Unconfirmed Minutes of Colinton Amenity Association's Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2026 in Colinton Bowling Club.

Present: See Appendix 1 for list of those present at the AGM.

1. Apologies for Absence: See Appendix 2.

2. Introduction

The Chairman, Tim Lawson, welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for attending both in person at Colinton Bowling Club and via Zoom. [Due to a small technical issue connecting to Zoom at the start, there was a short delay to the proceedings. Everyone was thanked for their ~~forebearance~~ forbearance while this was sorted out.]

3. Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes and Matters Arising

The Chairman said he believed the minutes circulated to members before the meeting to be an accurate record of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th December 2025, but asked if there were any errors, omissions or amendments to these Minutes from those in attendance this evening. The meeting voted the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the 2025 AGM. There were no matters arising that needed to be discussed.

Proposed: Andrew Paterson **Seconded**: Stephen Wallis. All votes were in favour of the motion.

4. Chairman's report and overview of CAA projects planned for 2025/26

"There has been a continuance of difficulty building any sort of momentum in the past year (actually only 10 months since the 2025 AGM). This is in part due to the profile of the volunteers who serve on the Executive Committee. We were joined by two new members (Steve Wallis and Ewan Campbell) after the last AGM, and their presence and help on the committee has been much appreciated as they find their feet. The size of the Executive is still some way below what it was a decade ago, though, and there is a tendency for our current Executive members to concentrate on items with which we are familiar rather than perhaps being a little more adventurous: we are in desperate need for more 'new blood' with new ideas… and particularly from the 'young family' constituent who may give a different emphasis to what CAA can do in the local area. The temporary loss of the biennial Art in the Park last year has dented recruitment of new members and we missed the opportunity to showcase our proposals for forthcoming events and items that add to Colinton's amenity, as well as to get new ideas.

We have consolidated our position in the re-amalgamation of CAA with CCCT in the past twelve months. We are getting used to our new position as the owners of 'assets' that have to be protected and maintained. We have made some cost savings in liability insurance with the amalgamation of the two organisations, and I suspect further savings can be made as we move into 2027. At the end of next year, we hand back the responsibility of maintenance of the Phoebe Traquair Railings to the houseowner, and this year has seen significant costs in bringing the condition of the railings up to scratch before that handover. I would make a direct plea to members who have special interest in the heritage items that now adorn our village to come forward with offers of help to continue the maintenance of those asset items. Please contact the CAA Secretary to declare any interest in aiding or supporting our Heritage sub-committee. John Barry joined the CAA Executive with other trustees of CCCT but has found it very difficult to attend our meetings so has tendered his resignation. The CAA marked the significant vision and effort of the late Duncan Campbell with the installation of a memorial plaque in the wall of the Triangle Steps at the start of April this year. A well-attended inaugural event saw Cllr Jason Rust uncover the stone and a large number of supporters joined us in the lower room of the Colinton Inn for refreshments afterwards.

Much of what we did last year was dominated by the extended effort involved in the planning, production and installation of the mural in Cuddies Lane. Many of us involved in the multilayered aspects of that process found things very wearing, and it was decided that we would not immediately rush into pushing towards the final phases of the Colinton Gateway Art Project as envisaged, fully linking Spylaw Park with the village by way of an art trail. Standing back for a year also helped Chris Rutterford, the lead artist in the Cuddies Lane mural phase, who had many other art projects he was working on elsewhere. We have a number of ideas as to what we can achieve and have already had

discussions with representatives of Colinton Village Enterprise SCIO, who hope to have the new information hub at 'The Shed' in Spylaw Park up and running in the new year, and also the Group Scout Leader of the 108th Pentland Scouts who share a centenary celebration with us in 2027. An attempt to ask advice early from the City of Edinburgh Heritage Planners sadly came to nothing, so any application for planning permission for the next phase will have to be made 'blind' with the risk of it being rebuffed and needing amending.

The other item that has taken up most of our time in recent months is how best to celebrate CAA's centenary next year. I will not pre-empt planned events at this meeting, as all will become clear in the 2026 issue of Colinton Magazine, which is being put together by the Magazine sub-committee at this very time. I will just let slip that we hope to provide all CAA members with a 2027 calendar with planning grid, showing all the proposed events together with selected events from the programmes of other Colinton organisations. Many of us have played a role in discussions and arrangements for our centenary, but I would like to highlight the enthusiastic efforts of Siobhán Watts who has followed up the multitude of leads from our brainstorming. We hope to have celebratory mementos available for sale during the year, so do look out for advance notices.

Finally, following on from the initial work of young Mohira who revamped the format of a website for CAA that would be more in-keeping with a membership organisation in the 2020s, Siobhán Watts has taken on board the editing and revising of images. **The CAA website is now up and running**.

So, let me finish by reiterating the need for new members of the Association's Executive to help carry the CAA into a second century. The problems we face are the same as those faced by other constituted membership organisations in a modern world, where information is supposed to be at one's fingertips without having to look for it, and where it is perhaps less fashionable than it used to be for one to volunteer one's time and get one's hands dirty helping to improve things for the community good. Please come forward to offer what skills you have and what time you can spare, to help run CAA and support its events and aims."

5. Proposed Projects for 2026-7

Colinton Gateway Art Project has had several suggestions put forward and is open to further proposals. The Executive Committee recently visited the entrance to Spylaw Park where the 108th Scouts are keen to participate in a mural featuring traditional and modern scouting activities, happy faces, painted by their own boys and girls. Down from the scout hut, on the right, some woodland could be cleared of undergrowth and a 'fairy path' for children developed. Shortly before the Gillespie Bridge, on the left, there is the possibility that lights, interpretation boards and sculptures be put in place. A sculpture of a heron installed securely on a bridge pier could be a further addition along with chainsaw-carved wooden and woven willow sculptures. Tim showed several slides of the proposals; however the project is in its infancy and all will require the approval of City of Edinburgh Council who are both the landowners and the planning authority.

At the top of Cuddies Lane to the side of Dantes, the railings will be rubbed down and painted with a water-based metalwork paint and perhaps a solar-powered lamp could be affixed to the attached topless lamp post.

6. Treasurer's Statement of Annual Accounts 2025/26

Honorary Treasurer, Gillian Battison, presented the Association's annual report and accounts, the document having previously been circulated by email and placed on the CAA website. No advance questions had been forthcoming. The accounts have been prepared on an 'income and expenditure' basis in accordance with the guidance provided by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

With bank account balances at 31st March 2026 of just under £30,000,CAA expenses exceeded income in 2025-26 by just under £3,500.

Gillian noted the following Items in relation to expenditure:

- Significant spend was made on the Cuddies Lane mural of just over £18,000. We received just under £12,000 in donations in the year. We still hold a balance of just under £3,000 from the very generous donations and fundraising to be spent on maintenance or on further related projects.
- A memorial plaque to Duncan Campbell, who was a friend to CAA and to many in Colinton, was created and installed at a cost of £2,000. The generosity of many people in Colinton meant that over 50% of the cost was met from donations.

- The cost of printing and publishing a now annual Colinton Magazine was around £2,500. In line with previous years, the costs of preparing and printing the magazine was almost equal to the income from advertising in 2025-26.
- Expenditure on our insurance premiums looks out of line with the previous year, but this is because we paid for one in April 2025 and another in March 2026, so both appeared in the same financial year.

Gillian noted the following Items in relation to income:

- We merged with CCCT during the year and funds of over £3,000 were transferred to our account. Most of this was allocated as restricted funds for the Phoebe Traquair Railings as this was a fund previously held by CCCT to cover asset responsibilities.
- CAA membership income is slightly down on last year, at around £1,900.
- This year Gillian hopes to perhaps move more of our bank balance into a higher interest account and manage those funds more regularly.

The motion was made to pass the Association's accounts for 2025/26

Proposed: Siobhán Watts **Seconded:** Libby Campbell The motion was passed unanimously

David Robinson formally resigned as Independent Examiner. Tim thanked him for ten years of exemplary service. The vacancy will be advertised locally. The Chairman asked for help in finding a new Independent Examiner well before the next AGM.

7. Vote on Constitutional Changes

Without a quorum, none of the proposed constitutional changes could be passed. However, Siobhán advised, with Cllr Savage's support, that it has become common for small charities to not meet a quorum, yet such constitutional changes still being necessary for the continuation of the charity. It is acceptable to circulate the proposed changes to all members, allowing a fortnight for members to log an objection. Members will shortly be advised of proposed changes to the Constitution.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The Chairman asked for any member who would be prepared to become an Executive Committee member to come forward. There were none amongst the small number present at the AGM. Stephen Wallis and Ewan Campbell were formally elected.

Stephen Wallis	**Proposed**: Iain Gotts	**Seconded**: Gillian Battison	Passed by the meeting
Ewan Campbell	**Proposed:** Siobhán Watts	**Seconded**: Simon Lloyd	Passed by the meeting

Some Committee members were required to be re-elected.

Re-election of Iain Gotts and Andrew Paterson

Iain Gotts	**Proposed**: Siobhán Watts	**Seconded**: Stephen Wallis	Passed by the meeting
Andrew Paterson	**Proposed:** Libby Campbell	**Seconded**: Andrew Rushworth	Passed by the meeting

No Office Bearers stood down. John Barry has resigned earlier in the year. Gillian has intimated again that she would prefer to relinquish being Treasurer as soon as someone can be found to take her place, due to having too many other commitments. The Chairman once more asked members to help and to come forward.

9. Any Other Competent Business

Penny McKee, by email, raised the fact that the dreadful potholes on Colinton Road had been raised earlier in the year with Cllr Rust, yet no action taken by 5th September 2026.

Penny McKee, again by email, advised that, on several occasions, intruders at the Cedars development had cut the electric cables to gain access into the underground car park. Police have been advised but she is aware that the Cedar residents are not alone in suffering these problems.

Appendix 1

Attendees

First name	**Surname**	
Tim	Lawson	Chair
Iain	Gotts	Vice-chair
Gillian	Battison	Honorary Treasurer
Wendy	Evans	Honorary Secretary
Andrew	Paterson	Membership Secretary
Simon	Lloyd	Executive Committee
Stephen	Wallis	Executive Committee
Siobhán	Watts	Executive Committee
David	Robinson	Independent Financial Examiner
Libby	Campbell	
Tori	Graham	
John	Jamieson	
Jennifer	Munro	
Barbara	Murray	
Andrew	Rushworth	
Moira	Savage	New member
Mike	Scott	
Cllr Conor	Savage	
Online:		
Cllr Jason	Rust	

Appendix 2

Apologies

First name	Surname	
Ewan	Campbell	Executive Committee
Paula	McClements	Executive Committee
Alex	Robertson	Transport Convener
Tolibjon	Tursunov	Executive Committee
Catriona	Burns	
John	Dent	
Ian	McKee	
Penny	McKee	
Bruce	Macdonald	
Lesley	McPherson	
Alex	Stewart	
Wendy	Stewart	
Lorraine	Veitch-Rutherford	
Cllr Neil	Cuthbert	
Simita	Kumar, MSP	
Scott	Arthur, MP	