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Bailies bail out

THREE of the original Bailies of Bennachie had their service marked last Thursday as they bade a fond farewell to the group.

At the AGM, Geoffrey Gill, James MacKay and Algy Watson all retired from their positions.

The meeting was well attended, with a number of office bearing positions changing hands.

The position of clerk will now be shared between Michael Neely and Brian Cornock while senior bailie Gordon Cowie swapped jobs with treasurer Alison Sutherland of Fetternear who joined the bailies when she was still at school.

Former clerk Anne Baillie who has now permanently returned after a few years in Moscow, has rejoined the council.

After the business, Aberdeen University student Jo Vergunst gave an illustrated talk on The oral history of Bennachie.



Fond farewell: Three of the original bailies on Bennachie (from left) Geoffrey Gill, James MacKay and Algy Watson received their retiral presentation at the group's AGM last Thursday. Photograph by Ellice Milton