

KILMACOLM CIVIC TRUST

Scottish Charity Number SC 032744

MINUTES OF 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Cargill Centre, Kilmacolm, on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.00pm

A. Business Meeting

1. Welcome and Introduction:

The meeting was chaired by Mr Nicol Cameron who welcomed approximately 40 members.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs H Fergus, Mrs C Harbon, Mr & Mrs B Lang, Mr J Lester, Mr & Mrs Gallaher (Hon. Secretary), Mr & Mrs I MacCallum and Mr C. Butlin .

2. Minutes of 48th AGM held on 30th March 2017: It was agreed that the minutes be taken as read. Proposed by Mr J Hood and seconded by Mr J Hunter.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Mr John Hunter introduced the Executive Committee Report and Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2017, which were circulated with the Notice calling the Meeting. A deficit of £225 was reported for the year leaving total Reserves of £16,104 at 31 December 2017. He also thanked Mr Edwin Fisher CA for his services as independent examiner again at no cost to the Trust. The Report and Accounts, proposed by Sir Donald Miller and seconded by Mr Alan McNeillage, were adopted unanimously by the meeting.

4. Archivist's Report:

Mr John Hamilton reported that much of the archive activity had been in the hands of others following the move during the year from his home to a new location. Some material has been relocated to the Community Centre and the remainder to St Columba's School. He thanked both KNCC and the School for making the space available and also for allowing access to the material from time to time. The intention is that all the material will be transferred to Inverclyde Libraries once the premises are available.

With the expertise of Mrs Brelde Baum, we have begun to comprehensively list and order the archive. We have been working with Inverclyde Libraries and Glasgow University Archive Services. We were unsuccessful with our approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund for assistance in the cost of digitising material but are currently applying to other charities for funding.

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 applying for charitable grants.

The Report, proposed by Mrs D MacDuff and seconded by Mr B Crookston, was unanimously approved by the meeting.

5. 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. He noted that the Constitution allowed for 17 members of the Committee and hoped for more volunteers.

As well as the consideration of all the local planning applications in the year the Committee also carried out the necessary work on the ongoing archiving and oral history projects and this year had the added task of the Gladman planning application.

Oral History Project

This project carries on under the expert auspices of Jim Hood. He is still seeking external funding and has, so far, provided all the necessary equipment from his own resources. Once the funding is in place we shall be looking for more volunteers to be recorded on video. Eventually all the recordings will be available to view on the Trust's website.

Inverclyde Local Development Plan (LDP)

The current draft plan is for the period 2015-20. The process for the 2020-25 plan was started in 2016 with the draft produced in Spring 2017 and, following discussions, will be passed to the Scottish Executive in November 2018 and finally will be adopted by Inverclyde Council (IC) in late 2019.

The Trust continues to be opposed to any greenbelt development but supports the brownfield developments in the area proposed for upwards of 112 housing units currently passed by Inverclyde planning department. There is a pressing need for more parking spaces in Kilmacolm and 4 sites were identified by us in our LDP comments to IC. The Trust objected to all the proposed sites on the draft LDP for which developers and landowners applied for planning consideration. The Trust is not against all development in the area. We might support any limited development which does not change the character or rural aspects of the area or the way of life. We shall not support large volumes of housing development as suggested in the Clyde Plan for the whole of the Clyde Valley areas. The IC Environmental Regeneration Committee meets on 8 March to revise the LDP in the

light of the comments received and the latest version of the LDP will be issued by IC on 29 March 2018.

Gladman Developments

Over 600 people attended the public meeting on the plan and many also attended the 3 consultation meetings held by Gladman in the village. In response the Kilmacolm Greenbelt Association was formed between the Kilmacolm Residents Association (KRA), the Kilmacolm Community Council and the Kilmacolm Civic Trust (KCT).

Gladman submitted its planning application to IC on 8 December 2017 and IC received 1166 objections by the date of the deadline for objections in January 2018. Several meetings of the KRA have taken place since the outset of this proposal and it was decided to employ the services of a professional planning consultant to make the formal objection to IC at a cost of £1,200 to the Trust. Other expenses have also been met by the Trust. IC is currently considering all the objections and has until mid-April 2018 to make a decision.

Trust Archives

It was realised that no-one knew what was physically in the Trust's archives so the decision was taken to digitalise them to make copies readily available to anyone who required access. Mrs Brela Baum took on the task of organising this project and is currently seeking volunteers to assist the committee with listing the items using a laptop (not an Apple) – she can be contacted at brelbaum@hotmail.com.

The Chairman closed his remarks by saying that new members of the Trust are required to bolster the finances and invited all present to take away an application form for a friend to join – these were on the table at the door.

6. Retiral of Members of the Executive Committee:

There were no retrials from the committee.

7. Election of New Members of the Executive Committee:

The Constitution permits up to 17 members and the Committee currently comprises 11 individuals, with opportunities for interested individuals to join. Brela Baum, Brian Lang, John Cooper, Louise Eadie, Graeme Andrew, Jim Hood and Catherine Harbon (with her husband Andy Harbon being brought on as substitute during her illness) were proposed for re-election by Mr Nicol Cameron and seconded by Mr Alan McNeillage.

8. Election or Re-election of Office Bearers

The Following were also elected as Office Bearers following a proposal by Mr Jim Hood and seconded by Mr Bill Crookston.

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

9. AOCB:

The Chairman noted that ,with regards the Corlic Hill wind turbine planning application, Glasgow Airport has now advised that there is now no reason for any interference with their new technology by the plan so it may now go ahead.

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

B: Guest Speaker: Chairman introduced Mr John Morgan, Director of Business Development at Ferguson Marine, Port Glasgow who gave the meeting a very informative talk ,with supporting slides and videos, on the history of the yard and brought us up to date on all the improvements and future plans for the business under the new ownership of Clyde Blowers.