

AYP AGM – 30TH MARCH 2026

CHAIR'S REPORT – ANDREA HOLBROOK

Tonight will be my last AGM as I am standing down as Chair this year. We are moving away (definitely this time!) and after 8 years (with a year's break) it is a good time for someone new to step in.

It has been another year of exciting activities, holiday entertainment, weekly sessions, school support and the all-important, on the ground Youth Work. This 'universal youth work' which happens, often quietly, alongside the exciting activities is the backbone of AYP. Offering a regular safe space to be, meet and have important discussions about growing up and life's 'stuff'.

We also have a group of young people who having come up through AYP and with guidance are now taking lead roles in it's future. This surely is what it's all about.

Alyth is so incredibly lucky to have AYP and the dedicated team that provide this 'service'.

At last years AGM we talked about a permanent home for AYP and were already in talks with the council about taking over the old Museum. It has been a long and drawn-out process but with taking on such an old building due diligence is a must. We have been taking advice re: works required, costings, funding, as well as looking at lease agreements.

Whilst there is still work to do to bring this project to its conclusion, what should not be overlooked is the amount of work George has already put into getting a new and permanent home for AYP. With his determination, local support and enthusiasm from the young people I look forward to seeing it when I'm back in Alyth for a visit.

Thank you as always to George and the Youth Workers, keep up the great work. A special thank you must go to the volunteers who are such an important part of the weekly schedule, adding extra skills and support to the team.

I would also like to thank the committee for their support and work throughout the year. It has been a real bonus having a few more folks to boost our established circle, it has generated extra energy and ideas.

Personally, I would especially like to thank Anne and Louise who have been with me during my whole time as Chair. Not only have they have come up with great ideas and organisation for fund raising but have supported and entertained me during our meetings. Also to George, who has made being Chair so easy and enjoyable.

I know AYP will continue to go from strength to strength and I will be watching with interest.

Andrea

A. Holbrook

30th March 2026.