there would be the usual Stamp & Postcard fair (run by Chad Neighbor) in Broughty Ferry on Saturday 24th November.

Treasurer: Nothing to Report.

Packet Secy: Packets 120 issued with 121 being issued hopefully on Monday.

Librarian: Group met last week and have only the Stamp catalogues to complete to finish this section.

Publicity: Informed members that the previous meeting was printed in the Dundee edition of the Courier.

Webmaster: Nothing to Report

ASPS Rep: Norman Kelso issued a handout to all members with the details of the delegates meeting held on Saturday at Perth and asked for any questions.

Vote of Thanks: Ron Goodfellow thanked Charles for an excellent display.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 1st November 2018 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 8th November 2018
Visit from Dunfermline Philatelic Society

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Display:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the speaker for the evening was unable to attend so our secretary Charles Lloyd stepped into the breach to provide members with an absolutely fascinating display of UDI Rhodesia and Zimbabwe.

Charles provided members with a comprehensive overview of the transition period in the 1960's when there was a push for more equality, which was the cause of UDI being declared in 1965 and eventually to Zimbabwe in 1980. Charles also explained how the mail during the UDI period was subject to sanctions. Great Britain did not acknowledge the declaration therefore every letter paid using an independence stamp to the UK was deemed invalid and incurred postage due. On display were a few covers which confirmed this fact.

More covers were shown with propaganda stickers and others which were sent OHMS but were still subject to taxation. Quite a number of sets of stamps were on display including some stamps with dual currency issued in the time leading up to the change to decimalisation. A republic was declared in 1970 leading to a second period of mail taxation. Charles also displayed a cover which had a postage due of 7/-, as would be expected this was refused by the recipient. This was followed by the last cover of Rhodesia following the change of government in 1970 when it became Rhodesia-Zimbabwe.

In the second part of his display Charles showed a number of sets of stamps from the newly named republic of Zimbabwe which included commemoratives and definitives with neutral subject matter such as rural life, railways, bees, fish and the air force.

At this point Charles provided an overview of the effect inflation had and how that led to hyperinflation and the significant increases in stamp prices. This eventually led to the abandonment of using Zimbabwe Dollars in favour of US Dollars. Charles finished off his display with an unusual first day cover issued in 2018 which had no stamps on it.