

**WEST KILBRIDE CIVIC SOCIETY SCIO
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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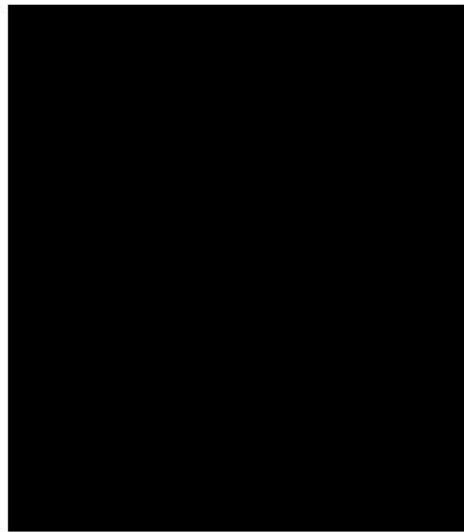
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TRUSTEES

ADDRESS



BANKERS

Royal Bank of Scotland
69 High Street
Irvine
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CHARITY NUMBER:

SC048468

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The charity trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report for the year ended 31 March 2025 which complies with current statutory requirements and with the charity's constitution.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity became a SCIO during 2018.

The policy and general management of the charity is directed by the board of trustees of the charity. Members are elected to the board at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for a year. All members are eligible for reappointment. At each AGM all of the trustees will stand down. The trustees have the power to co-opt further members.

Membership is open to any individual aged 16 or over who without restriction support the objectives of the society irrespective of gender, religion or ethnic origin.

The board of trustees consists of chair, a secretary and a treasurer. The maximum number of trustees shall be ten and not fewer than three members.

New board members undergo suitable induction and training to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the constitution, decision making processes and recent financial performance of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To advance citizenship through encouraging improvement in the amenities of the West Kilbride area working with organisations, the local authority and other statutory bodies to enhance the civic involvement and volunteering opportunities.

To advancement of the heritage through increasing the learning and knowledge of our members by stimulating interest in and for the beauty, history, environment and character of the West Kilbride area.

and in furtherance thereof:

To raise funds and invite and receive contributions by subscription or donations to help achieve the purposes of West Kilbride Civic Society.

To acquire property by purchase, gift, grant or otherwise to help achieve the purposes of the West Kilbride Civic Society.

To achieve the aims of the West Kilbride Civic Society by such other activities that the committee deems appropriate subject to the approval of members at an AGM or EGM.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The SCIO continues to provide a valued service to the West Kilbride area. Further details are in the Chairman's report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustees received remuneration during the year. Reimbursement of expenditure is allowed under the constitution.

FUTURE PLANS

The SCIO will continue to undertake the activities in the year ahead in accordance with its purposes.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

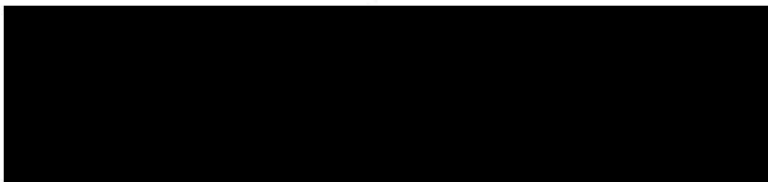
Income for the year was £5,027 (2024 £5,027). Expenditure amounted to £4,518 (2024 £4,518) resulting in a net decrease in funds for the year of £509 (2024 increase £509). Further details are provided on page 6.

RESERVES POLICY

The committee's policy on reserves is to have a balance of fund available to meet unforeseen civic requirements. The committee believe that there are adequate reserves available having unrestricted reserves of £8,690 on 31 March 2025.

The SCIO is greatly indebted to the volunteers who gave their time and effort freely during the year.

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:



23 September 2025

West Kilbride Civic Society SCIO
Registered Scottish Charity SC048468
Chairperson's AGM Statement

Dear Civic Society Members,

This is the formal notification of the 53rd AGM of the Civic Society which will be held in The Barony Centre on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 1.00 pm. There will be a social gathering after the formal business and the committee invite you to join them for a cup of tea or coffee and a scone and cake.

Annual Subscriptions were due on 1st April 2025 and if you do not currently pay by Standing Order and have not yet paid a form will be included in your membership package.

Membership

The committee has been strengthened during the past year by the addition of three new committee members, and this helped us continue with the existing projects which we undertake. Although there was a slight decline in overall membership numbers we maintained good attendance at our meetings during the Winter Programme at The Barony Centre.

Finances

I am grateful to our Treasurer [REDACTED] for having kept our finances sound during the past year. You will receive a copy of her separate report at the AGM. I also thank our Auditor.

On-going work of the Civic Society

The running and maintenance of the public toilets in Glen Road continues to be a major financial and time-consuming commitment, and we know the facility is needed and appreciated by residents and visitors. This year there has been vandalism including theft of some items and storm damage as well as the routine maintenance of the fabric of the building. A significant number of local people such as shopkeepers and tradespeople and other volunteers contribute to help the committee keep the toilets up to a good standard and I would like to acknowledge their assistance as well as the hard work of those who have played a key role for some years.

In addition to the Glen Road toilets, we continue to provide or refurbish benches throughout West Kilbride and Seamill for the benefits of the public.

We are also involved in participating and providing equipment for beach cleaning. We have liaised with Friends of Kirkonhall Glen regarding bringing about improvements to the Hunterston Brooch/Peter McNab Memorial Garden in the Glen and there has been some success. As that committee has now been absorbed into the Community Council it will remain important for Civic Society members to keep a watching eye and report any future concerns regarding any decline in the attractiveness or safety of the Glen Amenity area particularly the natural habitat.

The Chair and Treasurer once again attended the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies in a meeting at Monkton to exchange ideas about our programmes and speakers.

Meetings

We have had a varied programme of speakers during the past season on a range of topics and found all to be interesting and entertaining. I hope the next season will be equally well received and details of the Winter Programme 2025/26 are to be found in the Newsletter. We are grateful to all the speakers bearing in mind they do not receive a professional fee. During the past season we have advertised our meetings locally inviting non-members to attend if they wish. This has had the effect of boosting attendance numbers on some occasions but has not translated into many people coming along to join the Civic Society. We intend to use more opportunities to highlight the positive benefits to West Kilbride of having a Civic Society and of the enjoyment of those who regularly attend meetings. An information poster encouraging people to learn more of the Society will be displayed locally prior to the AGM and this will highlight the good value of the Civic Society in comparison with other local educational and social groups. Please encourage your friends to think about joining and to seek further information from a committee member if they wish.

Outings

An outing to The Maritime Museum at Irvine took place on May 2025 and an outing to Dumfries House is planned for 10th September 2025. This is a return visit by popular request of the members. Some members have joined the Museum Group for their visits where there was spare capacity for tickets, and we will continue to maintain this reciprocal arrangement to offer seats to The Museum Group when available.

Chair

Finally, I want to let the membership know that I will not be standing for re-election at the forthcoming AGM as I am hoping to move to South Ayrshire. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two-year stint as Chairperson and thank the committee for all their hard work and support during this time. I hope I may attend one or two meetings while I am still a member and wish you a successful season.

 Chair West Kilbride Civic Society – 14.08.2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Grant West Kilbride Community Trust	2,060	1,500
Donations	1,117	1,424
Annual subscriptions	420	475
Meetings	405	464
Collection cans	-	730
Outings	240	434
Interest	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>4,242</u>	<u>5,027</u>
Payments		
Charitable Activities		
John Boyd Orr Memorial refund of underspend	1,296	-
Community Trust refund of underspend	-	938
Benches and Memorials	326	668
Meetings	249	225
Outings	240	290
Subscriptions and donations	-	40
Toilets- general expenses plus cleaning	1,174	843
Upgrade or repairs to toilets	660	534
Heat and light	435	734
Advertising and publicity	-	-
Sundries	50	50
Stationery and secretarial	18	24
Insurance	<u>211</u>	<u>172</u>
Total Payments	<u>4,659</u>	<u>4,518</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	<u>(417)</u>	<u>509</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
BANK AND CASH IN HAND		
Opening balances		
Current Account	<u>9,107</u>	<u>8,598</u>
(Deficit) /Surplus for the year	<u>(417)</u>	<u>509</u>
Closing balances	<u>8,690</u>	<u>9,107</u>
 Current Account	 <u>8,690</u>	 <u>9,107</u>
RESERVES		
Closing balances		
Unrestricted funds	8,690	9,107
Restricted Funds	=	=
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,690</u>	<u>9,107</u>

Approved and signed on its behalf by:-



23 September 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WEST KILBRIDE CIVIC SOCIETY SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps proper accounting records and for preparing accounts which are prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements of regulations 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations do not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The trustees are also responsible for making available to me, as and when required, all the charity's accounting records and all other relevant records and related information, including all Minutes of Trustees meetings.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulations 9 of the 2006 Accounts regulations

have not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

26 September 2025