

Kentallen & Duror Community Centre (SCIO 25839)

Annual General Meeting – 24/02/2025

Present

Trustees: Deborah McCartney (Chairman), Brian Morton (Treasurer), Clare Harley (Booking Secretary, Minutes), Sandra Jamieson, Audrey Godfrey, Pat Young, Megan Dent, Chris Pearman

Community Members: Joanne Baxter, Jonathan Baxter, Alan Young, Rebecca Coope.

Apologies: Claire Howell

1. Approval of minutes from 2024 AGM

Deborah invited those attending to read through copies of the last AGM minutes, which were approved by Megan Dent, seconded by Audrey Godfrey, and will be signed by Deborah McCartney.

2. Chairman's report

Deborah welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and explained key activities for hall maintenance this year, including upgrading the hall chairs,

Successful events this year include the community Café, the folk music nights – which will be continuing this year despite the sale of Craft & Things. We have a wedding and external multi-day bookings. We are looking to join the Touring Network this year, which is an online community to bring together venues across the Highlands and Islands and Arts performers. We are hoping to bring back the Christmas / Winter Craft Fair this year (November).

We are committed to sustainability, including the memorial wood, solar panels, biomass heating, the new flooring was 100% recycled materials, we recycle as much as we can from hall events.

3. Treasurer's report

Brian gave a detailed report of the committee's financial position to year starting 1st October 2023, ending 30th September 2024. The financial statement accompanies these minutes. Key points regarding the financial statement are noted below:

This year the committee broke-even financially with an annual deficit of £44.85. Last year 22/23 was a surplus of £59.02, from a total income of over £78k across the two years.

Fundraising rose this year from £3470 (22/23) to £15067 (29.9% increase) while fundraising expenses rose £780 (22/23 to £4316 (21.1%). The result is a net growth of £10751 this year compared to £8061 (22/23), which is an increase in £2690 (33.3%) from the previous year.

Hall hire receipts rose from £4804 (23/24) to £9501 (102.3%). This is due to regular hall use for a range of exercise classes, hire of the treatment room for physiotherapy and massage, hire of the hall as an election polling station, Scottish parliament bookings, and forestry commission multi-day bookings.

Donations to the hall reduced this year from £1382 (22/23) to £403, partly due to Co-op funding not being repeated in 23/2 and a drop in funding from Ragbag which was £450 (22/23) and £130 this year.

Solar panel receipts continue to improve following work done in 22/23 to repair the panels, income in 22/23 was £343 which has risen to £558 in the current year. This has helped to reduce electricity costs, which were £1532 in the current year. Wood pellets have increased from £1606 (22/23) to £2124 in the current year.

Large items of expenditure this year included Nature Restoration grant expenditure £10166 and new chairs £5428. Work was undertaken this year on pest control and repairing pest damage in the attic areas, costing £1555. £690 was spent on playground inspections (of which the community council donated £345).

Total income for the year: £35379, total expenditure £35424, overall deficit -£44.85.

4. Resignation of Trustees

All trustees resigned in accordance with the constitution, all members.

5. Nomination and Appointment of New Trustees

No new trustees have been nominated or appointed this year.

6. Member's Register and Confirmation of New Members

No new members applied to join in the year to 24/02/2025. All in attendance are members from previous years.

7. AOB and Questions from the floor

Questions from members:

Rebecca Coope recommended installing sound baffles to reduce echo and improve acoustics / noise in the halls, which would be very helpful during café events. All agreed this would be a useful investment.

The Chair would like to formally thank the community council for all donations received this year that helped to cover the cost of the replacement chairs and undertaking the playground assessments. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all members of the community who give their time, donations, and support the hall during events, functions, and volunteer days.