

Kirkhill District Amenities Association

Annual General Meeting
27th January 2014 at 19:30
Kirkhill Community Centre

1 Present

Kenny MacDonald – Chairman,
David Knox – Secretary,
Sandra Hogg – Treasurer,
George Hogg,
Aileen Armstrong
Wilma Williamson – Booking Sec.,
Amanda MacGillivray,
Kay Horne,

Alasdair Morrison,
Erik Lundberg,
Alison MacRae
Susan Drew
Isobel MacLeod
Isobel MacLean

2 Apologies

Elma Rorison,
Douglas Courts,

3 Minutes of previous AGM

3.1 *Factual Amendments*

3.1.1 **Treasure's Report**

The second paragraph should read “for his kind donation of some of the kitchen units.”

3.2 *Acceptance*

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alasdair Morrison and seconded by Amanda MacGillivray.

4 Chairman's report

The Chairman read out his report, the text of which is attached to these minutes.

5 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer circulated the examined Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st August 2013.

She reported that the LEADER claim would be completed by the end of February, which would allow the KDAA to pay off the loan from Highland Council.

The loan from The Highland Opportunities Ltd still had 2½ years to go at £470 per month.

The Awards for All grant had been received and would be used to fit out the centre.

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Rentals were down due to the hall being closed until January 2013 but the centre remained well utilised.

The Post Office would be in the centre foyer twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

MUGA income had been similar to the previous year and Gala Week had once again been very successful with a profit in the region of £10,000.

The centre had been revalued at approximately £917,000.

6 Booking Secretary's report

The Booking Secretary reported that, in accordance with the agreement, the primary school had made use of the hall as a refuge when the school fire alarm had gone off. She reported that the pupils had been very well behaved and she commended the staff on the behaviour.

Booking activity had greatly increased since the re-opening and this now included use by the Archery Club, a Unicycling Club and exercise classes.

She thanked the users for their prompt payment and said that she enjoyed working with them.

7 Election of committee

The following were proposed and elected to serve as committee members for the following year:

Kenny MacDonald,
Sandra Hogg,
Amanda MacGillivray,
Isobel Macleod
Alasdair Morrison,
Wilma Williamson,

Kay Horne,
Izzy Maclean
David Knox,
Doug Courts,
Erik Lundberg.

8 AOCB

8.1 KBCT Recycling

Erik Lundberg asked about the experience of having the recycling bins in the car park. Wilma Williamson reported that there had been issues around emptying them when they were full. Erik Lundberg had spoken to Highland Council about this and that the contractors were supposed to be monitoring the situation.

8.2 KCF Project Report

Alasdair Morrison reported on the KCF Project. He reported that the works had been completed in October 2013 but there were some issues still to be resolved after this date. The final account showed that this was the case.

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8.3 Shop

Alison MacRae raised the issue of a shop in the village. The development of the Macmillan's Yard had included a proposal for a retail unit but it was not certain that this would go ahead.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Council would be on 35th February and that would be a suitable forum to discuss this issue.

Erik Lundberg reported that the KBCT had investigated the possibility of arranging for a shop in the village but had not pursued the matter further.

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Chairmans Report 27th January 2014

Another successful year for the KDAA saw a major milestone in the Kirkhill Centre Forward (hall extension) completion and another excellent Gala week.

The two halls are now up and running and being well used and feedback from all the groups is excellent. While some of the finances have still to be finalised it is a major credit to the hall sub-committee that the project will be delivered under budget. My thanks go to Sandra, Alastair and David for all the hard work that they have put in over the year. They have had difficult conditions in which to work which I am sure makes the end result even more worthwhile. We now have an excellent facility to see us into the future that we can be very proud of.

Gala Week 2013 was another resounding success. Our major fundraiser in the year, it goes from strength to strength. The continuing success of the week is of vital importance to what the KDAA can achieve and I know it is the envy of many communities in our area. However its success should not just be measured in its financial contribution to the KDAA funds. As a community event it should also deliver in bringing a large proportion of the area out of their electronic homes. There can be no doubt about its success in delivering this objective. My thanks go to Kay, Amanda and Isobel and to their many helpers on the Gala Sub-Committee for all their hard work, not just during the week but throughout the year.

If the thought of having two halls to cope with and all the new arrangements that the refurbishment brought fazes her then it doesn't show. Wilma's ongoing supervision of the hall and its bookings is, as ever, gratefully appreciated by myself, the committee and the community. In recognition of her contributions to the centre over the years the new hall extension was named the Williamson suite.

The MUGA continues to be well used with bookings picking up after it's lay off during the refurbishment. There were issues with vandalism but these have hopefully been addressed after the installation of the CCTV cameras.

Finally, last but certainly not least, my thanks to the committee for all their hard work last year, especially to Sandra for taking on the heavy duties as Treasurer and David for his role as Secretary. Without the committees work the community centre could not exist and for this the area owes you all a debt of thanks.

The future looks very bright for the centre and with the park possibly being the next focus of attention we will have an all-round community facility that the area can be very proud of.

Ken MacDonald
Chairman KDAA