Scottish Council of Jewish Communities Treasurer's Report, AGM 22nd June 2008

I have pleasure in presenting the 2007 annual accounts which are attached. These have been inspected by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Lewis Osborne LLB CA. I am grateful for his timeous efforts and I will gladly propose his re-nomination.

The Scottish Council 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 Glasgow Jewish Representative Council, the Scottish Council of Synagogues, the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and the Glasgow Reform Synagogue; as well as all the other individuals who have given their financial backing. The UK Board of Deputies realise that the Scottish Council perform the activities of the Board in Scotland and therefore they also provide some considerable funding for our operations.

During 2007, the Scottish Council benefited considerably from the fund raising efforts of Mr Edward Green. This extra income helped to produce the surplus which I am reporting this year, and it is my hope that this fund raising activity will continue in future years.

Over the last few years we have had considerable financial support from both the Ethnic Minority Fund and BEMIS (the Scottish ethnic minority infrastructure organisation). 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 SCoJeC.

The importance of the work of the Scottish Council can never be under valued, and the Council in 2007 benefited from external funding from the Scottish Government and the Clore Foundation, who are actively supporting the development of two additional projects. The funding for these projects are restricted and therefore only expenditure directly associated to the actual projects can be ascribed to those funds.

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 SCoJeC would have been negligible. Our Chairman, Dr Kenneth Collins, and all the other members of the Management Team also deserve to be congratulated for their continued dedication.

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