

KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST

Scottish Charity Number SC032744

Executive Committee Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2022

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), Douglas Robin (Secretary), John Hunter (Treasurer), John Hamilton (Archivist), Graeme Andrew, Bob Duncanson, Louise Eadie, Jim Hood, Brian Lang, Jane MacDonald, Fraser McAlister, Hazel McEvoy, Derrick Russell, Louise Tait and Kitty Walker. Niamh Gaston and Douglas Robin were co-opted onto the committee during the year and Douglas Robin took over as Secretary from Jack McGahan who resigned in the year.

No member of the Executive Committee received any remuneration. Expenses were reimbursed to three members of the Executive Committee and totalled £515.

Due to the continuing pandemic no annual general meeting was held again this year. Your Executive Committee met in The Cargill Centre for two meetings during the year otherwise any pertinent business was carried out via the internet. 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. We have not been able to conduct any new Audio-Visual recording sessions during the year because of covid. However, Jim Hood has continued to transcribe and edit those carried out previously.

During 2022, the Trust considered a total of 60 planning applications and made formal objections to Inverclyde Council in the case of 5 particular applications. No objections were made in the remaining cases although constructive comments were made in a number of instances.

The three significant ongoing planning applications at Denniston, Planetreeyetts and West of Quarry Drive are all still in various stages of appeal at this time and we are engaging with the Community Council and the Kilmacolm Residents Association in joint efforts to oppose these large scale plans on green belt land.

The accounts this year show a total deficit for the year of £3,148. The Cash balance at 31 December 2022 was £3,994 (2021 - £7,142). The total expenditure of £6,636 on the Archiving Project during the year exhausted the £6,026 Restricted Heritage Fund which will no longer appear in the accounts. The funds invested remain with the Churches Charities and Local Authorities funds and were valued at £115,328 at 31 December 2022 (2021 - £131,079). The investments are viewed on a long term basis and the 12% fall in the valuation over the year is in line with the relevant markets' performances and it is anticipated that they will recover over time.

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

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report which was approved by the Executive Committee on 12 January 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Nicol Cameron, Chairman

12 January 2023