

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

AGM 26th November 2006

Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the 2005 annual accounts which are attached. These have been inspected by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Lewis Osborne LLB CA, who has given them a clean financial bill of health. I am grateful for his timeous efforts and I will gladly propose his re-nomination.

The SCJC needs regular funding in order to operate effectively and I would like to publicly record my appreciation to the Glasgow Jewish Community Trust, as well as various other Trusts; the Scottish Council of Synagogues, the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and the Glasgow New Synagogue; as well as all the other individuals who have given their financial backing. The UK Board of Deputies realise that the SCJC perform the activities of the Board in Scotland and therefore they also provide some funding for our operations.

Over the last few years we have had considerable financial support from both the Ethnic Minority Fund and the Black and BEMIS (the Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland). I am grateful to the BEMIS Board and their Director, Mr Rami Ousta for encouraging us to develop this relationship into one now of mutual partnership, and hopefully this will continue to prove beneficial for the SCJC.

The importance of the work of the Council can be never be under valued, and although we have the support of some organisations and individuals it is a matter of regret that the SCJC has never been on a secure financial footing. Serious thought of how this can be achieved needs to be urgently considered.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank my appreciation of the work of our voluntary Director, Mr Ephraim Borowski and our employed Public Affair Officer, Mrs Leah Granat. Without their skills and on-going endeavours the successes of the SCJC would have been negligible. The SCJC Chair, John Cosgrove, and the other members of the Management Team also deserve to be congratulated for their continued dedication.

Daniel H. Clapham

Honorary Treasurer

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