

KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST

Scottish Charity Number SC032744

Executive Committee Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2024

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), Derrick Russell (Archivist), Graeme Andrew, Esther Brombley, Louise Eadie, Niamh Gaston, Jim Hood, Brian Lang, Fraser McAlister, Scott McFee, Hazel McEvoy, and Kitty Walker. Bob Duncanson and Jane MacDonald resigned in the year.

No member of the Executive Committee received any remuneration. Expenses were reimbursed to five members of the Executive Committee and totalled £222.

Your Executive Committee met in The Cargill Centre for six 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 countryside, and carrying out our Digital Archiving and Oral History projects. We have conducted two new audio-visual recording sessions during the year which have not yet been transcribed and put on the Trust's website.

During 2024, the Trust considered a total of 36 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.

We continue to engage with the Kilmacolm Community Council and the Kilmacolm Residents Association in joint efforts to oppose large scale housing development plans on green belt land.

The accounts this year show a surplus for the year of £5,181. The Cash balance at 31 December 2024 was £10,184 (2023: £5,003). The Investment Funds remain invested with

the Churches Charities and Local Authorities funds and were valued at £134,688 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £128,372). The investments are viewed on a long term basis and it is anticipated that they will increase 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 14 January 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee



Nicol Cameron, Chairman

14 January 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 General Fund £	2023 General Fund £
Receipts			
Receipts from charitable activities:			
Annual Subscriptions		2,180	2,210
Gift aid		235	202
Donations		322	130
		<u>2,737</u>	<u>2,542</u>
Receipts from fundraising:			
Sale of books		154	44
Bank & Fixed Interest		967	823
Dividends		2,301	1,713
		<u>3,422</u>	<u>2,580</u>
Total Fund Receipts		<u>6,159</u>	<u>5,122</u>
Payments			
Payments for charitable activities:			
Room Hire for monthly meetings		190	124
Insurance		87	-
Website and Zoom maintenance		169	169
Donations		-	50
Agricultural Show expenses		128	-
Archiving project		19	3,282
		<u>593</u>	<u>3,625</u>
Payments for fundraising:			
Governance costs:			
Stationery, Postage & AGM Expenses		385	488
Payments relating to Asset Purchases			
Investments	5	-	-
Total Fund Payments		<u>978</u>	<u>4,113</u>
Fund Surplus for Year		<u>5,181</u>	<u>1009</u>

Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2024

Cash at Bank	4	10,184	5,003
Investments	5	134,688	128,372
Closing Total Fund Balance		<u>144,872</u>	<u>133,375</u>

Approved by the members of the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Nicol Cameron

Chairman

Nicol Cameron

14-Jan-25

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

- 1 The General Fund is an unrestricted fund.
- 2 The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
- 3 The £100,000 legacy donated in 2020 included a non-binding wish that the Trust makes such arrangements as it believes appropriate to maintain the Lester family gravestone in Kilmacolm Cemetery in good order in perpetuity.

4 Cash Balances

	2,024	2,023
	General	General
	£	£
Opening Balance	5,003	3,994
Surplus for the year	5,181	1,009
Closing Balance	<u>10,184</u>	<u>5,003</u>

5 Investments

The Trust's investments are held in funds managed by the Churches Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Fund.

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 January 2024	128,372	115,328
Additions in year	-	-
Unrealised gain	6,316	13,044
At 31 December 2024	<u>134,688</u>	<u>128,372</u>
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>134,688</u>	<u>128,372</u>

The investments are to be held on a long term basis and it is anticipated that the value will increase over time.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kilmacolm Civic Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

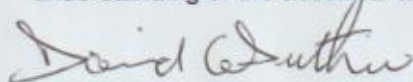
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David G Duthie
Chartered Accountant
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Date: 31 January 2025