

Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation

CHAIR'S REPORT to AGM

4 April 2022

Charity

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation was established and registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 29 December 2016. Charity Number SC047067. Principal address of the Foundation: 3 Rosevale Crescent, Hamilton, ML3 8NX.

The Board of Trustees has discussed and accepted the duties and responsibilities of trustees.

Trustees

The following are the Trustees of the Charity:

Brian Filling Chair
Jim Tait Vice-chair
John Nelson Secretary / Treasurer
Janis Carson
David Kenvyn
Brian Purdie
Lorraine Purdie
John Stevenson
Isobel Tait

Trustee recruitment and appointment is constitutionally in the hands of the Board of Trustees. No external organisation is involved in any appointments.

Governing Document and Charitable Purposes

The Foundation's governing document is its Constitution, in which its charitable purposes are stated as:

The advancement of heritage and education, particularly through increasing knowledge and understanding of:

- (1) the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela;
- (2) his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa;
- (3) the lessons of that struggle for continued active commitment to human rights, equality and racial harmony;
- (4) the historic role of Glasgow in particular and of Scotland more generally in the world-wide campaign for his release and for human rights in South Africa.
- (5) Scotland's strong historical connection with other leading South African figures and its wider links with South Africa's history.

Patrons

The Patrons of the Foundation are:

The Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, Councillor Philip Braat.
Her Excellency Nomatamba Tambo, High Commissioner of South Africa to the UK.

The living Freemen of the City of Glasgow:

Sir Billy Connolly
Sir Kenny Dalglish
Sir Alex Ferguson

Death of our Patron, Lord Macfarlane

It is with regret that we have to report the death of one of our Patrons, the Lord Macfarlane. He was a Freeman of the City of Glasgow and when asked to become a Patron of the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation he immediately agreed and sent a substantial donation. Thereafter he made several substantial donations and although unable to attend events his daughter was in regular contact.

The Foundation sent a letter of condolence to his family and received in return a message of gratitude for our kind words.

Volunteers

A number of people have worked for the Foundation in a voluntary capacity this last year including James Tait (Statue), Annie Shanahan (Trade Unions coordination), Conrad Landin (media).

Nelson Mandela Foundation

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation has links with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, South Africa, and has received approval for its logo and design of its website. NMSMF has been in contact with the Nelson Mandela Foundation at various times throughout the past year.

Finance and fund-raising

A bank account is held with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Registration with HMRC is established allowing Gift Aid to be collected from donations. Donations may be made online via the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and PayPal. A deposit account was opened in May 2021 with the Nationwide Building Society and some funds were transferred into that account.

A budget, income and expenditure projections have been drafted.

During 2021 and early 2022 fund-raising continued to be conducted despite the Covid pandemic and lockdowns.

Kiltwalk

Several walkers (Janis Carson, Stewart Gillan, John Nelson, Annie Shanahan) took part in the 2021 Kiltwalks and raised £14064 including top-ups from the Tom Hunter Foundation (50% top-up from one event and 100% top-up from the other). The Dorrian sisters (Jacqueline Torrens,

Lorraine Purdie and Iris Dorrian) took part in the April 2022 Kiltwalk. At the time of this report the results of their fund-raising have still to be announced.

Standing Orders

A number of people continue to pay Standing Orders or pay by Direct Debit on a regular basis to the Foundation.

Events / Videos

19-21 April: STUC Virtual stall /video

The STUC was held online due to the Covid restrictions. NMSMF produced a video for the virtual stall/event. There were some technical difficulties with the STUC event so small numbers visited the stall. However, some contacts were renewed and new ones made for the Foundation.

16 June: 35th anniversary of naming of Nelson Mandela Place and 45th anniversary of Soweto Uprising

A video was produced by John Stevenson to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the naming of Nelson Mandela Place and the 45th anniversary of the Soweto Uprising and released on 16 June 2021.

The video included clips of Mandela during his visit to Glasgow in 1993; Billy Connolly speaking about the naming of Nelson Mandela Place at the Opening of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 and Brian Filling talking about the choice of street, the Soweto Uprising and apartheid as a 'crime against humanity'. Over £1000 was received in donations.

18 July: Nelson Mandela International Day

The usual reception and event for Nelson Mandela International Day could not be held due to the coronavirus pandemic. Normally a Reception and event would have been held in Glasgow City Chambers. This year, for the second time, it had to be a virtual event held on-line.

As in past years ACTSA Scotland received a grant from the Scottish Government for Nelson Mandela International Day. ACTSA Scotland commissioned NMSMF to produce a video and paid fees to some of the contributors.

The event took the form of a video which opened with the South African Mzansi Youth Choir singing in Nelson Mandela Place. The event was introduced by Brian Filling and featured Marah Louw, the South African singer, who danced on stage with Nelson Mandela when he visited Glasgow in 1993 to collect the Freedoms of nine UK cities.

In the video Marah sang, "Motla La Pula", written by Hugh Masekela, and "Nkosi Sikalele' iAfrika". Marah also sent a special message for the event. The video included a clip of Denis Goldberg, jailed in the Rivonia trial, talking about Nelson Mandela as well as contributions by a teacher and children talking about their use of the WoSDEC learning resource, "When Mandela danced in the Square". The video also included messages from Patrons of the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation, Sir Alex Ferguson and Sir Billy Connolly. The 20-minute video included footage of Nelson Mandela dancing with Marah Louw in George Square during his visit to Scotland in October 1993 and photographs of the campaign calling for his release from apartheid prison.

Combining the Facebook views and the Vimeo views (these were two separate copies of the video), a minimum of 303 people watched the video while the video was loaded a further 274 times.

Nelson Mandela International Day gave rise to donations to the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation of £3,095.

30 July 2021: Glasgow, Mandela and the Arlington Baths

On the 40th anniversary of Nelson Mandela being awarded the Freedom of the City of Glasgow and the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Arlington Baths, Brian Filling, Honorary Consul for South Africa and Chair of the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation, joined veteran broadcaster Bernard Ponsonby in conversation at an event held in the Arlington Baths.

The first half of the event consisted of the screening of the STV Tribute to Nelson Mandela on his death followed by the conversation covering the Freedom of the City, its origins, the ceremony, the AAM meeting on the same day and the aftermath. A loop of photographs from the AAM campaign provided a backdrop to the conversation.

The second half included a presentation by Brian Filling about the Soga family. Alexander ‘Lex’ R.B. Soga was a member of the Arlington Baths in 1912 whilst he was a medical student at Glasgow University. On his return to South Africa Lex Soga joined the medical practice of his father and treated the young Mandela as one of his patients.

The event concluded with a Q&A with the audience including talk of the current situation in South Africa and the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation.

4 August 2021: 40th anniversary of Nelson Mandela being awarded the Freedom of the City of Glasgow

A video released on the anniversary and produced by John Stevenson, featured a conversation between Brian Filling, NMSMF Chair and Michael Kelly, Lord Provost in 1981, about the events forty years ago. The video included messages from the Lord Provost, Philip Braat, and the South African High Commissioner, Nomatamba Tambo; and a film clip of Ciaran McHugh, solo fiddle, playing Blair McDougall’s “Nelson Mandela Welcome to the City of Glasgow” against a background of images from Robben Island where Mandela was still incarcerated in 1981.

An Appeal letter focusing on the 40th anniversary was circulated by the STUC to trade unions.

Donations relating to the 40th anniversary arising from the video and the Appeal letter to trade unions raised some £7,245.

October 2021

For Black History Month (BHM) in October 2021 two videos were produced, press releases were issued and the Foundation’s events were publicised by BHM on their website.

The videos commemorated the visit of Nelson Mandela to Glasgow to collect the Freedoms of 9 UK cities (9 October) and the birthday of O.R. Tambo (27 October).

Anniversary of Nelson Mandela's visit to Glasgow, 9 October 1993.

John Stevenson produced a video to commemorate this anniversary. The six-minute video comprised clips from Mandela's visit including extracts from his speech in the City Chambers Banqueting Hall accepting the Freedoms of nine UK cities, district and borough; the rally in George Square; and a plug for the Foundation's aim of creating a statue and its educational activity.

Anniversary of O.R. Tambo's birth (27 October)

To celebrate the birthday of Oliver Tambo a 20-minute video was produced by John Stevenson assisted by Brian Filling. The video featured O.R. Tambo speaking about the ANC and the people of South Africa's struggle and there was an extract of him addressing and answering questions at the United States National Press Club.

The video also included a brief description of O.R.'s work for, and leadership of, ANC; an extract from Nelson Mandela's eulogy at O.R.'s funeral; contributions from Mac Maharaj, Lindiwe Mabuza, Luli Callinicos, Denis Goldberg and Nomatamba Tambo; and the contemporary relevance of O.R. Tambo's life and struggle and the work of the Foundation was highlighted by Brian Filling and Sinead Stevenson in a voice-over.

22 January 2022

Brand South Africa held an event 'South Africa Meet up in Scotland' at The Biscuit Factory in Edinburgh on 22 January. It was a family day showcasing South African comedy, art, fashion and food. David Kenvyn spoke at the event.

11 February 2022

A special video to mark the anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela (11 February 1990) was produced. It included Zindzi Mandela reading the letter from her father rejecting his conditional release and calling for the unbanning of the ANC and the dismantling of apartheid.

Communications

John Stevenson designed and manages the Foundation's website, Facebook and twitter accounts.

Website

The months measured for 2021/22 are slightly different from 2020/21. If the exactly comparable dates are used it shows approximately 600 more views.

There have been 39,616 views since the website was launched. For the period 1 April 2021 to 24 March 2022 there were 6,311 views, down by 1,731 compared to the similar (but not exact) period in 2020/2021. The average monthly visits (actually based on 12 months) have moved from 2,722 to 3,300

The biggest month was July 2021 with 877 visits (566 down on the June 2020 record), closely followed by October 2021 with 861. July reflected the 'Nelson Mandela International Day'. October figures related mainly to the 9 October 1993 video on Mandela's visit to Glasgow.

There were 47 'click throughs' to Charities Aid Foundation and other donation sites like Wonderful and Kiltwalk (although this does not mean a donation was actually made).

Facebook

Facebook has 748 followers (up 17) and 723 likes (up 21) as a page. When people like or follow the page our posts show up on their Facebook. 76% of 'likers' are in the UK, 6.4% are based in South Africa, 10% in Bangladesh and the rest from 30 other countries. 56% are men and 43% women (not all likes define gender).

By far the biggest all-time daily reach (number of unique people who saw our content) was 5,300 on 17 June 2020, for the "Nelson Mandela Place 34 years on" post. Otherwise, posts in 2021/22 cover 733 for the press release for 18 July Mandela Day and 676 for the video itself. The next highest at 500 was the post about the March for Freedom, with a range of a low of 2 to a high of 349 for the rest, most on the 50-150 or so range.

Twitter

We have 325 followers (up 31) including the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Anti-Apartheid Legacy, The Lighthouse, Scottish National Jazz Orchestra, Tommy Smith (Director SNJO), Lord Provost of Glasgow, WOSDEC, Roz Foyer (STUC General Secretary), other individuals, trade unions, politicians and campaigning and political organisations. We have posted 363 tweets since the account was opened on 25 November 2017.

Unfortunately, there is no easy way to analyse how often we are retweeted overall but 'profile visits' give an idea of how many visits are made to our twitter feed and that was 31,771 in the 12-month period.

Top tweet impressions 8,206 was for Feb 2022 re Mandela's release from prison tweets.

Media

John Stevenson has been issuing media releases for the Foundation. Media coverage has included pieces in the *Herald*, *Glasgow Times*, *Scotsman*, *Daily Record*, *London Times*, *Glasgow Live*, BBC radio and television, STV and Radio Clyde.

Third Eye TV streamed an interview with Brian Filling as part of a jazz programme including the South African band, 'Brotherhood of Breath' in October 2021.

In an interview with Tukwini Mandela on International Women's Day (8 March 2022) the Foundation got a mention on the BBC show 'The Nine'. The piece included photographs of Tukwini in Nelson Mandela Place for the event celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day during her visit in 2014 on the eve of the Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow.

Publications

Two publications during 2021 included pieces about anti-apartheid movement history in Scotland. The Scottish Labour History Society published "Diverse Voices, Challenging Injustice -Banner tales from Glasgow" which included pieces by Suganya Chetty, Brian Filling and John Nelson.

In the book, “If You Don’t Run They Can’t Chase You – stories from the frontline in the fight for social justice”, edited by Neil Findlay, there was a chapter by Brian Filling about the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

CILIPS (the professional association for libraries in Scotland), following an approach by David Kenvyn, agreed to include information about the resource pack ‘When Mandela danced in the Square’ and the Foundation’s videos in their newsletter to libraries and librarians

Education

The West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WoSDEC) had previously been commissioned by the Foundation to develop educational materials about apartheid, Nelson Mandela’s life and connections with Glasgow. This had resulted in the creation of a resource pack, “When Mandela danced in the Square”, which is also available on-line.

A meeting with WoSDEC was held in March 2022 to discuss updating the resource pack to take account of recent developments in the anti-racist movement including the Black Lives Matter movement and the possible inclusion of a time capsule in the proposed statue.

Unite the union held a series of on-line seminars “Campaigns that inspire” in February 2022. Brian Filling delivered one of the talks.

Statue

The proposed site for the statue of Nelson Mandela is Nelson Mandela Place in Glasgow’s city centre.

An application to extend Planning Permission to create a statue of Nelson Mandela in Nelson Mandela Place was lodged with Glasgow City Council by James Tait, architect, on behalf of the Foundation and was approved allowing an extension until April 2024.

Considerable work has been undertaken by Janis Carson and James Tait in preparation for the design competition and the installation of the statue.

Sir Robert McAlpine (SRM) have agreed to take on the work pro-bono as Principal Contractor for the project and to undertake the required trial trenches. SRM filed the application for road closure with Glasgow City Council.

Nixon’s Structural Engineers have agreed to assume the role of Principal Designer for the project taking responsibility for reviewing the programme of work and overall responsibility for CDM (Health and Safety matters). Nixons have agreed to undertake this work pro-bono.

The Foundation confirmed Janis Carson as their named point of liaison with SRM and Nixons.

The Foundation discussed “Public Information and Signage” related to the statue based on a paper presented to the Board by Janis Carson.

Janis Carson has been investigating issues relating to the supply of granite for the statue plinth. Quotations have been received from companies for the procurement, finishing, supply,

transportation and lifting of the granite block(s). The Board of the Foundation considered reports on these matters.

Meetings

Meetings to seek advice and secure support for the Foundation have been held during the course of the year with a variety of organisations including:

- South African High Commission
- Michael Kelly, former Lord Provost
- Arlington Baths
- Gordon McDougall
- Bernard Ponsonby
- Stewart Smith
- Sir Robert McAlpine
- Nixons
- City of Glasgow College
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- WoSDEC

Policies

1 Reserves

The Trustees believe a formal policy is not appropriate at this stage. The Board of Trustees will endeavour to exercise prudent management of the charity's cash-flow and consider the question in the near future. For the foreseeable future the building of a large capital sum required for the creation of the statue is the main task.

2 Other Policies

The Foundation has developed policy statements covering the following key areas. These are kept under regular review:

- Safeguarding and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Notifiable Events.

In addition, the Board has developed and approved a GDPR Compliance Action Plan.

The Board reviewed the Risk Register at each of its meetings during 2021-2022.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 4th April, 2022 and signed on their behalf

John C. Nelson (Secretary)

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