

KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST

Scottish Charity Number SC032744

Executive Committee Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2021

The Kilmacolm Civic Trust is a charitable unincorporated association. Our objects, as recorded in our constitution, are:-

- (a) To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the parish of Kilmacolm, its villages and their surroundings.
- (b) To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- (c) To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in and around Kilmacolm.
- (d) To pursue these ends by whatever means is considered appropriate.

The members of your Executive Committee are appointed by the members of the Trust at our annual general meeting and are:- Nicol Cameron (Chairman), Jack McGahan (Secretary), John Hunter (Treasurer), John Hamilton (Archivist), Graeme Andrew, Brellda Baum, Bob Duncanson, Louise Eadie, Jim Hood, Brian Lang, Jane MacDonald, Hazel McEvoy, Derrick Russell and Kitty Walker. Fraser McAlister was co-opted onto the committee during the year and Jack McGahan took over as Secretary from John Cooper who resigned in the year.

No member of the Executive Committee received any remuneration. No expenses were reimbursed to members of the Executive Committee.

Due to the pandemic no annual general meeting was held again this year and your Executive Committee did not meet in The Cargill Centre, but the committee held Zoom meetings via the internet in September and November and regularly corresponded via the internet as necessary during the year. Our activities have continued to be the regular scrutiny and general discussion of the merits or otherwise of the various planning applications submitted to Inverclyde Council for approval concerning properties in the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village areas and carrying out our Digital Archiving and Oral History projects.

During 2021, the Trust considered a total of 39 planning applications and made formal objections to Inverclyde Council in the case of 3 particular applications. No formal objections were made in the remaining cases although constructive comments were made in a number of instances.

Taylor Wimpey have appealed the Inverclyde Council rejection of their planning application at Planetreeyetts Farm and we are awaiting the Reporter's decision. The ground at West of Quarry Drive is awaiting the Scottish Government's approval for Inverclyde Council to sell the part of the ground that they own to the developers, Mactaggart & Mickel. Subject to this matter Mactaggart & Mickel can go ahead with their plan to build up to 78 houses on the ground.

The legacy received last year and other cash totaling £120,000 were transferred from the bank account and invested in the Global Equity Fund and the Fixed Interest Fund managed by The Churches Charities and Local Authorities Fund (CCLA) during the year. As well as producing £774 of income in the year the investments have increased in value by £11,877 to a market value of £131,877 at 31 December 2021.

The accounts this year show a total deficit for the year of £117,564, as a result of the transfer of £120,000 from Cash to Investments, compared to a surplus last year of £100,862, which included the legacy of £100,000 received. The cash balance at 31 December 2021 was £7,142.

The Trust can be contacted at the following address: John Hunter, Woodcliffe, BarclavenRoad, Kilmacolm PA13 4DQ.

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report which was approved by the Executive Committee on January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Nicol Cameron, Chairman

12 January 2022