

DRAFT Minutes of 181st Annual General Meeting of Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society held on 8th May 2025 at Enterprise House, Kirkintilloch

Attended : Diana Cadger, Bob Sherlock, Alan Sherlock, Anne Cairney, Anne Carswell, Sandra Lamont, Catriona Robertson, Andrew Lothian, Alison Lothian, Isabel Hatcher, Robert Hatcher, Margaret Gibb, Maree Matheson, Drew Watson, Angela Welsh, Barbara Scott, Adam Bryson, Wendy Bryson, Errol Burchell, Ruth Stevenson, Lena Finlayson, Paul Malcolm

Apologies : Betty Karwot, Mervyn Karwot, Andrea McDowall, David Burns, Nancy Burns

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting : Proposed by W. Bryson, seconded by A. Carswell

Matters Arising : No matters arising.

President's Report

At the start of the meeting Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. Paul spoke about our activities over the past year and praised the high quality of the speakers. Paul also apologised for the problems during our April meeting when we experienced some technical problems which affected the presentation of the talk. Paul expressed his concern about the present level of membership which remains considerably lower than before the Pandemic. We have, however welcomed 7 new members over the past year all of whom have attended our meetings regularly. Paul thanked everyone for supporting the Society over the past year and for their generosity. Paul also thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work and commitment.

Treasurer's Report

Robert presented the accounts which remain in a healthy state. Presently the Society has £2,973.82 in the bank and £21.13 in cash. Robert is now moving towards Internet banking due to costs being occurred using traditional methods. Robert suggested keeping the membership fee at £10 and this was approved and this was proposed by Anne Cairney and seconded by Andrew Lothian.

Press officer's Report

Margaret continues to send news items to the Kirkintilloch Herald. She stated that overall she was pleased with how the Herald reported our activities though there had been a slight problem last month.

Speakers' Secretary's Report

Adam is presently putting together next season's programme. At present he has 2 speakers booked in. Adam appealed for more information and ideas regarding speakers

Social Secretary's Report

Wendy reminded everyone about our forthcoming trip to Geilston Garden next week and outlined her plans for our summer trip to Pitlochrie Garden, Fife on 14th July.

Web Administrator's Report

Isabel Stated that with the exception of the few weeks leading up to the Annual Show (last year) views to our website have been low. On average 4 to 5 views per week. Isabel stated that she intends to revive the Facebook page.

Annual Flower Show

Saturday 6th September 2025 at St Mary's Parish Church Halls, Cowgate, Kirkintilloch. Paul outlined the plans for the show and appealed for help both on the Friday to set up and on the Saturday itself. The show schedule had been worked on by A. Bryson, A. Lothian and P. Malcolm and copies were available for members at the meeting. All members were urged to support the show.

Election Of Office Bearers

President : Paul Malcolm. Proposed by A. Bryson and Seconded by M. Gibb

Vice President : Andrew Lothian. Proposed by L. Finlayson and Seconded by R. Hatcher

Secretary : No volunteers.

Treasurer : Robert Hatcher . Proposed by E. Burchell and Seconded by Andrew Lothian

Press Officer : Margaret Gibb. Proposed by Andrew Lothian and Seconded by R. Hatcher

Speakers' Secretary : A. Bryson. Proposed by Andrew Lothian and Seconded by Robert Hatcher

Social Secretary : Wendy Bryson. Proposed by A. Carswell and Seconded by I. Hatcher

Tea Convenor : Anne Carswell. Proposed by W. Bryson and Seconded by L. Finlayson and M. Gibb.

Web Administrator : Omission by President. This will be referred to the next committee meeting.

Committee member : Bob Sherlock. Proposed by W. Bryson and Seconded by E. Burchell

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Adam Bryson encouraged more members, in future, to offer themselves for election to the committee. The members of the committee remain unchanged from last year

Paul was advised to send an email to all members reminding them that subscriptions for the new season are now due. Thanks to those who have already paid

The Annual General Meeting was concluded at 8.15pm and was followed by a buffet supper