

**MINUTES OF THE  
177<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
KIRKINTILLOCH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING  
Thursday 16 May 2019 in Enterprise House, Kirkintilloch**

**Present:** Neil Anderson, Wendy Bryson, Adam Bryson, Errol Burchell, Diana Cadger, Anne Cairney, Jess Carson, Anne Carswell, Shirley Cowan, Edith Dunn, Ray Fraser, Margaret Gibb, Hannah Gordon, Anna Hamilton, Isabel Hatcher, Robert Hatcher, Jack Keys, Janet Lister, Alison Lothian, Andrew Lothian, Paul Malcolm, June McCann, Norman McCann, Andrea McDowall, Elizabeth McDonald, Nan McIntyre, Duncan McIntyre, Katherine Montgomery, Bob Paterson, Margaret Reid, Barbara Scott, David Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, Sandy Taylor, Drew Watson

**Apologies:** Frances Burchell, Maree Matheson, Helena MacFarlane

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Approved. p Anne Cairney, Paul Malcolm

**Matters Arising:** No matters arising

**Correspondence:** The next “Massive Pot and Plant Sale” takes place over Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May and then on 15 and 16 June 2019 from 10am to 4pm at Balmore Industrial Estate, Lambhill information already circulated by email.

**Presidents Report:** Errol welcomed everyone to the 177<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Society especially those new members who joined for the first time this evening. He thanked all members for their support in keeping the society strong, and especially the committee members for carrying out their respective roles and remarked that our speakers have once again been interesting and varied and that our Members’ Spring Show in March was one of the best for a number of years. The Plant Sale in the Regent Centre was a great success and a reminder to all that this year’s Plant Sale would take place again in the Regent Centre on Saturday 25 May and that help will be required to unload and to help sell plants on the day. We will not take a stall at Lenzie Gala this year as it will take place too late and there will be no Garden of the Year competition again this year since Kirkintilloch Herald are not helping out. Errol ended by thanking everyone for their support over the 13 years he has served as President.

**Secretary’s Report:** Andrea reported that the Scottish Gardeners’ Forum AGM is planned to be in the West this year, in line with the aim to take this round the country rather than always being in the East. Venue to be arranged. She also advised that the Show Schedule for this year’s Flower Show is underway and will be printed at the earliest possible date when all adverts and amendments have been incorporated. She asked that if members have suggestions for topics and or speakers for the 2019/2020 syllabus that they put these on the list provided on the table.

**Treasurers Report:** Robert summarised the information in the Receipts and Expenses account and the Bank Reconciliation and advised that there are around 50 paid up members. Since there is a fairly healthy balance in the bank he did not propose any increase in subscriptions again for this year. A vote of thanks was proposed to Jack Keys for always dealing with the raffles on all occasions.

**Approval of Audited Accounts:** p Andrew Lothian, s Bob Paterson.

**Show Convenor’s Report:** Arrangements are all in place for this year’s show. Paul asked that all those present who have acted as stewards at previous shows see him at the end of business to confirm they can steward at this year’s show.

**Press Secretary:** Margaret reported that following hiccups at the beginning of this year she contacted the overall editor to complain and since then has been happy that Kirkintilloch Herald are publishing the reports she submits and are not cutting these.

**Social Secretary:** Anne reported that the spring outing to Cowden Japanese Garden and the Cowden tea served in the café was much enjoyed by 10 people who attended. She is looking into visiting The Explorers’ Garden, Pitlochry for the summer outing and will circulate information on this when available.

**Election of Office Bearers –**

President – Paul Malcolm  
Vice-President – Andrew Lothian  
Secretary – Andrea McDowall  
Treasurer - Robert Hatcher  
Speaker Secretary – Anna Hamilton  
Show Convener – Paul Malcolm  
  
Press Secretary – Margaret Gibb  
Social Secretary -Anne Cairney  
Tea Convenor – Elizabeth McDonald

**Proposed**

Drew Watson  
Paul Malcolm  
Anne Cairney  
Norman McCann  
David Stephenson  
Robert Hatcher  
  
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**Seconded**

Andrew Lothian  
Errol Burchell  
June McCann  
Alison Lothian  
Anne Carswell  
Drew Watson  
  
June McCann  
Margaret Reid  
Andrea McDowall

**Election of Committee Members –**

Errol Burchell  
Jack Keys  
Katherine Montgomery  
David Stephenson

Andrew Lothian  
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Bob Paterson  
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**Independent Examiner**

Neil Anderson

Errol Burchell

Paul Malcolm

**All were approved unanimously**

**Any Other Business**

Andrew Lothian proposed a vote of thanks to Errol for all his years of service as President.

Bob Paterson reminded everyone of the invitation to his garden on 7 July 2019 between 2 and 4 pm to admire his roses.

The Business Meeting closed at 8.35pm and was followed by cheese and wine.

Errol Burchell.....**President**

Andrea McDowall.....**Secretary**