

**The Kinross-shire Civic Trust**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
held on **Thursday 5 April 2012**  
at The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

**1. Present**

There were 25 people present.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from: Dr & Mrs Smith, Janet Croft, Matthew Pease and Meriel Cairns.

**3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported as follows:

Welcome to the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Trust. We have now come of age. The Trust has had another very active year in which the three committees have been busy with their various aims, these being the Awards Committee, Planning Committee and the Events Committee.

**Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee has had another very successful year. Last summer we had the Best Kept Village and Hamlet Competition.

This scheme continues to grow from year to year and the Trust is delighted with this. All the entrants are to be congratulated on the effort that they put in for their villages. The winners for the Best Kept Village and Hamlet were Scotlandwell and Cleish respectively.

Our Architectural Award for this year will be for Restored buildings in the County.

I would like to thank Patrick Milne Home and his committee for all the hard work they put into organising these competitions. It does take a considerable amount of time and effort to make sure that everything runs to schedule on the day of the judging as a lot of ground has to be covered, but the judges seem to find it a very rewarding occasion for them as well.

**Planning Committee**

Again the Planning Committee has had a less busy year than previously. This has been due principally to the economic downturn, which has seen a drastic reduction in the number of major planning applications. The Committee looks at all the Planning Applications for Kinross-shire every month. We now rely on electronic means of communication with each other on a weekly basis to see if there are any applications that we wish to comment on.

I should stress that we would love to approve and give encouragement to planning applications, rather than just object, but these are very few and far between.

The Trust has endeavoured to be very active in various stages the new Local Development Plan. We are currently coming to the end of the Consultation period of the Proposed Local Development Plan. The deadline is 4pm, next Tuesday 10 April, but more of that later.

### **Events Committee**

The Events Committee, led by Bridget Lindsay, has had a very productive year. Our summer visit was to Tulliebole Castle to celebrate our 20th anniversary. The Trust's first visit was to Tulliebole Castle 20 years ago. This time Lord Moncrieff conducted us around the fascinating grounds of the castle and the visit was well supported by members and guests.

In the Autumn we held a very successful dinner at the Grouse and Claret, again to celebrate the 20th anniversary, at which the President regaled us with a history of events both local and word wide over that time.

Last month we hosted a Seminar given by the Scottish Civic Trust and Planning Aid for Scotland in the Loch Leven Community Campus. This was well attended by CCs outside Kinross-shire and members, but unfortunately there were no representations from the local CCs. SCT and PAS found the discussion that followed very frank and useful, highlighting the poor communication from local units and the Council.

### **Kinross Newsletter**

The Trust places a report every month in the Kinross Newsletter, telling what we have done and what the future programme is going to be. There is also an historical article accompanied by illustrations which David Munro prepares every month. These, now numbering over 30, are becoming collector's items.

### **Website**

We have created a new web site for the Trust; the address being:

[www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org](http://www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org)

### **Slogan**

The trust has now a new slogan, which helps to explain to outsiders what we do:  
HELPING PROTECT, CONSERVE AND DEVELOP A BETTER BUILT AND  
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

### **Thanks**

I would like to thank all my committee members for their support during the past year and those of the Awards Committee and the Planning.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Ken Miles, presented the audited accounts for the year. See separate sheet. The Tulliebole event and the Anniversary Dinner made profits. Cash at bank as at 31/3/2012 was £1381.85. There were no queries regarding the accounts.

## 5. Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers for the coming year were proposed and agreed:

Chairman:	Alistair Smith
Secretary:	Eileen Thomas
Treasurer:	Ken Miles
Committee Member:	George Pease

Post meeting note, Bridget Lindsay had also been proposed and agreed as a Committee Member

Not specifically mentioned, but assumed to be carrying on:

Chair of Events Committee:	Bridget Lindsay
Chair of Awards Committee:	Patrick Milne Home
Chair of Planning Committee:	Alistair Smith

The Chairman encouraged all present to re-join (or join, if not already members) and said that it is useful to have email addresses as a means of contact.

This ended the Annual General Meeting.

## **Presentation on the Draft Local Development Plan by Councillor Mike Barnacle**

Councillor Mike Barnacle, with the assistance of Fred Whalley at the projector, gave a presentation on the draft Local Development Plan (LDP). Any comments to Perth & Kinross Council on this have to be made by 1600 hours on Tuesday 10 April 2012.

Cllr Barnacle put the plan in context. It is one plan for the whole of Perth & Kinross, replacing several more localised plans. It has to be consistent with TayPlan, a strategic plan covering several local authority areas. There are 24 unresolved issues regarding Tayplan.

Perth & Kinross Council received 1250 submissions on the Main Issues Report, the stage of the LDP prior to this one. The modified Plan is scheduled to be published in November 2012.

The LDP is based on the government's 2006 growth projections. Despite the current economic downturn, a population growth projection of 22% to the year 2031 continues to be the basis of the LDP. Between 1981 and 1991 there was a 20% increase in the population of Kinross-shire.

Cllr Barnacle stated the housing requirements for Kinross-shire: 70 per year but a maximum of 880. This was reduced from the possible maximum (14 x 70), with 10% of the requirement moving to Perth due to the special circumstance of the Loch Leven catchment.

The LDP is less detailed than its predecessors, in that it has fewer policies.

Cllr Barnacle showed drawings from the plan, sometimes comparing them to the equivalent images in the current Kinross Area Local Plan, and gave the housing numbers required at each

settlement. He drew particular attention to any proposals he regards as problematic or have caused concern amongst local residents.

Some points to note in the LDP are:

- There is no proposal to restore the railway to Kinross-shire
- There is no mention of the A977, despite Cllr Barnacle and local residents highlighting the problems caused on the A977 by increased traffic following the building of the second Kincardine Bridge.
- Areas of Great Landscape Value are not retained.
- A new feature is airfield zoning.
- Housing density is greater than previously allowed.
- Settlement boundaries have been removed altogether from small communities.

After Cllr Barnacle's presentation, discussion continued for some time as attendees asked questions or raised issues.

A member of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust thanked Cllr Barnacle for taking the initiative in making his series of presentations on the LDP around the county and said it would have been appreciated if Perth & Kinross Council had made a presentation such as this with full explanations, rather than mere provision of display boards at the 'drop-in' events. These comments were endorsed by those present.

**Vote of Thanks to Councillor Barnacle:** Alistair Smith proposed the formal vote of thanks to Cllr Barnacle for the excellent presentation and all the work he has done; this was followed by warm applause from the audience. Appreciation was also expressed to Fred Whalley for his technical assistance.

**Vote of Thanks to Chairman:** Bridget Lindsay led a vote of thanks to Chairman Alistair Smith for all he does for the Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

**The meeting ended with tea, coffee and conversation.**

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## STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012

### RECEIPTS

### PAYMENTS

CASH AT BANK (01.04.11)....1462.86

MEMBERSHIPS.....355.60  
&DONATIONS

TULLIEBOLE EVENT.....195

20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR DINNER.....1107.00

INTEREST.....6.34

EVENT HIRES.....211.88

TULLIEBOLE EXP.....116.65

20<sup>th</sup> YEAR DINNER EXP.....1050.00

AWARDS EXPENSES ETC.....366.42

CASH AT BANK (31.3.2012).....1381.85

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HON. TREASURER:



EXAMINED BY:



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