

Killearn Community Council

Treasurer's report 2025-2026

We began the financial year with a balance of £403.50.

Income during the year was from our annual administration grant from Stirling Council of £802.78. Since changing bank account in order to access digital banking services, with our new account we no longer receive interest payments.

We also received a separate grant of £800 pounds from Stirling Council to cover costs of producing our Local Place Plan. Although the Plan has been submitted to Stirling Council, some funds remain for publicising the final version once approved.

The greatest part of our expenditure was administration costs totalling £509.50. This included our standard expenditure on secretary fees, ICO registration and other minor expenses. This also includes £220.00 to continue using the Village Hall Garden Room for as a meeting venue. This allows us to continue to offer hybrid meetings where people can attend the meeting either in person at the Garden room or online. Attendance both online and in person continues to be healthy and hence this is considered to be a worthwhile expense.

We once again supported the Christmas lights on the lampposts on Balfron Road but almost entirely in an organisational capacity. Contributions towards the cost were received again this year from KCFC and Killearn Trust, and also from the Cala Community Fund from the Ballagan Woods development. This reduced the financial contribution from the Community Council to only £2.10 of the total cost of £912.10. Without this generous support we would not be able to continue this popular lighting display.

We ended the financial year with a bank balance of £1060.81. While superficially healthy, this sum includes an outstanding payment for Village Hall hire and the yet-to-be-spent £374.13 from the Local Place Plan grant. Also, since Emily Semple became a member of the Community Council during the financial year, we were no longer able to pay her as Minute Secretary. Since this post was not filled by the end of the financial year, we have an underspend of £210.00 on this part of the administration grant. It is likely that Stirling Council will claw this back by a reduction in the administration grant in the coming financial year. As such, we have a slight surplus for the year and hold a sensible operating reserve.

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

Andrew Donaldson, KCC treasurer