

Annual General Meeting of KCC

7:30 pm 21st May 2018

Kilmaronock Millenium Hall

1) Sederunt

All 7 community council members in attendance

2 guests from Police Scotland

Gordon Watson, CEO of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

Maurice Corry, MSP West of Scotland

Councillor Sally Page, WDC

Plus 13 members of the local community

2) Apologies

None

3) Minutes of the AGM on 15 May 2017

Only two community councilors present last year were present this year. The minutes were proposed as accurate by secretary Neil MacGregor and seconded by chairman Gavin McLellan.

4) Chairman's report

The chair described the meeting held though the year as per the constitution.

In November a new election was held which brought the current team together. The new council has a wide range of backgrounds including small businesses, education and farming.

The past year has seen an increased engagement with other community entities such as the Community Partnership and Community Council Forum from which we had been under-represented before.

Other notable achievements were highlighted such as

- engagement with WDC on road safety led to improved signage and road markings on A811 around Ballagan and Reid & Robertson corner,

- the local pathway for the school has been adopted by WDC which means they will be responsible for its maintenance and consequently KCC has no further liability and therefore no need to take out annual insurance,
- implementation of an official website for KCC business – now under construction,
- development of an improvement plan for the footway between Balloch and Gartocharn – implementation planned commencing this coming year.

In summary, the objectives set out in the constitution have been achieved for 2017.

5) Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported on the 2 accounts held by KCC. Fiscal Year (FY) runs from 1st March to 28th/29th February each year.

The main account having a closing balance of £871.28

The Benevolent Fund having a closing balance of £768.21

Copies of the audited and signed accounts were circulated to the attendees.

Due to the change in WDC grant process, the account ran at a deficit this FY : -£13435

During the FY, there was a change of office bearer and present treasurer thanked the previous treasurer, Bob Shand, for his assistance in the handover and period afterwards to keep the books in good order.

Summary of main expenditure,

Walkway insurance : £331.23

Going forward this will no longer be required due to the adoption of the walkway by WDC

Rental of KMH for meetings : £88

Expect similar amount for FY 2018-19

The WDC grant application is being finalized and will include budget provision for contract maintenance of the new website.

During the coming term, we hope to review the protocol for use of the Benevolent Fund in order to promote good causes.

6) Secretary's report

The secretary reported upon the maintenance of correspondence in and out and the re-engagement with the Community Council Forum

7) Election of Office Bearers

Following the recent election, the office bearers are :

Chair : Gavin McLellan

Vice chair : Jim Morrison

Secretary : Neil MacGregor

Treasurer : Andrew Sinnott

8) Appointment of representatives

Andrew Sinnott is the KCC representative towards Kilmarnock Community Trust

9) Appointment of independent examiner

David S. Taylor is re-appointed for this position

10) AOCB

A question from the floor regarding the following bullet from the “WDC Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils” :

- *Community councils should make particular efforts to encourage young people and other under-represented groups to attend/participate in community council meetings and to ensure equality of opportunity in the way the community council carries out its functions.*

The chair agreed that this has been difficult to implement and opened up to the floor for suggestions on how to improve youth engagement.

It was noted that a start was made last year in relation to an action in the CAP but was not followed up. This will be discussed at the upcoming CAP status meeting involving KCC, KCT and KMH representatives.

11) Date of next AGM

Monday 20th May 2019 @ 7:30 pm