



## KILLEARN COTTAGERS' HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Annual General Meeting 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 Report 2020

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

	2020	2019
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>	(£83.98)	£454.68

**LESS OTHER EXPENSES**

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
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	(£417.00	(£638.50
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**SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for year** (£292.98 ) £545.40

**ACCUMULATED FUND** as at 1st January 2020 £7,109.4 2 £6,564.0 2

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**REPRESENTED BY:**

Cash in Current Accounts £6,816.4 4 £7,109.4 2

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