



# 2024 LRTA AGM Chair's Report

Written and delivered by James Bastone, Treasurer,  
on behalf of Robert Law, Chair.

The last twelve months have been a time of great growth and learning for the Association. We are now the principal group responsible for organising the annual Lochee Light Night, as well as continuing to run the ever-popular Children's Club and of course our core duties of advocating for the rights of Dundee City Council tenants and working with the Council to improve facilities in the area, which over the past year has included delivering new secure bike parking facilities at Lansdowne Court, upcoming footpath improvements at the road junction of Lansdowne Gardens, the improvement work around the Lloyds Pharmacy corner of the high street, taking part in consultations on the plans for active travel routes around Lochee and many more things than I could mention here.

We work with local councillors, many of whom directly attend our meetings, and we also request the presence of Council Officers at meetings to discuss particular issues raised to us by residents, such as Dangerous Dogs, Housing Upkeep, Drainage, Anti-Social Behaviour and many others.

In conjunction with partner groups such as the DFTA (Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations) we have taken part in action to challenge the closure of face-to-face council services in Dundee, action which went all the way to the Ombudsman. We have also worked with them to shape, monitor and challenge lack of progress on the new Tenant Portal and the reforms to the Repairs Service Booking System.

But we wish to expand our remit, to allow us to support even more residents of Lochee. This is why this evening we are asking you to approve a new version of our constitution which will allow the group to offer representation and support to all residents and tenants of Lochee, whether they are tenants of the Council, Local Housing Associations, Private Landlords or they own their property. We hope that this expanded franchise will allow many more people to get directly involved in our association and remove some of the barriers that have prevented us helping as much as we can.

I also invite you all to attend our future Monthly Meetings whenever you can, as this is the most direct way for you to raise issues of importance to you, often directly speaking with local councillors and senior council staff who can look to take action on your behalf, or with whom we can arrange to speak for you. Please also visit our website at [locheeresidents.org.uk](http://locheeresidents.org.uk), which is still in development but will in future have a record of our meetings, updates about what we are working on, an events calendar, and much more.

If you are feeling especially enthusiastic, we strongly encourage you to consider being nominated to the committee, it's much less scary than you think, and all you have to do is turn up to a few meetings when you can! You can join tonight or at any future meeting.

# Treasurers Report 22-23 and 23-24

Prepared by James Bastone, Treasurer

I confirm that the accounts presented to you tonight are a true and accurate record of the finances of Lochee Residents and Tenants Association during the periods specified. I further confirm that the group remains solvent and suitable to continue operating.

The accounts are open for any person to inspect upon request, please contact us using the details below.

Grant income increased from £910 in 22-23 to £14,143 in 23-24. This is reflective of our expanded role in coordinating the finances for Lochee Light Night. The Light Night is by far the biggest item on our balance sheet, and expenditure on that was £10,478.31 in 23-24. We expect similar expenditure this year and have received similar grants, though due to the tough financial situation we have had to work much harder to secure those funds, so we cannot guarantee we will always have this level of funding available for the night.

Also of note will be a decrease in spending on our community garden and an increase in spending on the Children's Club. The children's club is now supported at around £100 a month but thanks to gifts from other community members and organisations to the club, along with prudent spending, it does not always require a payment every month.

We greatly enjoyed funding a fun day this year and hope to hold such events more regularly, throughout Lochee, and welcome suggestions for what to do and where to host it.

Its worth noting that the accounts mention the word "profit", but this is just a quirk of the accounting software used and reflects us having received more money in than we paid out over the year. We use what is called cash-basis accounting, so some of the money showing will have been subsequently spent on bills we had not received at the time of the accounting period ending. Any money not spent of course remains in the accounts and is used for other Association purposes, but the vast majority comes from allocated funding and is spent for that purpose.

## **How to contact us (for any reason)**

Come along to a monthly meeting, open to all, usually held at 5.30PM the Last Thursday of the Month, often in the Housing Office Community Room, though we are exploring other venues. (contact us for confirmation of date, time and location if unsure)

Website: [locheeresidents.org.uk](http://locheeresidents.org.uk)

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