

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society held on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Enterprise House, Kirkintilloch

Present : R. Hatcher, I. Hatcher, R. Sherlock, A. Sherlock, A. Cairney, M. Matheson, R. McMeekin, S. Cowan, W. Bryson, A. Bryson, A. Carswell, D. Cadger, N. Anderson, D. Watson, E. Burchell, L. Finlayson, M. Gibb, B. Scott, R. Paterson, P. Malcolm

Apologies : A. and A. Lothian, A. McDowall J. McCann

Minutes of 2023 AGM proposed by D. Cadger and seconded by M. Gibb.

Matters Arising : Nothing

President's Report : Paul summarised our activities over the past year including our annual day trip and our Annual show. Paul outlined the various topics which we had at our monthly meetings. Of particular note the Society has now become affiliated to "Tender Shoots" which allows our members to watch gardening videos which are not available to the general public. Membership and attendance at our meetings continue to be well below pre Pandemic levels. This continues to be a concern for the wellbeing of the Society. Paul thanked the members of the committee for all their hard work in continuing to keep the Society as a going Concern.

Secretary's Report : Over the past year we have not had a secretary Paul has filled in for this role.

Treasurer's Report : Robert presented the Accounts which continue to be healthy. The Society currently has a bank balance of £3,497.74p. The Accounts were approved by the members.

Press Secretary's Report : Margaret expressed her satisfaction with the Kirkintilloch Herald for their reporting of Society activities over the past year.

Speaker's Secretary's Report : Adam outlined his plans for the next session. To date Adam has had 3 positive responses for speakers and he is continuing to prepare for a full programme for the next session.

Social Secretary's Report : No report as Andrea has sent her apologies. Andrea is not able to seek re election to the Committee this year . We thanked her for all her contributions.

Webmaster's Report : Isabel stated that our Facebook page is currently suspended. Isabel stated that the website has been looked at by 650 people and there were over 800 views. Committee meetings, AGM and the Constitution have all been added to the website. Errol Burchell asked if it was possible for us to tap into the Facebook group East Dunbartonshire Gardening and Isabel explained she had investigated and it was for individuals only.

Summer Outing : The Committee met immediately before the AGM and it was decided that this year's summer outing will be to Culzean Castle, Ayrshire, on Thursday 18th July 2024. Arrangements will be made in due course.

Annual Flower Show : This will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024 in St Mary's Parish church large Hall. We will set up on Friday 6th at 5.30pm. Paul outlined what will happen this year. The Hall will be open for exhibitors on the Saturday morning at 9.00am until 12 noon. We will then have lunch then judging will take place. This year we will have a tea room which is being organised by Wendy. The large hall will split with one section set aside for the tea room and the other area will accommodate the exhibits. This year we will be joined by Glasgow and District Fuchsia Society who will hold their show in the Hall at the same time, though theirs will be a separate event. This should create added interest at the Show. Paul urged all members to support the show in any way possible.

Annual membership fee : it was agreed to keep this at £10.

Election of Office Bearers :

- President : Paul Malcolm, Proposed by R. Hatcher, Seconded by D. Cadger
- Vice President : Andrew Lothian, Proposed by E. Burchell, Seconded by W. Bryson
- Secretary : No volunteers. Paul will continue to fill this role.
- Treasurer : Robert Hatcher, Proposed by M. Gibb, Seconded by A. Bryson
- Press Secretary : Margaret Gibb , Proposed by A. Carswell, Seconded by A. Bryson
- Social Secretary : Wendy Bryson, Proposed by A. Bryson, Seconded by A. Carswell
- Speakers Secretary : Adam Bryson, Proposed by M. Gibb, Seconded by R. Hatcher
- Webmaster : Isabel Hatcher, Proposed by D. Cadger, Seconded by A. Carswell
- Tea Convenor : Anne Carswell, Proposed by W. Bryson, Seconded by I. Hatcher
- Committee Member : Bob Sherlock , Proposed by A. Sherlock, Seconded by D. Cadger
- Independent Examiner : Neil Anderson, Proposed by E. Burchell, Seconded by A. Sherlock

AOB : Erroll Burchell spoke about his role as representative for East Dunbartonshire Council  
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