



## KILLEARN COTTAGERS' HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Annual General Meeting

**Monday 28 February 2022  
7.30 Village Hall**

#### Agenda

- 1 Apologies
  - 2 Minutes of the A.G.M. 2 February 2021
  - 3 Matters arising
  - 4 Chairman's report
  - 5 Treasurer's report
  - 6 Trustees appointment of officers    Current  
    Honorary President            Vacant  
    Honorary Vice President      Jenny Wilks  
    Chairperson                    Heather Wright  
    Vice Chairperson              John Phillips \*\*  
    Secretary                      Glenda Asquith  
    Treasurer                      Neil Metcalfe  
    Show Conveners                Grant Farquharson, Walter McGowan  
    Membership Secretary        Mary Fraser
  - 7 Notices
  - 8 Any other competent business
- \*\* John Phillips volunteered to take the position of Vice Chair at the committee meeting 11 March 2021 and was duly elected.

### Annual General Meeting by Zoom 2 February 2021

**Present:** Honorary Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Members Susanna Blackshaw, Grant Farquharson & John Phillips. Six Members of the public

**Apologies** Jennifer Anton, Elaine Curran, Dai Davies, Mary Fraser, Walter MacGowan

#### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6 February 2020

The minutes of the last A.G.M. had been circulated

#### Matters arising

None

## Chairperson's Report

Well, the year kicked off with our well attended whist drive and went rapidly downhill.

The virus moved in and knocked our plans off track. Our annual plant and coffee morning had to be cancelled and by the late spring we had to make some hard choices about what would happen with the show. Following examples from other agricultural and horticultural shows [presented by Grant Farquharson] the committee decided to go for a virtual show.

A flurry of activity followed with the identification of a new web master, with Paul Searle kindly volunteering to steer us through [well mostly do] the set-up of a new website to enable all the entries. Without his expertise and enormous amount of work none of the show would have been possible. We then went about creating a schedule that was large enough to reflect the myriad skills of our usual contestants, while keeping them viable for virtual judging, and not least manageable for the website administration. We managed to represent most of the sections and expanded into a few new ones with our extended garden photo entries. Once the information was all together we put fliers through all the doors and Paul flooded social media to advertise and waited with bated breath for the entries to arrive.

We were extremely pleased with the number of entries 354, 54 of which were in our new 'my garden' photo classes. The quality was exceptional and one of our judges commented on how difficult it was to pick the winners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the show happen, the committee, Paul, our leaflet deliverers and our judges, and of course all the contestants who sent us their entries. Who knows what 2021 holds, with the year starting off with more lockdowns and new Covid strains, but we do now have the structure and experience to create both virtual or hall based shows.

With Paul coming on board as our web and media master Peter Smith has moved over for a much deserved retirement. We thank Peter so much for taking us through the previous years with the website and entering so many lovely pictures and information throughout his tenure.

Planning for the future in 2021 is difficult. We still hope the plant sale can go ahead in some format if we are allowed an outside only sale, but the show is still very uncertain with the size of interface it presents. But rest assured the "show will go on", so we hope you have a good growing, crafting and productive year; and keep taking those photos just in case.

Wishing you a safe and prosperous year

Heather Wright  
Chair.

## **Treasurer's Statement**

### **Annual General Meeting 2 February 2021**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Society's accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

I am pleased to report that, despite the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Society is still healthily in the black. The financial details of the year are given on the accompanying sheet, alongside the results from 2019 for comparison. I would like to point out the following features:

The profit from the Whist Drive in early March was over £200, the highest for a number of years thanks to a reasonable turnout and good support of the raffle. Little did we realise at that point how our lives would change in a few weeks' time such that from that point onwards we would be arrested if we attempted gatherings of whist enthusiasts.

The whist drive was the last physical activity of the Society in 2020. Normally the cancellation of the plant sale and the lack of any Show schedule selling would have had serious consequences for the financial status of the Society, but our outgoings this last year were very modest.

The switch from a real to a virtual Show proved to be highly successful and kept the Society active; moreover the only direct costs were those of setting up and running the new website. This was considered an excellent investment since it allowed participants to upload photographs of their entries, and made them feel that the Show was still alive. The only income associated with the Show was a late payment of an advert from the previous year's Show schedule.

The Society had planned a summer coach trip but this inevitably had to be cancelled, with the loss of the deposit.

Other costs of running the Society were modest.

The 'donations' heading refers to gifts of appreciation from the Society to people who have made enormous contributions to the success of the Society: Gill Smith for auditing the accounts, Peter Smith for loyally running our old website for many years, and Paul Searle, who probably little realised what he was taking on when he agreed to both become the main administrator of the Society's Facebook page and explore whether it would be possible to run a virtual Show. He sourced suitable website software, set up a new website and then single-handedly organised the advertising of the event, and the uploading and display of all the photos that people contributed, including the verdicts of the judges. The results were fantastic, and it is safe to say that none of this would have happened without him.

At the end of the year the Society is worth £6816, almost £300 down from last year, and so broadly similar to the level it has maintained for the last decade or more.

In August I submitted our accounts for the previous year to OSCR for scrutiny. I have not heard back from them, which I take to be a good sign.

I would like to end by again thanking Gill Smith for very kindly auditing the books, and for guiding me through the process of submitting to OSCR.

Neil Metcalfe

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Income from Whist Drive	£208.00	£198.02
Income from Plant sale	-	£494.20
Donations received	-	£37.00
	£208.00	£729.22
 <b>ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW</b>		
Income from Membership schedules/ door admission	-	£1,523.90
Advertising income	£20.00	£337.50
Proceeds from afternoon teas	-	£415.90
	£20.00	£2,277.30
 <b>LESS COSTS OF SHOW</b>		
Judges expenses	-	£112.00
Trophies, rosettes and prize cards	-	£210.10
Lunch expenses	-	£209.74
Prize money	-	£205.50
Schedules	-	£698.00
Other Show expenses	£103.98	£387.28
	(£103.98)	(£1,822.62)
<b>PROFIT ON SHOW</b>	<b>(£83.98)</b>	<b>£454.68</b>
 <b>LESS OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
AGM expenses	£12.00	£12.00
Subscription to Scottish Gardeners' Forum	£25.00	£25.00
Public Liability Insurance	£65.00	£65.00
Trip to Dumfries House and garden	-	£74.50
Cancelled trip to Glamis (coach deposit)	£115.00	-
Donations to individuals and groups	£200.00	£462.00
	(£417.00)	(£638.50)

<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for year</b>	(£292.9 8)	£545.40
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<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b> as at 1st January 2020	£7,109.4 2	£6,564.0 2
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<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b> as at 31st Dec 2020	£6,816.4 4	£7,109.4 2
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**REPRESENTED BY:**

Cash in Current Accounts	£6,816.4 4	£7,109.4 2
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I have examined the books of Killearn Cottagers' Horticultural Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and in my opinion, the attached accounts have been prepared in accordance therewith. Signed by Gill Smith

**Election of Office Bearers**

Honorary President	Bishop Loudon
Honorary Vice President	Jenny Wilks
Chairperson	Heather Wright
Vice Chairperson	VACANT
Secretary	Glenda Asquith
Treasurer	Neil Metcalfe
Show Convenors	Grant Farquharson Walter MacGowan
Membership Secretary	Mary Fraser

There were no candidates for the vice chair. It was decided to re elect the rest of the office bearers en bloc.

Proposed by Nancy Bailey and Seconded by Paul Searle

**Events**

Due to the uncertainty caused by covid the whist drive will not go ahead. It may be possible to hold the plant sale as usual outside but the coffee morning is unlikely to be possible. Whether the Show will be held physically or online is uncertain at this time but a decision will be made in May

Whist Drive	Cancelled
Gardeners Market	Saturday May, Village Hall
Annual Show	Saturday August, Village and Church Halls and Kirk

**Any other competent Business**

None