

During the last 12 months we have continued to manage the Community Benefit Fund, which is used to support groups who seek to deliver projects that benefit residents of Kiltarn supporting the work of our many volunteers working in Kiltarn. We have also spent time progressing projects such as the Winter Relief Fund, proposed public toilets and Village Officer.

During the past year we have seen an increase in planning applications relating to energy proposals. We have responded to applications and notices, reflecting what we believe to be the majority opinion of local residents. More recently we have had to consider how best to react to the proposal to close the A862 between Arduillie and Dingwall for 3 months, we will discuss this further at the following meeting. In all such cases we seek, and welcome views from the wider community.

Turning to volunteers we need to recognise and thank them for their work and commitment which makes Evanton the place it is and provide facilities such as the Blackrock Pavilion, Cornerstone, DJ Hall and the very successful Sharing Shed.

I would also like to publicly thank the team who help with hanging the flower baskets and Christmas lights; Hugh Lynch, Michael MacLeod, Danika Slotwinski, Preston White and John Ross.

I also wish to record our appreciation of the work undertaken by Gary Payne in managing Evanton.Online and to our very attentive and accessible Highland Councillors John Edmonson and Sinclair Coghill.

Looking forward, I hope that we can continue to reflect the views, advocate on behalf of and deliver on the aspirations of our Community.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

The audited year-end balances are £50,648.93 (95 day savings account), £46,479.45 & £83,902.95

Overall Profit/Loss as at 31st March 2025, £10,366.26

The Chair recorded KCC's thanks to the Treasurer and Bookkeeper for the work undertaken.

The accounts were adopted as proposed by AG and seconded by MF & GB.

2.3 Election of Officer Bearers

JM stood down for the Chair with Cllr John Edmondson accepting the position of Chair through the election procedure. Office Bearers were confirmed as follows

Chairman	John McHardy, proposed by SD, seconded by MF. Accepted.
Treasurer	Shelagh Dennett, proposed by SC, seconded by SM. Accepted.
Secretary	Annelie Graham, proposed by SC, seconded by SD. Accepted.
Vice Chair	Mike Finlayson, proposed by SM, seconded by AG. Accepted.

JM thanked the honorariums Lynn Bell as Bookkeeper, and it was agreed that she should continue in her role.

2.4 **Honorarium**

Honorarium payment agreed by GB, SC & SM.

Proposed by GB that honorarium be increased to £500. Agreed by SC & SM

3 Next AGM: Tuesday 9th June 2026

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.