

# Killearn Community Council

## Treasurer's report 2023-2024

We began the financial year with a balance of £727.70.

Income during the year was from our annual grant from Stirling Council of £879.87 and £11.29 from interest on the bank account.

Most expenditure was in the form of administration costs totalling £759.60. This included the usual expenses for secretary fees, ICO registration and other minor expenses. Despite reducing the length of time we book the Village Hall Garden Room for as a meeting venue, this still represent a major expenditure at £271.00 for the year. We are using this venue in order to offer hybrid meetings where people can attend the meeting either in person at the Garden room or online. Despite the additional costs of providing hybrid meetings, we intend to continue doing so as we believe it maximises attendance at meetings and allows people to attend who might otherwise be unable to do so. Improving the reach of the Community Council as far as possible remains an important aim.

We also continued to support the community in other ways. Once again, we supported the Christmas lights on the lampposts on Balfron Road in an attempt to bring a little cheer during the dark winter months. Our contribution was £102.46 towards the total cost of £802.46, with the remainder being made up with the usual generous contributions from KCFC and Killearn Trust, and also this year by an especially generous donation from Killearn Beer Festival. We are grateful to all these groups for their support, without which the lights would not be possible.

We also supported gifts of Easter cards and chocolates, where nursery children delivered the gifts to some of the elderly residents of the area. This very worthy venture linked the two extremes of the age spectrum in the area together excellently, and was well received.

This financial year also saw the start of our development of our Local Place Plan (LPP), which incurred costs for publicity and running the survey. We are working on the LPP along with KCFC and Killearn Trust, and we are again grateful to both bodies for their contribution to these costs, reducing our own expenditure.

Total expenditure on the Easter gifts and our share of LPP development amounted to £266.90.

This left us with a closing bank balance of £370.90, and taking outstanding income and outgoings into account, this represents funds of £530.90. As such, we continue to operate at a loss, and with further expenditure on LPP development anticipated in the coming year, we are likely to face some difficult decisions about what we will be able to support in future.

Finally, I express thanks to Iain Somerville who has once again generously supplied both time and expertise to audit our accounts this year.

Andrew Donaldson, KCC treasurer