

C&WNCBO SCIO AGM 2024 Report by Chair

It's encouraging to welcome so many members to our AGM on such a cold night.

The Trustees meet 4 times per year but, most unfortunately an extra meeting was necessary in May last year following the untimely death of our Chair, Gordon Robertson. Having filled the role of Chair prior to Gordon's election in 2022, I was re-elected. Lynne McSherry agreed to take over from me as Treasurer. The Trustees meet quarterly to appraise Large Grant Applications (over £500.00) while Small Applications of £500.00 or below are appraised by email discussion throughout the year.

Two additional trustees were welcomed in 2023 namely, James Wallace and Robin Pope who each bring a wealth of experience to the Organisation.

Lynne will give details of the various Grants awarded during the year in her report.

We are grateful to all Applicants for Awards and welcome future applications for costed projects which will benefit the C&WN area. Help is available if required, to potential applicants for both small and large grants in order to complete the Application Forms which are available on our website, windsofchangecawdor.com. We are happy to discuss any queries members may have at the informal get-together following this meeting.

I'd like to thank all the Trustees for giving their time and continued commitment. Special thanks are due to our Secretary, Jenifer Walker, to our Treasurer, Lynne McSherry and to our Minutes Secy, Pauline Fraser for her excellent minute taking.

Finally, we are grateful to local volunteers for their efforts in improving the environment in which we all live. Of particular mention are Jean & Sandy Ford for planting and maintaining the beautiful floral displays within the village, to Willie Lean, Jimmy Craigie and other members of Cawdor Bowling Club for all their efforts in improving the Green, Grounds and the Pavilion. Anyone willing to offer help in any way should get in touch with Jean & Sandy, members of the CBC or our secretary, Jenifer. Thanks must also go to the Community Council, Cawdor Estate and the Leaders of the various Youth Organisations.

Following the election of Trustees, a separate meeting will be held to elect Office Bearers for 2024-5.

Margaret Robertson, Chair, C&WNCBO SCIO.