



## KILLEARN COTTAGERS' HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 7 February 2024  
7.30 Garden Room, Village Hall,**

### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the A.G.M. 1 February 2023
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Appointment of officers                      Current

Honorary President	Jenny Wilkes
Honorary Vice President	Vacant
Chairperson	Paul Searle From 13 September 2023
Vice Chairperson	Vacant
Secretary	Glenda Asquith
Minute Secretary	Kevin Boland
Treasurer	Neil Metcalfe
Show Conveners	Grant Farquharson, Vacant
Schedule Secretary	Mary Fraser
- 7 Notices

Whist Drive	8 March, Church Hall
Plant Sale	18 May, Village Hall
Annual Show	31 August, Village Hall and Church and Hall
- 8 Any other competent business
- 9 **A short talk by Chelsea McKinnon about**  
**The Open Food Network and Killearn Community Garden**

followed by tea and biscuits

**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**1 February 2023**

**Apologies:** B Pell, W McGowan, H Wright

**Present:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Committee Members and members of the public.

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28 February 2022**

The minutes were circulated and approved.

**Matters arising**    **None**

**Chairmans Report 1 February 2023**

2022 was a year of getting back to normal after the restrictions of covid without the conventional show. Not a lot to report as we getting back to normal after years with no show.

We have not been able to have our whist drive for the last two years but we will be having it this year on 3 March and hope to have a good turnout after two years without the whist. First we did not have a whist drive but hoping to have one this year if we can get some support to make worthwhile.

Next in May we had our successful plant sale but sales of bedding plants were disappointing so we have decided to concentrate on home grown plants and vegetables. Next we had our annual plant sale which was a success but unfortunately every is selling summer and bedding plants makes it harder for us. So I think we will stop them and concentrate on home grown plants and vegetables.

In June we had a stall at the Queens platinum jubilee celebration where we displayed examples of things which could be entered in the show. Later in the month we had an interesting visit to the Blanefield allotment plots. We thank them for their hospitality. June spent an evening at Blanefield allotment plots which was very interesting and some of them showed their veg and plants. So we thank them for allowing us to come and see their gardens and a cup of tea. So thank you all again.

In July we had our successful annual trip when we took 50 people to Glamis Castle and gardens. Everyone enjoyed a high tea in Perth on the way back.

After taking the trip for four years this year I am handing over to Kevin Boland. I hope everybody will support him as well as they supported me. I enjoyed doing it and meeting every one.

John Phillips

## Treasurer's Statement

### Annual General Meeting 1 February 2023

It gives me great pleasure to present the Society's accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

I am pleased to report that, unlike many organisations, the Society has not been financially harmed by the Covid-19 pandemic and is still healthily in the black. The financial details of the year are given on the accompanying sheet, alongside the results from 2021 for comparison. I would like to point out the following features:

- The comparison with the previous year is not as straightforward as is usually the case due to the constraints imposed by Covid on last year's activities, and so where relevant I will draw comparisons with our last 'typical' year of 2019.
- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we were not able to run a Whist Drive, due to the last remaining covid restrictions. In previous years this event raised a relatively small amount for the Society – less than £200 – and so its absence had relatively little impact on our finances.
- We were again able to have a Plant Sale, which was well attended and raised almost £800, just short of the record amount in the previous year. The Tennis Club provided coffee and cakes in the Village Hall to raise their own funds; our Society always pays for the hire of the Hall as one of our donations to village activities.
- Our Annual Flower Show was back to its normal format after two years, and proved very successful. The income from selling schedules and door admission, from having adverts in the schedules and from selling teas on the day were very similar to the last full show in 2019 (when the total revenue was £2277, in contrast to last year's £2193). Last year we held a scaled-down Show, which had a single major cost of hiring a marquee. This year the costs were a little bit higher overall than the last proper show (£2019 in 2022 vs £1823 in 2019). There were some differences in the individual categories of cost: this time none of our judges claimed any travel expenses (possibly because they had just eaten the excellent free lunch), but the costs of trophies, rosettes and prize cards was more than double. This was partly because costs have in general risen slightly, partly because we had to change to a new and more expensive engraver for trophies, and partly because this last year we had to print entry cards, but that does not happen every year. Other Show costs were fairly normal.
- Overall the Show made a very slight profit; last year it made a significant loss since we had no income.
- The Society underwrote the cost of a very successful coach trip to Glamis Castle; it paid upfront for the hire of the coach, but John Phillips was so successful in selling tickets that this cost was more than recouped so that we made a small profit.
- Other costs incurred including those for running the website, for renting hall space for meetings such as this one, and for Public Liability Insurance.
- Donations were made to other groups and individuals in line with our charitable status – these include Drymen Show (to pay for a trophy) and several individuals who helped us put on the Show. There is also a donation to the Kirk for use of the Kirk and hall during the Show – this payment was accidentally delayed and so will appear in next year's accounts.
- At the end of the year the Society is worth £6292, almost £500 more than last year (although this does not take account of the £250 just paid to the Kirk). We have therefore survived the two years of planned losses due to the covid pandemic, during which we lost £1300, and are back to being in a secure financial position.

- In August I submitted our accounts for the previous year to OSCR for scrutiny, and have again not heard anything back from them, which is good news.

I would like to end by again thanking Gill Smith for very kindly auditing the books and for spotting all sorts of errors and ambiguities that I had missed.

Neil Metcalfe

			2022	2021	
Income from coach trip to Glamis castle			£78.40	-	
Income from Plant sale			£792.60	£806.30	
Donations received			£90.78	-	
			£961.78	£806.30	
<b>ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW</b>					
Income from Membership schedules/door admission		£1,365.40		-	
Advertising income		£370.00		-	
Proceeds from afternoon teas		£458.05		-	
		£2,193.45		-	
<b>LESS COSTS OF SHOW</b>					
Judges expenses	-			-	
Trophies, rosettes and prize cards	£503.35			-	
Hire of marquee	-			£1,157.76	
Prize money	£164.10			-	
Printing of Schedules	£758.00			-	
Lunch expenses	£240.36				
Other Show expenses	£353.91			£149.43	
		(£2,019.72)		(£1307.19)	
<b>PROFIT ON SHOW</b>			£173.73	(£1307.19)	
<b>LESS OTHER EXPENSES</b>					
AGM and committee meeting room hire		£82.75		£23.75	
Subscription to Scottish Gardeners' Forum		£50.00		£25.00	
Public Liability Insurance		£130.00		£50.00	

Admin and website costs		£69.58		£170.28	
Donations to individuals and groups		£307.73		£250.00	
			(£640.06)	(£519.03)	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for year</b>			£495.45	(£1,019.92)	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND as at 1st January 2022</b>			£5,796.52	£6,816.44	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND as at 31st Dec 2022</b>			£6,291.97	£5,796.52	
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
Cash in Current Accounts			£6,291.97	£5,796.52	

## 6 Election of Office Bearers

Trustees appointment of officers	Current
Honorary President	Jenny Wilkes
Honorary Vice President	Walter MacGowan
Chairperson	John Phillips
Vice Chairperson	Paul Searle
Secretary	Glenda Asquith
Treasurer	Neil Metcalfe
Show Conveners	Grant Farquharson, Walter McGowan
Membership Secretary	Mary Fraser

Looking for Vice convener to replace W.MacGowan who is standing down – K Burnisson was proposed by P Wilks and seconded by P Searle. Also elected committee above proposed and seconded by the same.

## 7 Notices 2023

Whist Drive	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Plant Sale/Gardener's market	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Culzean Bus Trip	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Small Gardens	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Annual Show	Saturday 28 August

- 8 **Any other competent business** – Discussion – door to door sales, schedule sales QR codes, standing orders & direct debits. Working with schools -HW on it. Libraries suggested as point of sale/info – Balfron and Blanefield  
 KB proposed trip to Balmoral **now changed to Culzean**  
 Plant Sale – Tennis Club. Doing teas  
 Proposed friends. of. KCHS. For show, whist drive etc M. Fraser as membership secretary to compile list of names  
 Small Gardens – volunteers required -Ticket +may -£6. – tearoom open from 11am.