

# **Kirkhill District Amenities Association**

Annual General Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Kirkhill Community Centre

## **1 Present**

Sandra Hogg – Deputy Chair & Treasurer  
Alistair Norrie  
Wilma Williamson – Booking Secretary  
Elaine Cousins  
George Hogg  
Ian Cowan  
Isobel Macleod  
Kay Munro  
Jane Maclennan  
Susan Drew  
Alasdair Morrison  
Eileen Morrison  
Kerry Ross  
Mary Andrews  
Erik Lundberg

## **2 Apologies**

David Knox  
Doug Courts

## **3. Minutes of previous AGM**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alasdair Morrison and seconded by Isobel Macleod.

## **4 Chairman's report**

The previous Chair Ken Macdonald resigned in June after 11 years' service and still helps with the MUGA. The committee thanked him for his outstanding contribution to the community. Amanda McGillivray also stood down during the year and was thanked for her work on revitalising the gala which was appreciated by the whole community. Thanks were also noted to Alasdair Morrison for his sterling work on the maintenance of the building and grounds and

Wilma Williamson for taking the bookings and opening the building for activities almost every day of the year.

The KDAA also took forward the resolution from 2011 to change from an unincorporated association to a SCIO. In April 2014 there was discussion with the KBCT on exploring a merger as it was already a SCIO but decided to form a separate SCIO instead. An application for the change was made to OSCR and approval in principle has been given. The next stage is the legal work to form the new body, including conveyancing of the hall, and this should be complete by March 2015. A new constitution has been drafted including a new name – Kirkhill Community Centre to make it clear to the village what we do. AM noted that the delay since the resolution in 2011 has been to allow the extension project to be completed under the KDAA name.

## **5 Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer circulated the Trustee's Annual report and Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. The accounts were examined by Roy Macleod, Accountant.

The KCF project to refurbish and extend the hall was completed and cost £306,590. Snagging is completed and all payments made to the contractor. The Awards for All grant for fitting out the hall has been spent. CCF funding to encourage energy efficiency in the community was used for a stand at the gala and to monitor and improve energy use. The loan from Highland Opportunity for £20,000 could not be moved to the SCIO and has been paid off. Acoustic tiles have been fitted in the hall and improvements made to the paths around it. The football pitch is virtually unplayable due to flooding and compaction. An investigation by AM and EL has identified that it needs replaced at a cost of approximately £100,000. A meeting has been held with the users and a project team is now being formed.

The main hall is now a very popular venue and raised £10,000 income. There is potential for more use of the Williamson Room and this will be addressed by the committee. The MUGA is popular and the floodlights boost winter use. The tennis club disbanded 3 years ago but individual hires are encouraged. Issues with the net not being set up after other users were identified and a 'tennis day' will be considered.

The gala raised over £6,500 profit and thanks were noted to all who helped, especially those on the Gala Committee. This was slightly down on last year, likely due to the weather on the day.

A small donation was made to the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, as last year.

Hire charges were reviewed during the year and a slight increase made to all rates to help balance income with expenditure. The £1000 annual grant from Highland Council is at risk due to the current budget review so the hall needs to be commercially sustainable to maintain and invest in the building. The rates are published on the hall page on the village website.

The accounts were proposed by AM and seconded by GH.

## **6 Booking Secretary's report**

The Booking Secretary had nothing particular to report but thanked all the users for their prompt payment. The bookings are recorded on the calendar on the village website and the regular bookings are displayed on the noticeboard outside the entrance.

## **7 Election of committee**

The committee has a maximum of 15 members. Doug Courts, Kay Horne and Isobel Macleod are resigning and Sandra Hogg intends to step down once the SCIO transfer is completed. Kerry Ross and Alistair Norrie were proposed by IM and seconded by GH and elected to the committee. The new committee members are

Sandra Hogg

Wilma Williamson

Alasdair Morrison

Erik Lundberg

David Knox

Alistair Norrie

Kerry Ross

## **8 AOCB**

### **8.1 Village shop**

Ian Cowan, KBCT Board member and KBCC Councillor, reported on the project to investigate the feasibility of a local shop/hub. The idea has had started with a survey in Crannog organised by Fiona Macalister that indicated strong support from the community. They asked him to raise it with the KBCT as it is a SCIO and can own property and run projects. The KBCT supports the project and thought there was potential for it to be a community hub, shop, café, information point for Wardlaw Mausoleum and space for local businesses. Several sites in the village will be investigated including the former doctors' surgery on Wardlaw Road. The KDAA has offered a site within the hall grounds for inclusion in this process. A steering group is being formed and IC invited the KDAA to send a representative. The group will look at uses, location, business structure and finance. SH advised it will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

### **8.2 Litter pick**

EL reported that the KBCT proposed to organise a Litter Pick that would include the grounds of the hall and had suggested Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December. The idea was supported by the

meeting but an alternative date of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January proposed. EL to report this date back to the KBCT.

## **9 Next meeting**

The next KDAA Committee meeting will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 7.30pm in the Williamson Room.