

Portballintrae Residents' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19th April 2025 at 10.30 am in Portballintrae Village Hall

1. Attendance was 13 plus Paddy Brockerton and Ken Parks on Zoom. Apologies were received from Janet Ferguson, Stephen Kincaid, Margaret Rodgers and Linda Williamson.
2. The minutes of the annual general meeting of Saturday, 30th March 2024 were read, agreed and signed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Gail reported that the Association balance on 1st April 2024 was £9,384.37 and on 31st March 2025 was £19,683.02. Total income for the year was £23,347.42. The major source of income was a National Lottery Community Fund Grant of £15,903.00 and grants of £1,818.00 were received from CC&G BC. Gail thanked Portballintrae Boat Club (£1,200.00), the Bayview Hotel (£500.00) and Montgomery/Irwin Architects (250.00) for their generous sponsorship of the Hallowe'en fireworks. The Kids' Disco, the raffle for hampers, the sale of lanterns and the collection in the Bayview Hotel had contributed a further £2,156.39 to the fireworks fund. The Summer Festival raised £423.42 and individual donations provided £538.26.

Expenditure was £13,048.77. The main items of expenditure were £4,200.00 for the fireworks, £1,265.00 for the samba band, £1,370.00 for Art Classes, £1,026.00 for Bilberry Cafe, £910.00 for a new sound system, £840.00 for the Summer Festival and £765.35 for Hall hire.

Gail pointed out that £6,210.92 of the National Lottery grant had been spent and £9,692.08 remained.

Lord Rogan proposed that the treasurer's report be adopted and this was seconded by Clive Miller. A full copy of Gail's report is attached.

4. Chairperson's Report

Geoff reported that 2024-5 had been a very productive year for the Association. Although the Saturday events of the Summer Festival had to be curtailed because of poor weather, the Sunday activities, especially the sand castle building, had been very successful. There had been a huge response to the kids' disco and the lantern parade at Hallowe'en and the National Lottery grant helped fund the samba band and the Kelly Neill dancers. Unfortunately the Christmas Tree event had to be cancelled due to Storm Darragh. The National Lottery grant enabled the Association to provide the very popular Adult Lunches and organise a series of oversubscribed Art classes. The response to the Games afternoons was, however disappointing.

The Association continues to enjoy good relations with the Council and its officers are usually quick to respond to any issues which affect the village. A joint litter project with the Rathmullan Tidy Towns group was filmed and shown at the Rathmullan Film Festival.

Geoff then referred to the sudden death of the Association Vice Chair Barbara Cooke which had caused great shock and sadness. Her advice and guidance had been of great assistance to him and it was now that Barbara was gone that we fully realised how much work she did for the Association. Geoff remembered in particular Barbara, in full witch's attire, telling ghost stories in the boat shed and the children hanging on her every word. Barbara will be sorely missed. A full copy of Geoff's report is

attached.

5. Election of Trustees and Office-Bearers

On the proposal of Rosemary Kinlay, seconded by Audrey Glasgow, it was agreed that the existing committee and officers should be re-elected.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11.00 am.