



DUNBAR  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

AGM 2023

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alasdair Swan

Dunbar Community Council's accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 have been independently examined by G Spratt & Co and have been submitted to East Lothian Council. The accounts record the income and expenditure from our relatively small General Fund and detail the use that is made of the other rather larger funds that are either raised for specific purposes or are provided to the Community Council for the benefit of the Dunbar Community.

At the end of March 2023, the General Fund stood at £1,090 (2022 - £1,009). Expenses paid from out of this fund included regular items such as the Community Council's insurance premium, the wreath for Remembrance Sunday, subscriptions to RAGES and the John Muir Birthplace, computer software and website costs and administrative costs.

At the end of March 2023, the Corn Exchange Fund stood at £1,458 (2022 - £1,730). There was only minor expenditure on the Corn Exchange during the year.

At the end of March 2023, the Christmas Lights Fund stood at £8,768 (2022 - £14,947). The total expenditure on the lights was £19,464 in the year, so the pressure on the Christmas Lights Committee to raise funds is constant.

At the end of March 2023, the Civic Week Fund stood at £10,248 (2022 - £9,147).

The cost of running Civic Week in 2022 was £12,196 and the Civic Week Committee is to be commended for its wonderful fundraising activities.

At the end of March 2023, the Dunbar Against Litter Fund stood at £2,601 (2022 - £2,230).

The expenses related to Dunbar Against Litter in 2022/23 amounted to £7,287 and included the costs associated with the replacement of the van.

The Covid Fund was closed during the year when the funds ran out. The fund was used for the relief of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Access for All Fund, established to provide secure disabled access to Belhaven Bay, stood at £759 at the end of March 2023. There was no movement on this fund during the year.

At the end of March 2023, the Local Priorities Fund stood at £3,552 (2022 - £3,477). The Community Council was able to give grants totalling £11,075 to a wide variety of community groups including –

- Ridge – High Street watering and the Christmas Party
- DSHNG - Fishermen's Monument repainting
- Dunbar Sea Cadets – paddle sport equipment and Junior Uniform
- Dunbar Rotary – Queen's Jubilee picnic
- Dunbar Against Litter – Woodland futuro bins
- Dunbar Trades' Association – Hanging baskets
- Tuesday Club – Outing
- Dunbar Battery – Plants for the Coastal Garden
- Christmas Lights Committee – Maintenance of the Lights
- Civic Week Committee – Fun Day
- In addition, the funds were used for –
  - Community Awards
  - Refurbishment of the 25 Pounder gun
  - Local Place Plan consultation

At the end of March 2023, the Community Benefit fund stood at £120,151 (2022 - £100,100). During the year grant totalling £49,000 were distributed to local organisations including –

- Dunbar Music Festival – event costs
- Dunbar Trades Association – High Street Safari and Our Dunbar launch
- Wilder Community – hardship sponsored places
- Dunbar British Legion – lighting of the close
- Dunbar Rotary – Angel Tree project
- Dunbar Craft Studio – Big John
- Dunbar Grammar School – Battlefields Sponsored places
- Dunbar Grammar School – Intergenerational Group
- Enjoyleisure – swimming platforms
- Dunbar Community Shed – equipment for start-up
- Dunbar Youth Project – resource support
- Dunbar Battery – restoration of the interpretation panels
- Dunbar Day Centre – new boiler
- DSAT – Stone Stacking competition
- Dunbar Harbour Trust – murals for the North Wall and Harbour Bridge
- Salvation Army – Dunbar Debt Advice Service

Dunbar receives £25,000 twice per year from Community Windpower Ltd to support and develop community activities. In administering these funds, it is grateful for the guidance provided by Anouska Woods at BeGreen.

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16 October 2023