

Ardentinny Community Trust AGM
In Village Hall 19/09/17 @ 7.00 p.m.

1. **Present:** Trustees: Anna Williamson, Jean Urquhart, Lynn Kerr, Jim Urquhart, Bill Williamson, Ian Kerr and Dennis Gower plus Vicky Fairley, David McDowall, David Edwards Agnes and Eileen Connel.

2. **Apologies:** None

3. **Last Year's Minute and Matters Arising:**
Jean said that Mr Rob of Ross & Co, Dunoon had been engaged to audit the accounts. Dennis, the previous Treasurer, said that Eric Wishart had done a good job as auditor before ill health had caused him to retire.
The minute was proposed by Bill Williamson and seconded by Jean Urquhart.

4. **Annual Garden Project Report – Anna Williamson**
As convenor, Anna delivered the annual report for the Glenfinart Walled Garden Project outlining all the progress made over the past year, the events held in the garden and those attended in the wider community. She reported on the groups who used, visited and volunteered in the garden.
Agnes commented on the extensive list of activities pertaining to the garden and the large numbers of people who support it. Agnes went on to say how good the garden was looking and how impressed she was at the Harvest Fair event.
Anna thanked her and said that Neil Dempster, a long standing resident had also praised the garden which was praise indeed as Neil is not liberal with his praise.

5. **Financial Reports – Jean Urquhart**
Pages 7 & 8, only of the yearly report was handed out and summarised by Jean. She said that there is to be a new format for Scotland coming into force soon and she wouldn't have the rest of the report for 2 weeks.
She added that she tries to keep £20,000 in the bank.
Jean said that she was still waiting to hear from the Robertson's Trust to see if they will continue to part fund a Gardener/Volunteer Coordinator. She went on to say that as last year's grant ran out in June we could not continue to fund Simon Richardson's post solely from garden funds.
Jean said that she found it depressing when funders say 'No' with no reason given.
There was some discussion re the charge for membership – minimum fee of £1 but £2 at present. If the fee was removed the constitution would need altered which would be a discussion for another time.

6. **2 longest serving Trustees stand down.**

Dennis and Anna stood down and as there were no applications for the vacancies Bill and Jim proposed and seconded Dennis and Jean and Bill proposed and seconded Anna.

7. AOCB

David Edwards said that he felt that the garden was a ship without a captain since Simon left and wondered if we could be creative in getting the services of a gardener. The possibility of work experience for collages and graduates, as well as funding options, were discussed. Employment difficulties were also touched on.

Dennis gave a vote of thanks to David Edwards for all his hard work in the garden and at fund raising events.

Vicky gave a vote of thanks to all the Trustees.

8. Next AGM

TBA