

2023

Kilmarnock Town Centre Partnership

Annual Accounts and Reports

Charity Number SC047064
Scottish Charitable Incorporated
Organisation

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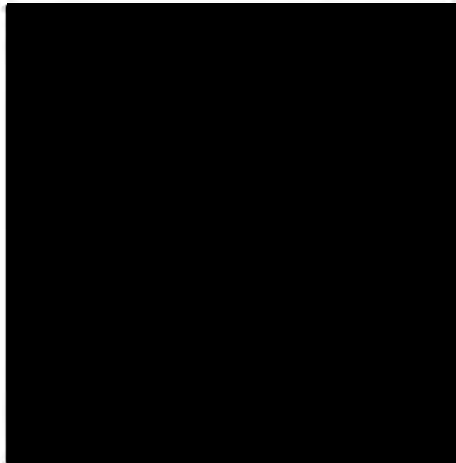
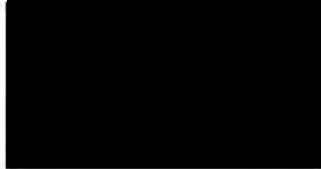
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Charity Information

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Celebrate Kilmarnock (Known Name)



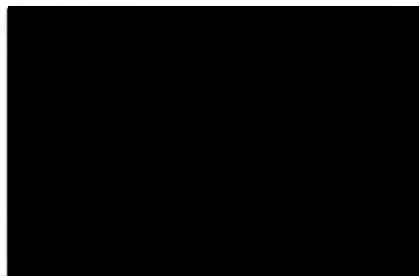
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Trustees Report

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare official financial statements for each fiscal year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end, and of its incoming resources and expenditure during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- 1) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently**
- 2) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent**
- 3) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is**

inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities. Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

To promote and work towards the advancement of citizenship or community development for the benefit of Kilmarnock and its environs, and to advance arts, heritage and culture within the town.

To promote the provision of recreational facilities and organise recreational activities, with the object of improving the health and well-being of the community.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Celebrate Kilmarnock is a community led partnership that encourages stakeholders to collectively re- imagine and re-invent our public places.

Celebrate Kilmarnock's aim is to encourage community citizenship by supporting and enabling people from all sections of life to come together to discuss and create the future of the town centre. Our approach is long term intervention to change perceptions, challenge dependency, and view the town's community in its entirety.

Celebrate Kilmarnock aims to promote cross-sector collaboration that confronts disadvantage, poverty and exclusion, by developing Active Citizenship, A Common Agenda, and Community Development.

DELIVERING OWNERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Celebrate Kilmarnock continues to encourage ownership and working together by holding open Stakeholder Events every three months, attracting over 100 participants from across the community. The Stakeholder Events have a positive effect on the willingness to share knowledge, make positive connections, and engage in collective action. The Stakeholder Events unite all the themed groups from the Kilmarnock Town Centre Community Action Plan which Celebrate Kilmarnock launched in 2016, and consists of the six key priorities for action:-

A great place to shop and be in business.

A great place to live and learn

An accessible town centre with good movement An animate and creative place

A green town with a rich heritage to enjoy

A safe, clean and attractive place

Celebrate Kilmarnock's approach encourages wider ownership and shared commitment to delivering the Action Plan. A significant part of this, will be ensuring that duplication of effort is minimised, and that the impact of the activity is maximised through collective effort and partnership working.

Celebrate Kilmarnock has real and far-reaching ambitions for the town, and the drive skill set and flexibility to become a real movement for positive change, by engaging the town's rich tapestry in collective action. Our inclusive approach continues to promote community ownership, responsibility and accountability throughout the wider stakeholder network.

Celebrate Kilmarnock continues to challenge local people, communities, service providers, councils and elected members, to take ownership of a shared positive narrative.

Local people have a rich life-knowledge of the area, and a good understanding of the elements that make a positive difference, and are well placed to lead and deliver improvements, boost creative ideas, and ensure public spaces are used for the benefit of the whole community.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrate Kilmarnock is an alternate delivery vehicle in support of a bolder process of community-led action to redefine the role and image of the town centre. It's a community anchor organisation which encourages a community development approach to the design and delivery of its events.

Celebrate Kilmarnock's mission is to create a movement for change – positively influencing people's perception of Kilmarnock and building a culture that everyone can be proud of. We have built up a large community of passionate stakeholders

over the past few years, who are helping to transform the town centre one step at a time

2022 ENGAGEMENTS PROJECTS AND EVENTS

The repercussions of Covid 19 were still prevalent throughout 2022, with much of the community still wary of, and guarded toward, the discontinuation of government regulations and guidance protocols. Compulsory face coverings indoors were lifted in January; however stringent Health & Safety conventions and rigorous housekeeping measures were strictly maintained by Celebrate Kilmarnock throughout the year.

In February, project ideas were discussed and formulated for "Scotland's Year of Stories" (2.2.22) and following a successful funding application, £5k was awarded by Creative Scotland to commission a play which was performed later in the year (see November).

[REDACTED] from East Ayrshire Leisure kindled a lively debate and conversations at the Infinity Loop meeting in the Celebrate Kilmarnock offices (9.2.22). The future plans for The Palace Theatre and its surroundings in the town were discussed, and it stimulated an interesting exchange of views from Celebrate Kilmarnock's Trustees and Board Members.

NS Design held a very interesting and informative Social Media Masterclass tutorial (16.2.22) with the Celebrate Kilmarnock Board and Trustees. They learned how social media can benefit Celebrate Kilmarnock's community led objectives and ideology.

In March, Celebrate Kilmarnock hosted the Are You (Too Hip) To Be Square? event (17.3.22). It was the first public information meeting regarding the St. Marnock's Square Garden & Mural following the pandemic, and attracted over 30 enthusiastic members of the community to discuss the proposed public artwork and landscaping at the site. Tom Lightbody (the mural artist) gave a very lively and informative talk on the project, and there was a universal feeling of anticipation and confidence in both the design and the undertaking.

April was a busy month, with an Easter Treasure Hunt for the town's primary schools (4-11.4.22)

Many children & families took part, running round the Town Centre for a week, looking for clues in the windows of the 9 local shops who participated in this very enjoyable, entertaining and successful community event.

The inaugural Easter Craft & Activity Day (16.4.22) was another resounding success.

The Celebrate Kilmarnock offices came alive with the sound of kids thoroughly enjoying themselves. Seed planting, face painting, card making, Easter egg decorating and many other games and activities kept them all happily occupied and entertained. The kids (and their families) had a blast. And it was all free.

There was an air of excitement and anticipation throughout the town when the long awaited Countess of Kilmarnock Mural began to take shape at St. Marnock's Square.

An astonishing piece of art: The Countess of Kilmarnock mural and her story have resonated with everyone in the town, and has literally become a landmark. [REDACTED] a native of Kilmarnock, has created a masterpiece which will educate, delight and enthrall the community for many years to come.

April ended with a private visit to Celebrate Kilmarnock by [REDACTED] (27.4.22). It was a long-standing personal engagement to meet East Ayrshire Kinship Carers, which had been held over from the pandemic. For nearly 3 hours, [REDACTED] and the Group discussed the many issues and challenges of children who are cared for by relatives outwith their birth parents. The Kinship Carers have used Celebrate Kilmarnock's facilities each week since the offices first opened.

May saw the commission of The Shopping & Lifestyle survey in Southcraigs (11.5.22). It has been envisaged that the people living in the new housing developments to the north of the town do not shop or interact with Kilmarnock town centre. A consumer survey led by Celebrate Kilmarnock would be undertaken to establish their work, shopping and lifestyle habits, to help define, plan and initiate any strategies to encourage their direct engagement with the town centre's shops and facilities.

June began with a well attended and lively Diamond Jubilee party for Queen Elizabeth by East Ayrshire Breathe Easy (1.2.22). The group have used the Celebrate Kilmarnock offices since their inception, and they thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of celebration and games.

Also in June, Celebrate Kilmarnock held a very important Reconnect & Revitalise evening (10.6.22). It was the first major social event since the pandemic, and it proved to be the ideal opportunity for the stakeholders, volunteers and associates to meet up again and reconnect with Celebrate Kilmarnock and each other. It was well attended and gave everyone the impetus and enthusiasm to refocus on the issues and challenges within the town centre following Covid-19.

The welcome return of the Saturday showcases in July (2-30.7.22) brought back live music and entertainment again for the people of Kilmarnock.

It was refreshing to witness the enthusiasm and participation of the people on King Street. Kilmarnock has an enviable resource of talented musicians of all genres, and the chance to showcase their flair and undoubted skills were again well received by the public.

An important public information day was held (16.7.22) for the community to engage with, discuss and debate the forthcoming East Ayrshire Local Development Plan (LDP2).

The Celebrate Kilmarnock offices were open to the townspeople to consult with the council planners on the proposed developments within the Town Centre. Probing questions were asked, and many challenging debates and conversations ensued.

The community certainly expressed their views, aspirations and reservations on the day.

July ended with the long awaited return of the free Loudoun Musical Society Concert (30.7.22)

Their staging of "LMS on Broadway" in the New Laigh Kirk was simply spectacular, and over 600 people had the pleasure of witnessing the fantastic performance. The resounding standing ovation at the end spoke volumes. The public loved it. Restaurants, bars and cafes within the town centre were packed, and the night time economy received a massive boost after the trepidations of Covid-19.

The resumption of room hires after the pandemic, were a welcome and vital source of income for Celebrate Kilmarnock in 2022. The following are some of the Groups who used the Celebrate Kilmarnock facilities during August and September:-

East Ayrshire Breathe Easy Enable Scotland
Parker Enterprise
Above Adventure
Unity League
East Ayrshire Recovery Hub Ayrshire Film Company Kinship Carers
Children 1st
EAC Vibrant Communities
Turn the Page Book Club
East Woodstock Housing Association

The rise in the cost of living and the first indications of the economic crisis became apparent in October. Alan Brown MP held An Energy Advice Surgery in the Celebrate Kilmarnock office (28.10.22), to give guidance, advice and support to those in the community who were being affected by the surge in utilities costs.

On a much brighter note, October heralded Killieween (28.10.22)

Kilmarnock's unique relationship with Halloween, coupled with all the hard work that Celebrate Kilmarnock put into the celebrations, resulted in a free event consisting of 12 different activities which encouraged approximately 450 people into the Town Centre to enjoy the family fun and games.

It was a tremendous success, and proved once again that Celebrate Kilmarnock could devise, plan and deliver events of the highest standard, to both delight and entertain the community, and give the night time economy a much needed shot in the arm.

Back in February, Celebrate Kilmarnock discussed and formulated plans for Scotland's Year of Stories, and after success in acquiring £5k funds, commissioned a fabulous play : Anne of Killie, written by [REDACTED] and performed by Primary 6 pupils of Gargieston Primary School at Take A Bow in Kilmarnock (4.11.22)

A full hall was treated to an amazing interpretation of The Countess of Kilmarnock's history, and the enthusiasm, fervour and energy of the childrens' performance was a joy to watch, and carried over to the appreciative families in the audience.

There were many highly successful events held by Celebrate Kilmarnock in 2022. The return of the free Candlelit Concert in the New Laigh Kirk was no exception (18.11.22).

Three completely fabulous acts, from totally different genres. The close Harmony of The Infinity Choir, Modern Folk from Binky Blue, and a one-man funk/soul band by Carl Esprit Bridgeman. Held in the wonderfully atmospheric New Laigh Kirk, the 2nd Candlelit Concert highlighted the best in local talent, captivating a well attended audience. Indeed, Binky Blue were invited to the Celtic Connection in Glasgow afterwards.

The cold December evenings were warmed up by the Christmas Social evening (16.12.22). It was a more informal gathering this time, to pay thanks to all the volunteers, helpers, facility users and friends for their invaluable assistance throughout the year, and especially during the various events Celebrate Kilmarnock hosted. Their commitment to Celebrate Kilmarnock, their enthusiasm and endeavour cannot be praised highly enough.

The year ended with the confirmation of £30k funding from the Community Benefit Fund, for new public artworks within the town centre (20.12.22). A new mural on the gable end wall at The Robert Burns World Federation building has been proposed using part of the finance.

Changes to Board and Trustee Members:-

In 2022, [REDACTED] stepped down from the Celebrate Kilmarnock Board, to be replaced by [REDACTED]

Sadly, [REDACTED] also stepped down as Trustee and Board Member of Celebrate Kilmarnock in December 2022. [REDACTED] had been a valued Trustee since Celebrate Kilmarnock's inception, and his insight, enthusiasm and commitment to community led regeneration will be sorely missed.

Summary of Engagements, Projects and Events:-

Celebrate Kilmarnock's engagements in 2022 were event focused, concentrating on the Health and Wellbeing of the townspeople by promoting and nurturing their interactions within the town centre. They were highly successful, and generated a genuine feeling of community spirit.

Celebrate Kilmarnock's projects presented numerous demanding challenges and issues. After many meetings, discussions and debate, Celebrate Kilmarnock Trustees made the difficult decision to formally step down from The White Tile Project (2.11.22). A joint statement by East Ayrshire Council and Celebrate Kilmarnock will be made in 2023.

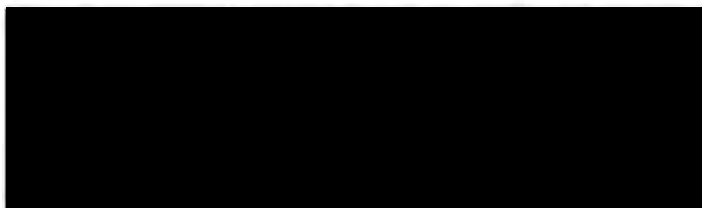
In relation to this, it was also decided to postpone any further Wider Stakeholder Events until a definitive decision on subject matter is made.

The St. Marnock's Square Garden project also stalled during 2022, with changes to the architects, decision-making council personnel, logistical problems,

procrastination and tendering delays. Reservations were also raised regarding its future when the economic downturn and cost of living crisis became more apparent.

However, Celebrate Kilmarnock and its volunteers, facility users, friends and associates must take heart from the positive aspects of their achievements during 2022.

Killieween, Easter, live music performances and other community engagements in 2022 are incontrovertible proof that Celebrate Kilmarnock has the skill set, determination and drive to identify, plan and continuously deliver successful events to the highest standards. The fact that they are now the leading players in providing community events in the town centre bodes well for the future.



Signed.



Chairperson, Celebrate Kilmarnock

1st August 2023

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Kilmarnock Town Centre Partnership

I report on the accounts of the above-mentioned charity for the period to 31st March 2023 as set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does 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.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

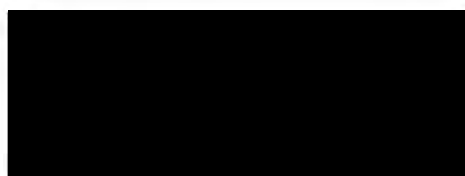
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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 Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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



Signed



Date 1st August 2023

Kilmarnock Town Centre Partnership

(Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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Receipts & Payments Account for Period to 31st March 2023

Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds (Current)	Total Funds (previous)
Donations	839		839	-
Legacies			-	-
Grants		5,000	5,000	38,712
Receipts from fundraising activities			-	1,641
Gross trading receipts	15,780		15,780	3,173
Income from investments other than land and buildings			-	-
Rents from land & buildings			-	3,173
Gross receipts from other charitable activities			-	43
			-	
	16,619	5,000	21,619	46,742

Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities		23,413	23,413	31,663
Gross trading payments			-	
Investment management costs			-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	22,636		22,636	9,112
Grants and donations			-	428
Governance costs:			-	
Audit / independent examination	300		300	-
Preparation of annual accounts			-	
Legal costs			-	68
Other			-	
			-	
	22,936	23,413	46,348	41,271
Net receipts / (payments)	(6,317)	(18,413)	(24,730)	12,926
Transfers to / (from) funds				
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(6,317)	(18,413)	(24,730)	12,926

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Statement of Balances to 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current period	Total last period
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	9,306	33,642	42,948	40,651
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(6,317)	(18,413)	(24,730)	2,297
Cash and bank balances at end of year	2,989	15,229	18,218	42,948

Investments

-

Other Assets

-

Liabilities

-

Contingent Liabilities

-

Signed on behalf of the
Trustees of Kilmarnock
Town Centre Partnership

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval 1st August 2023

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Notes to the Accounts to 31st March 2023

Nature and purpose of funds Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes which the donor specifies.

Grants Received Museum Galleries Grant £5,000

Cash at bank and in hand 31st March 2023 £18,218.01

Trustee remuneration No trustee received any remuneration or expenses or had any transactions with any connected person or body.

Cost of Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds (Current)	Total Funds (previous)
Salaries	15,579		15,579	3,520
Events		10,899	10,899	13,943
Office Costs	3,009		3,009	5,203
Halloween	-	9,190	9,190	-
ICT	847	-	847	5,725
Professional Services		-	-	636
Consulting		-	-	2,400
Advertising & Marketing	3,200	3,323	6,523	9,776
	22,636	23,412	46,048	41,204
Governance Costs	-		-	
Independent Examination	300		300	-
Legal Fees	-		-	68
	22,936	23,412	46,348	41,272