

Annual General Meeting of KCC

7:30 pm 15th May 2023

Kilmaronock Millennium Hall, Gartocharn

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CC : Gavin MacLellan (Vice-chair/GM), Andrew Sinnott (Secretary/AS), Anita Anderson (Treasurer/AA), David Scott Park (DSP)

Rob Vincent (Chair of LPP Steering Group), David Mackie (LLTNP board member), Clifford Clark (Croftamie CC)

Plus 1 member of the public

2) Apologies

Jackie Baillie MSP, Police Scotland.

3) Minutes of the AGM on 16th May 2022

The minutes were proposed as accurate by DSP and seconded by AA.

4) Chairman's report

Last year's AGM was held in May and chaired by Jim Morrison, Chairman. Since then, KCC has held meetings in this Kilmaronock Hall on a bi-monthly basis, 6 meetings in total. Jim Morrison was in the Chair for July and September meetings. A Special Meeting (open to the wider community) was held on 5 September to discuss the introduction of Beavers by local landowner RSPB attended by approximately 60 people.

In October a new CC was constituted by WDC. We were not aware that the Past Chairman was not standing for re-election and to maintain continuity I took the Chair on an interim basis in my position of Vice Chair. I have previously held the position of Chair and the CC agreed to keep the position open for a new member. We continued in this way for meetings in January and March. The meetings have been attended by community members, Councillors and representatives of the Police and National Park as reported in each Minute.

I believe that we have conducted the affairs of the CC in accordance with the old and new Scheme of Establishment as set out by our senior body, West Dunbartonshire Council - this document is available on our website. Our meetings are held in public and notices, minutes and relevant documents are posted on our website and on the WDC website. Our Community Councillor's work and opinion is based on the views of our attending community members.

We are not alone as a CC in trying to recruit new CCs at all times, this is our inclusive approach and we seek young people, experts or old hands as Community Councillors or co-opted members. We are the recognised representative organisation for the community and we work hard to provide meaningful representation. A circular flyer was issued to all households earlier this year in an effort to attract new members.

On behalf of the Community, I wish to thank all office holders for their work, we are all volunteers, but these people provide a level of service that is consistent with best operational practice.

5) Treasurers Report

The Fiscal Year (FY) ran from 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023.

KCC hold two accounts, the first of which is the main account which is the official business account of the KCC. The second account is the KCC Benevolent Fund which is the modern incarnation of the Kilmaronock Poor Fund.

During the Fiscal Year, the office of Treasurer was borne by Anita Anderson. The account signatories are Andrew Sinnott & Anita Anderson.

Main items of expenditure:

Rental of Meeting rooms in KMH : £120.00

Website : £305.00 - Maintenance (£150.00) and hosting & Data Protection (£155.00)

Miscellaneous: Projector £367.98, Leaflets £15.00 and APRS £30.00

The account ran a deficit of £175.10 primarily due to the purchase of a projector and all meetings taking place in KMH. Actual expenditure was £837.98 and grant received from WDC was £662.88 the same as last year.

The main account had a closing balance of **£776.07**

The accounts were examined and approved by David S. Taylor and are presented tonight. See Appendix 1. Our thanks go to David Taylor for his professional assistance.

The Benevolent Fund had a closing balance of **£424.01**

6) Secretary's report

Andrew Sinnott (AS) held position of secretary for this term and attended all KCC meetings. Main themes this year :

WDC Community Council Scheme of Establishment (SoE) and CC Elections

The SoE was published in the summer of 2022 and CC elections followed in Autumn.

KCC has 8 elected positions to fill. If 8 or fewer candidates stand then all candidates are appointed without an election process. At the time of the election, only 4 candidates had been nominated and were thus elected without the need for a vote. Note – 4 is the minimum requirement to form a CC.

Across WD, a few CC's folded due to lack of sufficient candidates, our neighbours in Balloch & Haldane being one.

Development Management (Planning)

KCC has had several engagements with the planning department as a statutory consultee. Approximately 20 applications have been presented and discussed in the past year.

The development of a "Local Place Plan" has gathered pace and community engagement has taken place in the form of a householder and online survey followed up by a public consultation event in the Millennium Hall.

All local anchor bodies took an active stake in the process; KCC, KCT, KOKT, KMHA, School and Parent groups etc. and the public showed a great interest but in small numbers.

West Dunbartonshire Council

Most of our council engagement has been with the Roads department. Not only on the general condition of roads and gulleys but also on re-establishment of a safer and more useable footway along the A811 from Balloch to Gartocharn. Some major progress has been made on the latter with a new surface allowing full width use of the footway from Balloch to Ashfield House. The next section will be the most challenging due to two narrow spots between Ashfield House and the vehicle recycling centre.

7) Election of Office Bearers

Until the new elections are completed the office bearers will remain as:

Chair : Vacant

Vice chair : Gavin MacLellan

Secretary : Andrew Sinnott

Treasurer : Anita Anderson

8) AOCB

None raised

9) Date of next AGM - Monday 13th May 2024 @ 7:30 pm

12) Programme for forthcoming general meetings (preliminary)

Mon 3rd July 2023

Mon 4th September 2023

Mon 6th November 2023

Mon 15th January 2024

Mon 4th March 2024

Mon 13th May 2024 after AGM

Appendix 1

KILMARONOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL		
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023		
	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Income		
West Dunbartonshire Council	662.88	662.88
Expenditure		
Rent of Millennium Hall for meetings / Zoom e-meetings	120.00	74.06
Subs: Assoc for Protection of Rural Scotland		30.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00
Website fees (Development)	0.00	0.00
Website fees (maintenance)	150.00	120.00
Website fees (hosting)	155.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	412.98	100.00
Total	<u>837.98</u>	<u>444.06</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	<u>(175.10)</u>	<u>218.82</u>
BALANCE SHEET AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023		
Assets		
Cash at bank	776.07	967.67
Unpaid cheques	0.00	(16.50)
	<u>776.07</u>	<u>951.17</u>
Represented by:		
Opening funds	951.17	732.35
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>(175.10)</u>	<u>218.82</u>
Closing funds	<u>776.07</u>	<u>951.17</u>
<p>(signed) <u>A. Anderson</u> Anita Anderson, Treasurer</p> <p><u>15th March</u> 2023</p>		
<p>I have examined the foregoing accounts of Kilmaronock Community Council for the year ended 28 February 2022, and in my opinion they are in accordance with the books and records of the organisation and the explanations given to me.</p>		
<p>(signed) <u>David S Taylor</u> David S Taylor ACA, Independent Examiner</p> <p><u>16 March</u> 2023 Auchenlarich, Gartocharn, Alexandria, G83 8RR</p>		