

KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST
Scottish Charity Number SC 032744

MINUTES OF 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held in the Cargill Centre, Kilmacolm, on
Thursday 30th March 2016 at 7.00pm

A. Business Meeting

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** The meeting was chaired by Mr Nicol Cameron who welcomed approximately 40 members. He also welcomed Mrs Kitty Walker, our Guest Speaker and approximately 12 non-members.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Fergus, Mr John Hunter (Treasurer), Mrs C Harbon, Sir Eric & Lady Yarrow, Ms J Reid, Mr J Lester, Mr J Watson, Mr C MacKean, Mr A Fernie, Ms A McGregor, Mrs H Calvert, Ms E Marcroft and Mrs N G Hornibrook.
3. **Minutes of 47th AGM held on 22nd March 2016:** It was agreed that the minutes be taken as read. Proposed by Mr Alan McNeilage and seconded by Mr Jim Hood.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman introduced the Treasurer's Report and Executive Committee Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016, which were circulated with the Calling Notice. A surplus of £474 was reported for the year. He also thanked Mr Edwin Fisher CA for his services *pro bono* as independent examiner. The Report and Accounts, proposed by Mrs Jasna Walker and seconded by Mr Alan McNeilage, were adopted unanimously by the meeting.
5. **Archivist's Report:** Mr John Hamilton reported that much of the archive activity had been in the hands of others, in preparation for moving the material from his home to a new location. Some material has been relocated to the Community Centre, but additional, interim storage is required, ahead of relocating the archive to renovated premises under the custody of Inverclyde Libraries.

With the expertise of Mrs Breda Baum, we have begun to comprehensively list and order the archive. We have been working with Inverclyde Libraries and Glasgow University Archive Services. We plan to approach the Heritage Lottery Fund for assistance in the cost of digitising material.

Jim Hood continues to work on the second archival project, to record Oral Histories, with the aim of recording the memories of our older residents. This project is also preparing a Heritage Lottery Funding application. Archivist noted the gift by Mrs Anna Macdonald of a map from 1913, commenting on the changes in the village, and reminding the audience how much the village continues to change.

6. **Chairman's Report:** The report was presented by Mr Nicol Cameron who thanked the 11-member Executive Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year, contributing to vigorous debate at the meetings and committing a great deal of time and effort throughout the year.
 - a) *Development Plan:* The Inverclyde Development Plan is in place until 2020, and plans have already begun for the next Local Development Plan. The Trust consulted with members before making its submission in November 2016 (copies were made available on line and at the AGM). Key points from the submission:
 - I. The Trust opposes any further release of green belt land and supports brown field development
 - II. highlighted the extremely pressing need for long-term parking in the village and proposed any or all of 4 different possible locations
 - III. Noted that the current Development Plan has provision for 114 housing units at various sites, of which very little progress has been made, other than infrastructure work for 8 self-build houses at Leperstone Avenue and the retail/housing development at the former Institute building.

The Main Issues Report for 2020-2025 will be published at the end of March 2017 and Mr Alan Williamson will brief the committee at their next meeting on 13th April, then the Trust will make any necessary responses during the consultation period.

- b) *Wind Turbines:* As reported at the 2016 AGM, the application by '20/20 Renewables' to build a wind farm of 8 x 110m (363ft) turbines on the east and south faces of Corlic Hill was rejected by Inverclyde Council, but an appeal was made to the Scottish Government, whose Reporter approved the project, despite overwhelming objections. Preliminary data gathering mast has been installed. *See AOCB*
- c) *Scottish Civic Trust* – Chairman was invited to give a talk at the Scottish Civic Trust conference in November. It was extremely well received, and an edited version of the illustrated talk was recorded and produced by Mr Jim Hood, and relayed to the meeting. The recording featured recordings from the Oral History project and the creative writing project that was undertaken with St Columba's School and Ms Kirsten Zhang.

7. Retiral of Members of the Executive Committee: There were no retirals from the committee.

8. Election of New Members of the Executive Committee: The Constitution permits up to 17 members and the Committee currently comprises 12 individuals, with opportunities for interested individuals to join. Brelda Baum, Brian Lang, John Cooper, Louise Eadie, Graeme Andrew, Jim Hood and Catherine Harbon were proposed for re-election by Mrs Lynn Lang and seconded by Mrs Aileen Watson.

9. Election or Re-election of Office Bearers

The following were also elected as Office Bearers following a proposal by Mr Alan McNeilage and seconded by Mrs Anne Peacock.

Chairman: Mr Nicol Cameron
Treasurer: Mr John Hunter
Secretary: Mrs Elaine Gallaher
Archivist: Mr John Hamilton

10. AOCB:

- a) Chairman appealed for anyone with suitable space to provide temporary storage for archive material.
- b) Chairman thanked Mrs Anna Macdonald for the gift of an Ordnance Survey map from 1913, noting that street and house names had changed in the interim, and we hope to digitise this, and other maps in due course.
- c) Professor Frank Walker has kindly donated an inscribed and autographed copy of his latest book, in the Pevsner guides series to the Buildings of Scotland. This publication covers Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, including references to Kilmacolm.
- d) Councillor David Wilson advised that the Corlic Hill project cannot proceed until conditions imposed by Glasgow Airport in mitigation have been satisfied. Subsidies for such projects are being withdrawn, which suggests time may be running out.
- e) Mr Bob Armstrong asked about parking, and Councillor Wilson reported that the disk system is being withdrawn, although on-street parking restrictions remain.

11. Close: Chairman brought the Annual General Meeting to a close.

B: Guest Speaker: Chairman introduced Mrs Kitty Walker, a Kilmacolm resident and former St Columba's head girl, Kitty has long been active in amateur dramatic circles and her theme was the Glasgow Panopticon, the world's oldest functioning music hall. She took us from the earliest days of the tobacco trade and the range of entertainments available to the city's residents, with spell-binding and hilarious anecdotes from the history of this iconic theatre. Mr John Cooper thanked Kitty on behalf of the Trust and presented her with a bouquet in appreciation of her enthralling talk. The audience were led in a rendition of "Waiting at the Church" to close the proceedings with gusto.