

EnviroKirn Action Group AGM OCT 2019

Chairmans Report- Eddie Costello

Welcome to the EnviroKirn AGM 2019. On behalf of the Committee I'd like to thank you for attending this evening.

My report will cover the projects EnviroKirn AG have undertaken since our last AGM in oct 18.

Firstly, RHS Keep Scotland Beautiful Competition. The Committee took the decision not to enter the competition this year. Unfortunately, we do not have enough funds, hours in the day or, even more importantly, volunteers to tackle the poor condition of Kirn roadsides and pavement areas, weeds along garden walls or indeed the poor state of repair of empty building and their grounds.

However, with the assistance of enthusiastic volunteers, we achieved the hard, routine tasks such as cleaning the concrete planters, summer planting, watering, weeding, & painting. ABC provided some bedding plants this year as well as 8 large hanging baskets. EKAG would like to thank the volunteers and the Council on your behalf.

EKAG opted for Permanent planting schemes for the larger beds at the waterfront Gardens in order to reduce the work required. The carved Kirn OWLS have proved very popular therefore we have purchased and installed a wooden DEER sculpture with permanent planting. We hope these bring a unique touch to Kirn and will be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. We will continue to review the other beds

A new environmentally friendly bench and Two picnic benches with disabled access are now in place. A great big thanks to the lads and organisers **at HELP** for laying the concrete bases and paths.

Refurbishment of the wooden benches situated along the Kirn waterfront and retail areas continues with the help of **the Men's Shed**. So far 6 benches have been completed.

Adopting a Planter scheme continues. 3 large self-watering planters have been donated to the residents of Fairhaven who have created wonderful displays at the entrances to their area.

We are continuing to work with the young people of Kirn and beyond. The pupils of Kirn Primary took part in a competition last year to name the two carved OWLS. **This year 150 pupils entered the competition to name the little DEER.** A panel of judges selected a short list of names and a second panel chose the winning name. I'm pleased to announce that our little **DEER is called BLUEBELL.** The winner of the competition is **Findlay Coltart of Kirn P7a.**

You will all be delighted to know EnviroKirn will once again be **Lighting up Kirn during the Festive Season** celebrating with a Festival Forest & Lights based around the Owls. We will be extending the lights to include the new little Deer sculpture. **Lights Switch on is 3RD DEC AT 4:30 PM.**

Santa will be visiting Kirn to see the Switch On and will be at his Grotto in Kirn & Sand bank Church Hall to chat to any children who want to tell him their Christmas wishes. ABC have never funded Kirn's festive trees and lights, this is solely funded through EKAG annual appeal.

EKA Annual Appeal letter will be issued within the next few weeks and I would encourage you and your neighbours to give generously so that we can complete our ongoing projects and carry out new and exciting projects for next year.

However, before the current Committee stands down to enable the election of a new committee I want to advise you that our current Committee now consists of only 4 members. **Although this means we are Quorate and can fulfil the three required Office Bearer positions required by our Constitution and our Charitable status, this is not enough to continue to operate as we have in previous years.**

I would like to thank you all for attending and would be delighted to hear if you have any ideas that have a low cost but high impact value to enhance our local environment.