

Combatants Memorial Group in Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC049461

Details

Known as	Grupa Pamieci Kombatantow (Polish)
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-07-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	9 Kelvinside Terrace West Glasgow Glasgow Scotland G20 6DA
Website	www.polishcombatantsmemorial.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Ans. Our group is dedicated to honouring the memory of Polish heroes who fought for the democratic freedom of Poland and the rest of Europe. We attend many events during the year commemorating Polish Navy Day, attending Clydebank Blitz memorial in March. Battle of Britain commemoration on September. Other events remember Polish pilots who died whilst assisting during bombing in Renfrew, Armed forces day in Douglas, Lanarkshire. Remembrance Sunday in November. We have several projects from translating memoirs of Polish naval hero into English and printing an account of the actions of Polish destroyer ORP Piorun during the Clydebank Blitz. The Polish Consul is in the process of replacing monument to armed forces buried at Dalbeth cemetery in Glasgow

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisations purposes are the advancement of education and awareness of heritage: 4.1 by commemorating the sacrifice of all those who served the cause of Polish and European freedom, primarily during the Second World War, and who lived out their lives in exile in Scotland. 4.2 by creating a 'living memorial' for those heroes by way of attendance at appropriate public events, by the restoration or establishment of monuments and memorials and, through the pages of the Group's website, by providing a record of names and gravesites (with photographs and birth/death data where possible) to complement Robert Ostrycharz's excellent work on Polish war graves. 4.3 by providing financial and practical support to

those who wish to research the history of these heroes and the contribution they made to their new home in Scotland. 4.4 by cooperating with the armed forces and subsidiary and related organisations of the western allies at home and abroad in research, education and acts of remembrance. 4.5 by working with schools and other educational bodies to produce teaching guides and learning experiences to help today's citizens of Scotland, from whatever ethnic, cultural or religious background, to understand the horrors and sacrifices of war and work for a more peaceful world.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-12-31	£1,688	£1,914	-	0
2023-12-31	£437	£253	-	0
2022-12-31	£1,717	£1,863	-	0
2021-12-31	£2,810	£2,417	-	0

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Accounts

(Polish) Combatants Memorial Group in Scotland
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 11th January 2025
Held at Sikorski House, 5 Parkgrove Terrace, Glasgow

Present: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Douglas
[REDACTED]

Apologies: R [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] n
[REDACTED]

Meeting Convened 1300 hours [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the library.

1. Welcome by Chair.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] thanked all those attending and the Polish National Anthem was sung by those present.

2. Absent Friends.

There were no reported absent friends this year.

3. Agenda.

The agenda was approved. However it was agreed that the Polish National Anthem be sung at each meeting.

4. Minutes of the last AGM

The matters arising from the last AGM were as follows.

1. Website

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are to have a meeting early next week with [REDACTED] regards the website.

2. Plawski Memoirs

There has been no sign of publishers to help with this. [REDACTED] proposed that it be considered for subscription access on the Website. [REDACTED] had made approaches unsuccessfully to [REDACTED] and indicated that publishers were very expensive.

The minutes were approved and seconded by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] respectively.

5. Convener's Report.

Activities in 2024

1. AGM of CMG 21st Jan. 2024

2. Polish Navy Day 17th Feb at Dalbeth Cemetery and Prestwick. Wreaths were laid at each location. Representatives from Polish Consul in attendance. Canadian Air Force attended at Prestwick.
3. 16th March. Attendance at Arkleston Cemetery, Dalnottar Cemetery, Clydebank Solidarity Plaza and Town hall followed by visit to the re-sited plaque to ORP Piorun. All attended by Consul General.
4. 3rd April. Certificate of Honorary Patronship presented to our good friend [REDACTED].
5. 13th April. Attendance at Katyn Plaque outside Sikorski House.
6. Centenary of Glasgow Cenotaph. Invitation from Glasgow City Council to attend as standard bearer at George's Sq. and City Chambers. CG also in attendance.
7. 15th May. Princes Gardens, Edinburgh for Wojtek Day and the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Casino.
8. 6th June D Day celebrations at Glasgow Cathedral.
9. 22nd June. 70th anniversary of Sikorski House in Glasgow.
10. 1st September. 85th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland. Standard bearer duties [REDACTED], speeches by [REDACTED] at Dalbeth and Sikorski.
11. 21/22 September. Attendance at Irvine Maritime Museum for talk on submarine ORP Orzel by our honorary patron [REDACTED] from the Maritime Museum Gdynia.
12. 8th October. Wreath laying at the Orkan Plaque at Sikorski.
13. 26th October. Attendance at Breda, Holland for the 80th anniversary of its liberation. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended.
14. 3rd November. Mass and wreath laying at memorial at Welshill Cemetery, Perth.
15. 10th November. Polish Independence Day at Douglas.
16. 11th November. Remembrance Day Georges Square joined by the Polish Scouts.
17. 11th Dec. 30th anniversary of Gen, Maczek's death.

The major activities in 2025 will largely follow those of last year. Details of specific dates and times will be issued nearer the appropriate dates.

6. Treasurer's Report

The financial condition of the Group in £ Sterling can be summarised as follows.

Financial Summary for 2024

Opening Balance (1/1/24)		1652
Expenditure	Insurance.	159
	Catering/drinks	256 (Prestwick and George's Square)
	Flowers/wreaths	111
	TOTAL	526

Income	Subscriptions	300
	Banking error (Dunleavy)	1143 Cr
		1143 Dr
	TOTAL	300
Outgoing Balance (21/1/24)		1426

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7. Secretary's Report

Although the continued shortage in help made things difficult, the Group worked diligently to carry out its aims. It arranged formal activities and its members worked and attended in many areas to promote the Group.

████████████████████ had laboured in the rebuilding of our web-site. He continued his valuable networking with the Commonwealth Graves Commission for the protection and cataloguing of Polish graves, the identification of new sites.

████████████████████ due to other commitments worked in the background giving the major task of the Group to ██████████

████████████████████ in addition to the convener's and treasurer's duties valiantly carried out his duties of bearing our colours at the many events that have been attended.

████████████████████ has attended where possible and with ██████████ ██████████ attended many events ,meetings and work details

Although not individually listed, most members have contributed to make the Group an effective and functionally significant organisation within the Polish diaspora in Scotland.

All this with minimal spending and slender membership we have faced the year well.

████████████████████
Secretary 21/01/25

8. AOCB

Hospitality

This was discussed and it was felt that for members hospitality at our functions should not include the funding of alcoholic beverages.

Polish Navy Day Prestwick

This will be on 15th February. Buffet is to cost £6.50 per head, with 45 covers amounting to £292. [REDACTED] will write to Consul General for funding. Depending on Canadian Air Force attendance costs may be reduced. [REDACTED] to speak to [REDACTED]

Clydebank Commemoration

There was a discussion re possibility of a polish ship attending. [REDACTED] to contact East Dunbartonshire Council. Formal invitations would be sent to our honorary patrons.

Polish Scouts

Their involvement at the George Square commemoration was discussed. It was considered that we should invite them for a dinner to promote future work. [REDACTED] to make contact.

Naval Monument Dalbeth Cemetery

Progress in the Naval Monument refurbishment has stalled (funds may be being diverted to the proposed Orzel monument in Dundee). There was agreement to compile a list and a letter of proposal for assistance to various organisations and individuals. A discussion ensued re ways of funding. [REDACTED] will approach the company involved previously to update estimate for updated artwork and tablet.

Piorun Model

[REDACTED] will meet with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED], E. Dunbartonshire's Collections Officer re restoration of the model which is currently in poor condition.

New Members

[REDACTED] was proposed as a member. This was warmly received and accepted.

Honorary Patrons

This was discussed and it was felt that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] life-long honorary patronship should be rescinded as his involvement in the club is not one of support.

There was a discussion re [REDACTED]'s home move to Benbecula and the benefits and difficulties in construction there. He indicated that he would forward io [REDACTED] info for safe-keeping re the Group during the move. He proposed thanks to the treasurer and convener. The group thanked him for the delicious food that he had sent up from the restaurant to sustain us.

Lastly [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was nominated and accepted as Treasurer and Convener and [REDACTED] Secretary for the following year.

The meeting terminated at 1500hrs. and some members went downstairs to bar.

[REDACTED]
Secretary 27/1/25

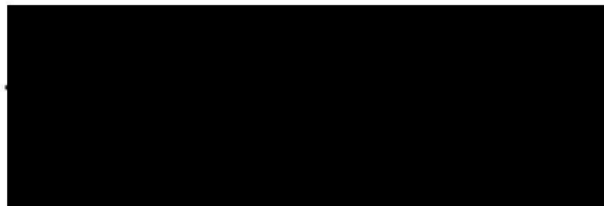
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I have examined the Bank Statements and Invoices and in my opinion the Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Signed



Address



Date

..... 20th August 2025

CMG Accounts

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Date: Thursday 14 August 2025 at 19:49 BST

Balance brought forward from 31 Dec 2023
£1652.32

Income

22 Jan 2024 [REDACTED] dues £30.00 ✓
20 Feb [REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
21 Feb [REDACTED] dues £10.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues/donation £120.00 ✓
[REDACTED] dues £20.00 ✓
23 Feb [REDACTED] £225.00 ✓
(change from purvey)
Dunleavy donation £1143.84 ✓
11 Nov purvey change £ 19.20 ✓
TOTAL INCOME £1688.04 ✓
Brought fwd 2023 £1652.32 ✓
Total £3340.36 ✓

Expenditure

02 Feb keegan& Pennykid insurance. £159.00 ✓
16 Feb purvey £300.00 ✓
23 Feb refund of Dunleavy
Donation(Sent in error) £ 1143.84 ✓
15 mar cemetery flowers £15.00 -
25 mar cemetery flowers £56.36 ✓
24 Apr cemeteryflowers £8.00 ✓
20 may cemetery flowers £10.00 ✓
07 Oct cemetery flowers £12.00 ✓
10 Oct cemetery flowers £10.00 ✓
07 Nov purvey £200.00 ✓
TOTAL EXPENDITURE £1914.20.
BALANCE AT END OF 2024 £1426.16 ✓

I certify that this is a true record of our financial transactions for the year 2024.
[REDACTED] (treasurer)
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