



KILLEARN COTTAGERS' HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 1 February 2023
7.30pm Garden Room, Village Hall,

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the A.G.M. 28 February 2022
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 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
- 7 Notices
- 8 Any other competent business

Minutes Annual General Meeting 28 February 2022

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

Apologies Mary Fraser,

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2021

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were circulated and approved.

Matters arising

None

Chairperson's Report

Welcome everyone to our annual general meeting, and it is nice to see faces in person rather than over the web.

Although 2021 was again disrupted by covid we did manage to run our plant sale in the spring all be it without the welcome support of the coffee morning. There was a really good turnout and lots of lovely plants found new homes.

We had to make the decision in May as to whether we could proceed with the hall based show, but with much regret, with the situation still being so unstable we decided to go for an online version again so that we could guarantee that it would go ahead. Although it did not garner quite the response of the 2021 show we still had a very impressive array of entries and I think many were happy to see the beautiful exhibits.

The committee beavered away trying to put together a face to face event to bring all our supporters out in August. Meeting all the regulations and providing a safe gathering space "The Hoe, not the Show" came to be with support from like-minded organisations, our much appreciated ukulele band and our own marquee hopefully inspiring new and old visitors to join us in person 2022. Can we say thank you to everyone who helped, for all the kind feedback we received and for the encouraging coverage in the local media. The weather did it's bit by providing a glorious sunny day.

We are on track for a more face to face show in 2022. We have deferred the Whist drive due to concerns for safe distancing but hope to have it a little later in the year. We have the plant sale booked for 21st May with the hope that all goes well for the tennis club to join us with their lovely teas. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at our show in August and are excited to have everyone back together again we hope.

As the retiring chair I would like to make a very special thank you to the committee who have been so dedicated over the last three years, helping to keep our presence going through all the ups and downs of the pandemic. Although we have had a very different face over the last two years the society has been able to keep our show running.

I would like to say a sad farewell to some of our committee who have moved on to other roles and particularly to our President, Bishop Loudon, who passed away after most of a lifetime of support for the society.

Heather Wright

Treasurer's Statement

Annual General Meeting 28 February 2022

It gives me great pleasure to present the Society's accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021.

I am pleased to report that, despite the continuing 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 2020 for comparison. I would like to point out the following features:

- For the first time in many years we were not able to run a Whist Drive, due to covid restrictions, and so missed out on this opportunity to raise funds for the Society.
- However, the easing of restrictions meant that – unlike 2020 - we were able to have a Plant Sale. While there was no parallel coffee morning, the plant sale was well attended and it raised over £800, which is (I think) the highest ever amount.
- After much deliberation we then held a 'hybrid' event in place of the usual Annual Flower Show. This consisted of an online competition, in which contributors submitting photographs to a limited number of classes (as in the previous year's online-only event). It was matched by an in-person event (the 'HOE') in the Kirk and a marquee in the adjacent carpark that featured displays of flowers, produce, art and crafts, complemented by stalls from a good number of local organisations. The major cost was the hiring of the marquee, and there were also other website and administrative costs; the combined events had no income, and so inevitably made a loss, but this was well within the limits planned by the Society and the combined events were greatly appreciated by the public. Other costs of running the Society were modest.
- Donations were made to Colourful Killearn (£150, to support their work around the village), the Kirk (£50, for use of the Kirk during the HOE) and Killearn Village Hall (£50, for use of toilets and tables during the HOE, and to partially offset any lost bookings that day).
- At the end of the year the Society is worth £5796, just over £1000 down from last year. The covid pandemic has resulted in two years of losses, due to restrictions on our activities, but we are still very healthily in the black and so this is no cause for concern.

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 being a much better proof reader than I am.

Neil Metcalfe

Treasurer's Report

	2021	2020
Income from Whist Drive	-	£208.00
Income from Plant sale	£806.30	-
Donations received	-	-
	<hr/> £806.30	<hr/> £208.00
ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW		
Income from Membership schedules/ door admission	-	-
Advertising income	-	£20.00
Proceeds from afternoon teas	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> £20.00
LESS COSTS OF SHOW		
Judges expenses	-	-
Trophies, rosettes and prize cards	-	-
Hire of marquee	£1,157.76	-
Printing of photos	£64.75	-
Printing of flyer	£32.00	-
Other Show expenses	£52.68	£103.98
	<hr/> (£1,307.19)	<hr/> (£103.98)
PROFIT ON SHOW	<hr/> (£1,307.19)	<hr/> (£83.98)
LESS OTHER EXPENSES		
AGM and committee meeting room hire	£23.75	£12.00
Subscription to Scottish Gardeners' Forum	£25.00	£25.00
Public Liability Insurance	£50.00	£65.00
Admin and website costs	£170.28	-
Cancelled coach trip (coach deposit)	-	£115.00
Donations to individuals and groups	£250.00	£200.00
	<hr/> (£519.03)	<hr/> (£417.00)

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for year	(£1,019.92)	(£292.98)
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 1st January 2021	£6,816.44	£7,109.42
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 31st Dec 2021	£5,796.52	£6,816.44
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash in Current Accounts	£5,796.52	£6,816.44

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 I have examined the books of Killlearn Cottagers' Horticultural Society for the year ended 31st December 2021 and in my opinion, the attached accounts have been prepared in accordance therewith.

signed by Gill Smith

Election of Office Bearers

The office bearers were elected as follows

Honorary President	Jenny Wilkes
Honorary Vice President	Walter MacGowan
Chairperson	John Phillips
Vice Chairperson	Paul Searle
Secretary	Glenda Asquith
Treasurer	Neil Metcalfe
Show Convenors	Grant Farquharson Walter MacGowan
Membership Secretary	Mary Fraser

Carol Freireich our new member representing Blane Valley Allotments Association expressed the thanks of the association for including Carol on KCHS committee.

After the meeting Sharon Bowness representing the newly established seed library in the village hall and other venues gave an interesting short talk on how the library works.

Refreshments were served,

Notices

Whist Drive	To be decided in March
Gardeners Market	Saturday 21 May, Village Hall
Annual Show	Saturday 27 August

Any other competent Business

None