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At a non-election year AGM, a vote by Members is required to approve the continued service of the trustees appointed in the previous year.

Gill Duffelen - Chair

I am a Change Programme Manager with many years' experience working mostly in the public sector with organisations such as BBC Scotland, the Scottish Government and Police Scotland. My most recent experience has been in major construction programmes, particularly where the relocation provides a catalyst for transforming the way an organisation works. Although not Scottish by birth I have lived on the Southside of Glasgow for the last 20 years – and I love the life and the people here.

Future hopes for KPC

My aspiration for Kinning Park is that our renovation and development enables us to build on our success and continue to play a valuable part in the local community. We need to listen to our members and visitors, and to understand where there are needs and gaps that we might fill, and how. Our values (and our shabby chic!) are core to who we are, and we need to attract even more people to join us both as members and visitors so we can make a very real and practical difference to the people of Glasgow.

Farrukh Azeem - Vice Chair

I have been living in the G51 postcode in the same flat since 2004. I have done 2 Masters and have been working in the financial services industry for the last 12 Years. I currently do Consultancy work based on projects and hence it has given me good exposure to management of business issues and then working towards resolution. I can potentially bring this to the table for different roles.

Future hopes for KPC

I would like KPC to prove to be an organisation that impacts the lives of the people within the community, a place which brings people together and provides them opportunities which they can benefit from. My journey as a student in a new country to a mature professional I think KPC can serve in many ways to help people within the area to better their lives.

Arthur Nicholls - Secretary

Arthur has been an active and Board member supporting and guiding the KPC Management Team to its current strong position within Glasgow. In particular, Arthur with his background of directing and managing capital investment for the public sector, has supported the organisation to achieve the current project to develop and renovate the KPC building. He has also been guiding and mentoring KPC management team to develop plans for the newly acquired site next door. A former civil engineer, public sector service director and management consultant, he has a strong and consistent track record over 25 years of improving organisations and delivered management innovation and major change at both local and national level. Through his career, Arthur has held business, coaching and a range of environmental and engineering qualifications.

Future hopes for KPC

Arthur is a strong and passionate believer in strong and active communities determining their own futures and has previously supported Clyde Docks, Preservation Initiative, Govan Docks Regeneration Trust and served on school boards and parent associations.

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Gloria Murray - Treasurer

I started my accountancy practice in 1998 to help small and micro business owners understand their finances and grow their business. As I have worked in a variety of business fields before becoming an accountant, I realised there was a gap in the market for accountants with real life business knowledge and that many business owners wanted more from their accountant than just a set of accounts and a tax return. I run mentoring programmes helping business owners become entrepreneurs. I'm also on the board of Engage Renfrewshire, a Third Sector Interface (TSI).

Future hopes for KPC

When I first became involved in the board of KPC the building was in real need of some TLC and without a lot of money being spent on this, the complex would not have been able to continue in the near future giving the community such a great centre and a diverse range of activities. Thanks to the current management and the other board members the future of KPC now looks rosy. I want to continue helping KPC on its journey.

Alison McCandlish - Additional Member

I have lived in Cessnock for many years. I have a background in heritage, creative media and education. I work as a lecturer and researcher, and run my own freelance business called Crenellated Arts. I love to cycle, sketch and cook, and I borrow my friend's dog (who loves Plantation Park!) I love KPC and have been to many events like bike repair classes, yoga, meals and swap shops, and even a BBQ in the garden. I understand that the sheer range of things, which go on, and the staff and volunteers who support that are vital. Through my professional experience I have knowledge of how to write funding applications and how to speak the language of funders and policy makers. I am also good at using creative methods to help get things done.

Future hopes for KPC

KPC is not just a building, it is a community hub with a massive community history, and one which I want to see being treasured for many, many years to come. I would like KPC to be the go to place which the community thinks about first for events, socialising and relaxing time out, continuing to have the welcoming garden space and events for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, where everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay.

Kenny Wands - Additional Member

My name is Kenny Wands, I'm 37 and have lived in the Kinning Park area for almost five years. I attended Strathclyde University where I completed a degree in Electronic and Electrical Engineering, graduating in May last year. I have been a volunteer at KPC for a year and a half; predominantly working in the garden but also assisting with the maintenance of the building and helping at events. In addition to volunteering with KPC I am also a volunteer and board member of the Repair Cafe Glasgow and am employed as the Repair and Reuse Coordinator for Total Homes, a property management firm that focuses on a circular economy model. During my time at KPC I have built strong relationships with a wide range of individuals and groups that use the centre – both through the KPC organised gatherings such as Social Sundays, and at stand alone events. With my experience I hope I could be a voice for the people of KPC, and to assist KPC as it strives to best serve the community.

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Future hopes for KPC

I am keen to ensure KPC's continued growth and success. In particular, I would like to assist the centre to reach out to the local community and to increase the support given to new Scots - and those working towards becoming new Scots. I am also passionate about the garden at KPC and would love to increase its use, both to produce more food for the community meals and as a teaching space to help encourage the growth of urban gardening projects.

Sara Johnstone- Additional Member

I currently hold the post of studio and membership manager at The Work Room. The Work Room is a membership organisation that supports dance artists throughout Scotland. I have been with TWR for over three years but this is my first role in the Performing Arts with my background being in Event Management, mainly community for museums and galleries. I have an MA in Arts Festivals & Cultural Management from QMU and my undergrad degree is in Event Management. I currently live in Ibrox. I'm from Cardonald originally and have lived all over Glasgow but three years ago settled back here. I feel a strong connection to the area, it's home.

Future hopes for KPC

I'm excited about the future plans for KPC to take over ownership of the building and what opportunities well as additional responsibilities this creates..

I hope that in my role as board member I can help support business model that works to create a balance of protecting a space for its intended purpose (and protecting those core values) and maximising the resource to create revenue to support and sustain the operations of the organisation. I'm really interested in conversations around how we can build a unique financial model that is robust and creative and a model driven by the community and the members.

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Enable Co-opted Member Leah Lockhart to remain on the Board of Trustees for another 12 months.

Co-opted Members are not elected Members, they are invited to sit on the Board for a limited time because of their level of knowledge and experience. After 12 months the Members must agree to extend a Co-opted Members position.

Leah Lockhart

Biography

I'm Leah and I live in Shawlands with my wee dog and my partner. I am a freelance researcher, service designer and facilitator. My work focuses on co-production and inclusive design. I have a background in community development and digital engagement.

Position sought: Co-opted Trustee

I want to continue my role as a co-opted Board member and Governance sub-group member. The values, principles, aims and energy of KPC are things I would like to amplify and promote. I would like to give my time and share my skills to help develop KPC's future offerings and to practically support KPC staff and volunteers if they need it.

Future hopes for KPC

- That the new site becomes an exemplar for values driven community based workspaces;
- That KPC's membership programme grows year on year to include more of the community in its decision making;
- That KPC stays strong in its commitment to be in service of the community and to help residents learn, work, grow, create and play.