

# **KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST**

Scottish Charity Number SC032744

## **Executive Committee Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2025**

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, Niamh Gaston, Jim Hood, Claire Jamieson, Audrey Johnstone, Brian Lang, Fraser McAlister, Scott McFie, Hazel McEvoy, and Hazel Thomson. Louise Eadie and Kitty Walker 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 £370.

Your Executive Committee met in The Cargill Centre for nine 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.

During the year the Trust formed a Steering Group with the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Community Council to organize a Local Place Plan to present to Inverclyde Council to include in their deliberations for their 2026 Local Plan. This is progressing and will be submitted to the Council during this year. Following the Scottish Executive's latest planning guidelines this is now the only way to influence the local and national government's planning process. The Trust continues to engage with the two groups in joint efforts to oppose large scale housing development plans on green belt land.

During 2025, the Trust considered a total of 51 planning applications and made formal objections to Inverclyde Council in the case of 4 particular applications. No objections were made in the remaining cases although constructive comments were made in a number of instances. Springfield Properties (formerly McTaggart and Mickel) won their appeal to the Scottish Executive for their planning application for the ground West of Quarry Drive and are now proceeding to the building stage for the 78 properties.

The accounts this year show a surplus for the year of £3,990. The Cash balance at 31 December 2025 was £14,174 (2024: £10,184). The Investment Funds remain invested with the Churches Charities and Local Authorities funds and were valued at £130,087 at 31 December 2025 (2024: £134,688). 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 29 January 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Nicol Cameron, Chairman

29 January 2026

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### Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2025

|                                      | Notes | 2025<br>General<br>Fund<br>£ | 2024<br>General<br>Fund<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                      |       |                              |                              |
| Receipts from charitable activities: |       |                              |                              |
| Annual Subscriptions                 |       | 2180                         | 2,180                        |
| Gift aid                             |       | 218                          | 235                          |
| Donations                            |       | 105                          | 322                          |
|                                      |       | 2503                         | 2,737                        |
| Receipts from fundraising:           |       |                              |                              |
| Sale of books                        |       | -                            | 154                          |
| Bank & Fixed Interest                |       | 1513                         | 967                          |
| Dividends                            |       | 2388                         | 2,301                        |
|                                      |       | 3901                         | 3,422                        |
| <b>Total Fund Receipts</b>           |       | 6404                         | 6,159                        |
| <b>Payments</b>                      |       |                              |                              |
| Payments for charitable activities:  |       |                              |                              |
| Room Hire for monthly meetings       |       | 217                          | 190                          |
| Insurance                            |       | 108                          | 87                           |
| Website and Zoom maintenance         |       | 195                          | 169                          |
| Local Place Plan project             |       | 1646                         | -                            |
| Agricultural Show expenses           |       | -                            | 128                          |
| Archiving project                    |       | -                            | 19                           |
|                                      |       | 2166                         | 593                          |
| Payments for fundraising:            |       |                              |                              |
| Governance costs:                    |       |                              |                              |
| Stationery, Postage & AGM Expenses   |       | 248                          | 385                          |
| Payments relating to Asset Purchases |       |                              |                              |
| Investments                          | 5     | -                            | -                            |
| <b>Total Fund Payments</b>           |       | 2414                         | 978                          |
| <b>Fund Surplus for Year</b>         |       | 3990                         | 5,181                        |

### Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2025

|                                   |   |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| <b>Cash at Bank</b>               | 4 | 14,174  | 10,184  |
| <b>Investments</b>                | 5 | 130,087 | 134,688 |
| <b>Closing Total Fund Balance</b> |   | 144,261 | 144,872 |

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

Nicol Cameron

Chairman

29-Jan-26

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### Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

- 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

|                      | <b>2,025</b>   | <b>2,024</b>   |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | <b>General</b> | <b>General</b> |
|                      | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Opening Balance      | 10,184         | 5,003          |
| Surplus for the year | 3,990          | 5,181          |
| Closing Balance      | <u>14,174</u>  | <u>10,184</u>  |

#### 5 Investments

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

|                                  | 2025           | 2024           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | £              | £              |
| At 1 January 2025                | 134,688        | 128,372        |
| Additions in year                | -              | -              |
| Unrealised gain/(loss)           | - 4,601        | 6,316          |
| At 31 December 2025              | <u>130,087</u> | <u>134,688</u> |
| Market value at 31 December 2025 | <u>130,087</u> | <u>134,688</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 2025 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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Kilmacolm

Date: 8 February 2026