



Killearn Community Futures Company

Killearn Community Futures Company ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Thursday 26 October at 8.00pm
Killearn Village Hall

Notes

1. Welcome

- As Convenor / Chair of the meeting, Graeme welcomed Elizabeth Jones – newly elected Chair of KCC and in that capacity – an appointed KCFC Director
- Graeme noted the sad passing of Jim Henderson and wanted to remember and acknowledge all of the work and commitment he put into Killearn and the activities within the community

2. Apologies for Absence – see list below

- Carol & David Young
- Carol Murray
- Connie & Brian Simmers
- Ebeth Rennie
- Gill Smith
- Heather & Jim Wright
- Jane & Gavin Hunter
- Jim Ptolomey
- Margaret Harrison
- Michael Pell
- Mike Gray
- Nick Hawkins
- Peter Wilks
- Pauline Dunlop
- Peter Smith
- Ronnie Hayton
- Sarah Deas

3. Adoption of Minutes of AGM of 27 October 2022 (paper ref. 4) – proposed and seconded - Fiona Rennie / Frank Deas

4. Convenor's Report (paper ref. 5)

Graeme presented the Convenor's report.

Thank you for your continued support for KCFC. We wanted to bring you up-to-date with our activities this year and thank our volunteers who demonstrated great resilience and endeavour as ever.

It was great to be back to a real fireworks night last November and we're looking forward to this year's event. We were delighted to host last winter's Warm Space initiative where some of our older residents met weekly to play scrabble, dominoes, table tennis or just have a cuppa and a chat.

The Coronation Tea Party was another convivial occasion which once more depended on the enthusiastic engagement of the many volunteers.

Our newer groups have seen considerable progress – Cycling Killearn has raised the profile of cycling and have made rapid progress promoting the electric bike hire programme. The Heritage Trail group extended their remit with the support and expertise of some of Killearn's own natural world leaders. And it wouldn't be Killearn without the Colourful Killearn flower tubs and their Christmas tree at the Kirk – kindly donated by Eden Mill.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (paper ref. 6)

Bob presented the financial report and referred the audience to the accounts which are available on the website.

Bob noted that in challenging circumstances the finances of KCFC were showing a deficit balance for the year to 31 July '23 – largely due to a loss at the Village Hall – but that there was a hope that this situation would be short-lived and although this coming year would also be difficult – things would start to improve.

Accounts for the year to 31 July '23 Proposed / seconded - Euan Shaw / Frank Deas

6. **Election of Directors**

Frank talked through the process for re-election of Directors and the number of Directors etc.

The KCFC Memorandum and Articles of Association state that the KCFC Board can be a maximum of 13 people, with a maximum of 4 Appointed Directors. There are currently 9 Member Directors and 2 Appointed Directors.

The KCFC Memorandum stipulates that there should be Appointed Directors from Killearn Community Council and Killearn Trust. Both Appointed Directors from these two organisations, automatically step down as a directors of KCFC at the conclusion of this AGM. At the next Board Meeting the Member Directors will recognise the appointed directors mandated by their respective organisations. Killearn Trust has mandated Jim Ptolomey to act on their behalf as a Director of KCFC, and he has agreed to act as an Appointed Director. KCC has mandated Elizabeth Jones – the Chair of KCC to act on their behalf as a Director of KCFC, and she has agreed to act as an Appointed Director.

In addition to the Appointed Directors, and as required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the three longest serving Member Directors of the Board are

required to stand down. Fiona Rennie (Vice Convenor), Graeme Fraser (Convenor) and Nick Hawkins are the three longest serving, and have indicated that they wish to continue and therefore if approved, be reappointed.

In addition to these three members, there are currently another 6 member Directors.

Bob Ballantyne Treasurer
Euan Shaw
Frank Deas
Peter Smith
Peter Wilks
Ronnie Hayton

All people acting as officers of the Board have confirmed that they would be happy to continue in the role.

In addition to the 3 longest serving members seeking reappointment as directors there have been no individuals registering their interest in being a director in advance of this meeting

RE-ELECTION

Two people from the membership present, to propose and second the re-election as Member Director, of Fiona Rennie
Proposed / seconded - Ann Beatty / Judy McGeachy

Two people from the membership present, to propose and second the re-election as Member Director, of Graeme Fraser
Proposed / seconded - Doreen Snadden / Jan Thompson

Two people from the membership present, to propose and second the re-election as Member Director, of Nick Hawkins
Proposed / seconded - Ann Beatty / Neil Metcalfe

A show of hands of members present who support their re-election?
Fiona Rennie, Graeme Fraser and Nick Hawkins are duly re-elected

The board now comprises of 9 member Directors and 2 Appointed Directors
The Board has the capability to appoint another 2 directors during the following year

7. Reports from Working Groups: (paper ref. 8)

Graeme explained that there is work ongoing to develop KCFC and Frank talked through more about the plans ...

KCFC has a plan and will focus on 7 points ...

- To work with KCC the Trust and other stakeholders to develop our Local Place Plan
- To use LPP consultation and engagement to understand what else matters to our village.
- To reaffirm and refine the vision and objectives for KCFC

- To increase awareness of and knowledge about KCFC
- To increase membership of and involvement with KCFC
- To strengthen the links within KCFC and across other village organisations and societies.
- To strengthen the links with other villages in the south west of Stirling

A discussion ensued and members of the Board acknowledged

- the need to develop better use of social media and more communications
- the need to engage with a wider cohort of the population
- questions / further discussions were required to scope the Local Place Plan

Graeme referred to the reports on the website as below

- a) All Killearn Archive
- b) Colourful Killearn
- c) Cycling Killearn
- d) Events Group
- e) Fireworks
- f) Killearn Courier
- g) Killearn Heritage Trail
- h) Killearn Village Hall
- i) Paths Group
- j) Sustainable Killearn
- k) Woodlands Group
- l) Woodland Cemetery

with additions to note that

- the Christmas Tree would be coming the first weekend in Dec. and thanks again to Edenmill for the donation of the tree to the community.
- Off the back of the Hoolie Group – a new Events Group has been set up to help support new event initiatives within the village
- Kenneth Alexander who has led the Paths Group for the past years is standing down and Graeme noted huge thanks to Kenneth for all of his work ...

Fiona talked about the Village Hall and thanked those on the committee for all of their hard work and continued commitment. Fiona outlined the challenges the current financial pressures are putting on the hall ... and that the team are working hard on boosting income through weddings ... and helping to manage the costs ...

A member asked about the Village Hall and more sustainable energy options and Fiona explained that there is work ongoing to look at a longer term energy strategy – whether that be solar panels / heat pumps etc.

A member queried access to kitchen facilities and explained that using the sink in the committee room was a little limited when trying to clean up after a bigger event. Fiona welcomed the comment and would look at options and get back to the group. Fiona also reminded the meeting that the kitchen facilities are available after 5 pm for access to heat up foods etc. for parties / events etc.

9. AOCB

KCFC is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. Company number SC253299; Charity number SC 035472. Registered address: Killearn Village Hall, 5 Balfour Road, Killearn, G63 0NL.

a) Membership proposal (paper ref. 9)

Graeme explained the membership proposal as outlined in the papers – putting forward a resolution to raise the basic membership from £1 to £10 per person ...

There were various views from the floor reflecting some of the pros and cons of changing the membership proposal. Some were hesitant, others supportive and it was noted that many of the KCFC activities are offered to all – free of charge – irrespective of membership.

Members of the Board acknowledged that there is a lot of work to be done to explain to local residents what KCFC is and stands for and what it would mean to be a member why be a member ... and that help in planning all of this would be very welcome.

The resolution was put to a vote and voted through by 34 votes to 2

b) Volunteer recruitment

Fiona explained that there are vacancies ... within the KCFC team For secretarial support, Company Secretary and membership support, comms etc. and that if anyone would like to help – then please get in touch

c) Killearn Beer Festival

Jan Thompson explained that the Beer Festival has been operating now for 10 years and is keen to help support local organisations ... and if anyone has links / ideas – then these would be very well received

There being no other business the Chair thanked everyone for coming along and **the meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.**