

# Killearn Community Council

## Treasurer's report 2024-2025

We began the financial year with a balance of £530.90.

Income during the year was from our annual grant from Stirling Council of £861.04 and £1.51 from interest on the bank account.

The greatest part of our expenditure was administration costs totalling £741.72. This included the usual expenses for secretary fees, ICO registration and other minor expenses. This also includes £198.00 to continue using the Village Hall Garden Room for as a meeting venue. This allows us 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, this continues to enable increased 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. We again supported the Christmas lights on the lampposts on Balfron Road but this year even greater support from other groups reduced the Community Council contribution to just £12.10 towards the total cost of £912.10. We are grateful for the generous contributions from KCFC, Killearn Trust and Killearn Beer Festival, without which we would not be able to continue having the lights.

We also supported "happiness cards" at Christmas, delivered to some of the elderly residents of the area by children from local nurseries. This once again helped maintain a sense of connectedness in the community.

This financial year also saw the continued development of our Local Place Plan (LPP). As in the previous year, this incurred costs for publicity and consulting with the community through surveys. 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 happiness cards and our share of LPP development amounted to £236.13.

This left us with a closing bank balance of £403.50. We continue to operate at a loss, but have been able to reduce the deficit from the previous year and will need to continue to be prudent in order to maintain an adequate operating reserve.

Finally, our thanks once more go to Iain Somerville for again generously giving of both his time and expertise to audit our accounts this year.

Andrew Donaldson, KCC treasurer