

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Civic Trust

Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee

Date: 21st April 2026
Location: Cargill Centre

In Attendance

Nicol Cameron (Chair)
Jim Hood
Derrick Russell
Claire Jamieson
John Hunter
Niamh Gaston
Esther Brombley
Alan Grant

Apologies

Fraser McAlister
Audrey Johnstone
Graeme Andrew
Douglas Robin
Scott McFie
Brian Lang
Hazel Thomson
Jonathon McCready-Colville

1) Minutes of 11th March 2026 - Approved

2) Matters Arising

Nicol updated situation regarding Brian Lang who is seriously ill in hospital and unlikely to return. All agreed that an appropriate

appreciation of his long term services to KQCT be recognised in some appropriate way.

3) Treasurer's Report

Current capital funds stand at £130,000 GBP. Membership income decreased slightly to £3,500.00 GBP

4) Membership Update & Report

Brian Lang's family assisting in securing KQCT access to membership records. Membership stands at approximately 180 and it was agreed membership should be increased. Derrick assessing credibility of new membership requests and as a result agreed to suspend recruitment of new members in the meantime. Issues have arisen on checking authenticity of new members - Beau Pettinger will assist on return.

5) Archivist Report

Derrick reported he is continuing to digitise KQCT archives and has added a further 1000 images.

6) Audio Visual Report

Nothing to report

Items for Discussion

7) Kilmacolm Place Plan Steering Group, update

Discussion continued on this crucial matter. Nicol has again approached Inverclyde Council for an update and, additionally is contacting planning consultant Ed Taylor. It was unanimously agreed we should not wait any longer on Inverclyde Council and we should prepare and submit our report on future planning by the end of May 2026. Agreed existing sub-committee would seek to complete.

8) Planning and Related matters

- Nicol advised there has been a postponement by IC General Purposes Board Discussion on HMO Licence Application for Cottage 19 (Ashgrove), Quarriers Village. IC Licensing Committee will meet on 29 April 2026 to consider licence application.
- The proposed Auchentiber Road 400MW BESS at High Mathernock. After discussion continuing concerns were expressed again regarding both siting and safety. Scottish Government has asked for more information from Inverclyde Council by June 2026.

9) KQCT Annual General Meeting

- Date: 29 April 2026
- Discussion ensued on preparation and layout of room at Community Centre. Graeme is meeting again with Professor Frank Arneil Walker and John Watson to confirm style of presentation and content. Query raised reappropriate screen size.
Graeme also arranging refreshments. Members of the committee thanked Graeme for his assistance.

10) Any other Business

Unanimously agreed whilst we already publish online all minutes of KQCT, we would also include number and details of planning applications received and a summary of KQCT views and recommendations on same.

Agreed campaign to increase membership by all members of the Executive Committee to recruit at no charge once Beau Pettinger

has returned and scrutinised how to authenticate all new membership applications.

11) Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21 May 2026 at 19:00, Kilmacolm Community Centre

Meeting concluded at 7:45pm