

Minutes of Caerlaverock Community Association AGM held 26 November 2025, 1930, Barbour Hall

Present: David Gilbert (Chair), Fred Trigg (Vice Chair), Ian Brown (Committee Member), Helen Clark (Committee Member), Ronnie Clark (Committee Member), Anna Austin (Caerlaverock Estate Manager), Cllr John Campbell, Malcolm Johnstone (Nith Ward Officer), Alice Wilson (Barbour Hall), Karen Scriven (Head Teacher, Caerlaverock Primary School), Rosie Thorp (Historic Environment Scotland) and 14 Caerlaverock residents.

Apologies: Chris Jackson (Treasurer), Malcolm Johnson, Douglas Anderson, Kelly Currie, Maybeth Jamieson, Rona and John Carson, Suzanne McIntyre (NatureScot).

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted.

2. Chairperson's Report

David Gilbert (DG) thanked the many Caerlaverock residents who do so much for the community, and also our Councillors and Chris Woodness who take our views back to the Council and, we know, fight on our behalf.

The motorhome donations have allowed us to contribute financially to, amongst other things, the Barbour Hall and Hutton Hall renovations and appliances for the revamped children's kitchen at the school. Projects this year included the Bankend bus shelter, renewing the Quay End beacon, painting all three bridges, resurfacing at the Castle Corner site, renewing the hardcore at the Quay End, cutting the grass and erecting a new sign at the Castle Corner site. We have supported grant applications by Caerlaverock Estate, Hutton Hall, Barbour Hall and Caerlaverock Primary School. DG chaired a public meeting about the state of the roads. Another public meeting was held with Scottish Water over their plans for upgrading the Glencaple septic tank; the large number of community objections forced the proposal to go to the Council's planning committee where it was consented but with conditions including not using granite. The Remembrance Sunday events included services at the War memorial and Quay End, only possible through the enthusiasm of the community and donations from the motorhomes which allowed us to complete projects that would have been impossible otherwise. These are tangible benefits of sharing our space with the motorhomes and their donations are ploughed back into the local community. All this has meant a lot of work for

DG this year and he appealed for more help, for example with organising the 2026 Remembrance Sunday events.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance at the 2024 AGM £30,412.29.

Income this year £16,229.23

Expenditure this year £25,157.49

Balance at this AGM: £21,484.03

DG stressed two points: we need to keep spending money on local projects but also keep a healthy balance of 1.5-2 years' spend just in case, as motorhome income is very susceptible to change. It has, however, held up well despite overall economic circumstances.

5. Any Other Business

There was so other business so the AGM was closed.