

COIGACH COMMUNITY TRUST

COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL

ACHILTIBUIE

30th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd December 2025

**Trustees' Report and
Financial Statement
Independent Examiner's Report**

Coigach Community Trust Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Coigach Community trust SCIO SC024351 was formally established by a Deed of Trust on 8th January 1996

Committee of Trustees, 2025. (The Hall Committee.)

Julia Campbell and Lesley Muir – Co-Chairs

Graeme Walker

Joe Firth-Benard (moved to Ullapool Spring '25 now has stood down,)

Emma Mackenzie (Trustee and p/t employee)

The general management and control of the Trust funds and arrangements for its use are vested in the Committee listed above.

In addition, Committee meetings are attended by Julie Edwards (p/t Administration assistant and Minutes Secretary) and Alison Graham, (Treasurer.)

Objects: The trust was established by Achiltibuie Village Hall Committee with the prime object: “to erect and maintain a village hall and/or other community and cultural facilities for the use of the inhabitants of and visitors to the district of Coigach, Ross-shire”

Coigach Community Trust (CCT) Hall Committee Co-Chairs' Report 2025

Our multi-use Hall, opened 26 years ago, continues to provide an attractive, well-appointed, and affordable venue for a multitude of community activities and remains, in quality of design, build and finish, what is often described by visitors from elsewhere as one of the finest community halls in the North.

In addition to the primary hall facilities (Main Hall, lounge, spacious foyer and office/bar), the Hall building also houses: Highlife Highland Library; NHS Treatment room for GP/Nurse; office space rented to Coigach Community Development Company (CCDC); snooker/gallery space which is currently home to our 'Feelgood' pop-up hall charity shop. There is a kitchen for all users and a garden shared by all.

This year it is notable we have had only four Trustees, with the assistance of three part-time staff: Julie Edwards, Admin - 12-14 hours pw; Emma MacKenzie, Cleaner/Trustee - 12 hours pw and Alison Graham, Finance 7 hours per month.

We are lucky to have general help from volunteers and very generous financial assistance from CCDC, both through their rental of office space and their support for events and local participants; for which assistance we are extremely grateful. Without this help the Hall could not continue to function.

Summer Isles Enterprises Ltd and their 'Team Tanera' have also been active on the Hall's behalf this year with both volunteer assistance and financial assistance via The Bothan Community Fund for which the committee has extended grateful thanks. Their physical help with the larger events has been invaluable.

This year, we reiterate what has been mentioned in previous annual reports: with such a small local population in Coigach, c230, it is harder and harder to form as active a committee as we would like due to pressure of multiple commitments: both Co-Chairs have two other voluntary positions on local groups apart from their day jobs and others in the rest of the committee and the occasional volunteers are heavily committed with their own work, particularly in the months from March to October.

It is the opinion of the current small committee that we cannot carry on to effectively run the Hall with so few active members, and at the AGM, once again, we will be seeking additional members - as we have all year.

The financial success of the main events of the year such as the Coigach Gathering and Christmas Ceilidh is vital for the continued financial stability of the Hall - especially in meeting ever-increasing energy costs whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature in such a large hub for all users.

Our total energy bill for the year, October 24 to Oct 25, was circa £10,000.

Despite financial challenges, we have managed to maintain a substantial, ring-fenced pot of money for the inevitable increasing repair and maintenance bills as this large building ages. However, it should be noted that the aging demographic and falling population has a profound effect on attendance at, and subsequent income from, Hall activities.

This year's Coigach Gathering, traditionally our main fundraiser, had to be heavily constrained due to bad weather and resulted in diminished financial returns to the Hall.

Please read the Hall's Annual Financial Report along with this report for more detail on this and other references to Hall finances. A copy can be found shortly (as part of our annual OSCAR report) on the new Coigach Community Hall website www.coigachhall.org and in hard copy in the Post Office and on the Hall noticeboard.

Hall maintenance and repair and any changes of use:

With the Hall now over a quarter of a century old, the committee is very glad to have in hand the professional survey done four years ago to highlight upcoming repairs, and to have maintained a realistic sized, ring-fenced pot of money for maintenance.

*Work has begun on replacing the lighting throughout the building with a new energy-efficient system.

*The Logic Alarm System has been updated throughout the building by Highland Council.

*This year, the lounge chairs were repaired and refurbished.

*The planned kitchen refurbishment has been deferred due to financial constraints.

*The volunteer Garden Group continues to keep the hall garden looking good, for which the whole community is very grateful.

*This year, we replaced the fence and gate by the cattlegrid at the entrance to our car park.

*In January we held a Hall volunteer day where we tackled various jobs including clearing out stores, disposing of old equipment and making space for our planned installation of safer loft access

*A bi-annual specialist clean of all guttering with all windows cleaned on a quarterly basis is ongoing. .

*It was agreed to meet CCDC's proposal for a community gym by offering the rental of what has become known as the 'Feelgood Pop-up/snooker room'. This required us to dispose of the snooker table - which had been redundant for several years. It became apparent that the snooker table was limiting the use of the room and it would make economic sense if it were sold, leaving this large room available. As a 26-year-old snooker table with many on the 2nd hand market at low price, we sold it on the open market to a buyer who dismantled and collected it. We appreciate that the loss of the Feelgood Pop-Up shop will be felt by many, but with the promise of a regular rental and the expressed desire from many community members for a gym, we felt it important to accommodate the gym, initially on a pilot basis.

Plans for improvements of Hall facilities:

*Much-needed Hall kitchen refurbishment: on hold for now, pending funding.

*New, more economic and environmentally friendly heating system: we are still hoping to access funding via Scottish Government or similar grant body to move away from the expensive oil-boiler heating system and we continue to investigate. We have received quotes for more efficient gas and oil boilers to operate our under-floor heating system. However more substantial grant funding, although these funding streams are heavily over-subscribed, may be available for a heat-pump system like those used successfully by other Highland Halls. Ongoing.

*Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations: We have accessed full funding through the Energy Savings Trust Remote and Island Infrastructure Fund. Work should begin soon on the installation of two, double, fast EV charging points, meaning four vehicles can access charging at once. Once installed, these will be the first and only public fast chargers on the peninsula, an important addition to local visitor facilities. The hall will receive 25% of all profits with entire responsibility for maintenance and year-round repair being down to the installer. The Hall will have the ability to set cheaper fast charging for locals, and we intend to do so as part of our Charitable obligations.

*Safer access to the storage loft: With space cleared, and an offer of help from Team Tanera, we expect to have safer access to the loft in the near future.

Upcoming ideas for the Hall for consideration in the coming year:

*Aire: We may explore the logistics and viability of offering a simple Aire spot for 1 or 2 campervans as a potential financial support for the Hall.

*CCDC Initiative on Playparks: Might it be possible to create safer access between the Hall and the Island View playpark to avoid the danger of children running through the car park from the Hall to the playpark below at Hall events.

Staffing:

Pay for our Hall p/t staff is under regular review.

Currently, staffing comprises: Julie Edwards - Admin, 10 hours per week; Emma Mackenzie - Cleaning, 10 hours per week; Alison Graham – Accounts, 7 hours per calendar month.

*It should be noted that these p/t employees of the Hall regularly go 'above and beyond' to keep things running smoothly at the Hall and their invaluable contribution is hugely appreciated by all. *

Regular activities:

Monday New this year - evening craft/sewing group open to all, 7-9pm perhaps fortnightly.

Tuesday: Art Group meets at 11.30am to 1pm, open to all. Chair Yoga open to all, mornings. £2pp. Evening circuit training run by Coigach Community Rowing in winter months from the new year, open to all, £1 pp. Zoom Yoga, starting soon.

Wednesday: Doctors' surgery once a month, 10am to approx. 12noon; Library: 10am to 3pm; Coffees/Teas and homemade biscuits in the Lounge open to all, 10am to 1pm, small donation; Primary School children use the library and for PE in the main hall; Coigach Ladies Evenings once a month, £2 pp. After-school Lego Club, free use of Lounge.

Thursday: School age Multisports (free use of Hall); Yoga Group – group ending soon, see Tuesday's new Yoga offer.

Friday: New Parent & Tots group, all welcome, free.

Saturday: Craft and friendly chat at Stitch & Bitch, 2 - 4pm, £2 pp open to all.

Other occasional activities:

The Hall continues to provide public Wi-Fi access, available to all by voluntary donation; various sports activities in the main Hall booked privately; various community groups' meetings and AGMs are held on a regular and semi-regular basis: CCDC; CCT; Coigach Community Council; Achiltibuie Angling Club; Coigach Women's Group; Coastguard training; Coigach Community Rowing meetings and Circuit Training; Coigach Heritage; Grazings Committees; Open Book creative writing classes; Craft classes – felt making, basket making, cushion making, watercolour class (subsidised for local people by CCDC); Church use, etc. and The Hall is our local Polling Station.

The Coigach Feelgood Pop-Up charity shop:

The 'Coigach Feelgood' occasional pop-up charity shop, had proved a success with locals and visitors, making valuable income for Hall funds.

Selection of events use of Hall by community groups and others this year: the Coigach Run Annual Half-Marathon post-run food, Ceilidh and relaxation area; Coigach Heritage have held fundraising and information events. There have been various one-off events including funerals and private functions; local groups' presentations; various concerts, training sessions; illustrated talks; Hall Committee Soup & Sandwich lunches; Coigach Gathering; political meetings; Gaelic conversation group; children's parties; additional coffee mornings/afternoons run by the committee or other local groups as fundraisers; traditional music sessions and more.

Marquees: The Hall now owns three marquees that may be used by locals for a donation to Hall funds and by their providing insurance cover.

Website: The website continues to be updated and improved with a comprehensive What's On, future events listings and a Whole Community Diary to avoid event clashes. The link remains on the Visit Coigach visitor website as well as the Hall Facebook page. www.coigachhall.org We aim to set up online activity bookings.

Immediate Upcoming Events and Activities:

*The Annual Scotland/ Romania St Andrews Feast Night will take place on Saturday 29th November to celebrate both the food and culture of the Romanian workforce engaged on Tanera restoration and that of Scotland.

*The Annual licenced Christmas Ceilidh Dance with hot food is set for Saturday 27th December.

*New Year's Day Open House: last year's bacon/halloumi rolls and coffee proved very successful and segued neatly into the afternoon 'Open House.' We intend to repeat this popular event this New Year's Day. The Open House is free to all.

*Curry & Quiz Night Fundraiser - early 2026

We remain open and welcoming to community members or groups who wish to hold events, activities and entertainments in any of the Hall spaces.

Coigach Gathering 2026:

Once again this year, with volunteer/committee member availability constraints in mind, the Committee feels there absolutely must be a separate Coigach Gathering Group for 2026 and as Trustees of the Hall we stress to the wider community, especially the young and able bodied, the importance of joining a group to make the annual Gathering a success. Email coigachhall@gmail.com or sign up on the poster in the Hall foyer asking for volunteers and new committee members. You will be made most welcome. And it is fun to do!

Thanks.

The Committee of Trustees of the Coigach Community Trust wish to wholeheartedly thank; CCDC for continuing to financially support the Hall via rental of office space, payment for some entertainment events and subsidising places on workshops/courses for local residents; the hard-working volunteer Garden Group who keep the large Hall garden looking so attractive and cared-for, year round; the many volunteers not on the Hall Committee who regularly help at Hall events when they can and who do such a great job supporting our Hall all year; the aforementioned Team Tanera and the Bothan Community Fund for their very welcome contributions both in people-power and financially; Scottish Sea Farms who ran a stall for Hall funds, donated a salmon for The Gathering and transported the demonstration Whale to the Hall; Achiltibuie Stores for general and generous support throughout the year; all the wonderful Coigach cooks and bakers who support Hall events with a fantastic array of food; all the local businesses who never fail to donate raffle items; those who stay behind after Hall events to help with the inevitable clearing up effort - and lastly to the people of Coigach and visitors who support our events, thank you all.

Lesley Muir and Julia Campbell,
Co-Chairs,
Coigach Community Trust (Hall) Committee.

Coigach Community Trust SCIO (CCT) Treasurer's Report for October 2024 – September 2025

The receipts and payments account is presented monthly to the Committee of Trustees; the annual summary of this account is presented at the AGM, together with the report which will be submitted to the Scottish Charities Regulator, OSCR. We are extremely grateful to Angus McMurchy, manager of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Ullapool, for acting as independent examiner of the accounts and approving them.

It is impossible to quantify the contribution made by members of the Committee of Trustees: although finance, administration and cleaning are paid posts, there are Committee members who volunteer many hours of unpaid work for the Trust, without which the Community Hall would simply not function. We are also extremely grateful to those members of our community who volunteer to help with events and activities: with such a small core committee, their help is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Looking at the final accounts for the year, I am pleased to report that we ended the year with a small profit, although running costs continue to rise.

Although the Trust still maintains a healthy financial reserve, the Trustees are always mindful of the long-term maintenance needs of the Hall and continue to ring-fence money to be able to carry out repairs and renewals as necessary.

Income

Rentals: Income from hire and rental of rooms (main hall, lounge, community room, medical room, library) was similar to last year. The regular rents received from the CCDC (office space), HM Coastguard (training sessions), Highlife Highland (Library), Highland Council (primary school use), Ullapool Medical Practice (for doctors' surgeries) and Highland Health Board (for nurses' use) are very important to CCT income and have all contributed to keeping the Trust going during times of the year when there has been little income from other sources.

CCT is very grateful to all these organisations, as well as to individuals and local groups who hired the hall on a regular or occasional basis whether for sports, entertainments, meetings or service provision. As always, their contributions to CCT income are highly valued and thanks go to all of them for continuing to use the Hall's facilities. We also give hire of the main hall free of charge to the after-school sports sessions as part of our charitable obligations to our community, as well as the weekly Lego club which is held in the lounge.

Events: We held a number of events over the year:

- a dance following the Coigach Half-marathon in October, which raised approx. £750
- a Halloween Party at the start of November (£1500)
- a St Andrews/Romanian Night at the end of November, which raised funds for Romania as well as raising approx. £900 for our hall,
- the annual Christmas ceilidh raised £1250 and the New Year's Day Drop-in over £200.

In May there was a concert by Duncan Chisholm as well as two private parties which raised another £1100, then the Coigach Gathering at the beginning of July raised around £4000, a welcome boost to our income. As always, we are very grateful to all those who give their time to help our small committee at many of these events.

Other Fundraising income: As well as the larger events mentioned above, our pop-up shop, 'Feel Good Coigach' continued to provide a steady income for the first part of the year, totalling over £1800. Wednesday coffee mornings were also a valuable regular source of income, giving the hall £390 over the year.

Prize Draw: This year the prize draw was again roughly based on a 50:50 model, contributing about £700 to Hall income.

Expenditure

Electricity, oil and telephone: costs reduced from last year by £1100. Most of the reduction came from lower oil costs; telephone costs were up by about £300.

Repairs, renewals and maintenance: major expenditure was £3000 last December towards the cost of replacing the hall lighting and £1500 in September for replacing the fence at the entrance to the car park.

Subscriptions: The biggest costs here were £260 paid to the Performing Rights Society and £230 to Highland Council for the renewal of our Public Entertainments Licence.

Staff costs: These increased by around £800 on last year, due to wage increases based on inflation and to ensure that we comply with minimum wage levels.

Other assets

For the Playing field account, a separate report is included after this one.



..... Alison Graham, Treasurer

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities for seeing that proper accounting records are kept and that a formal statement is prepared each year. The appended accounts have been independently examined; these and the Examiner's report follow.

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of
Registered charity number
On the accounts of the charity for the period
Set out on pages

Independent examiner's report on the accounts								v2
Charity name								
Coigach Community Trust SCIO								
Registered charity number								
SC024351								
Period start date					Period end date			
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
01	October	2024	to	30	September	2025		
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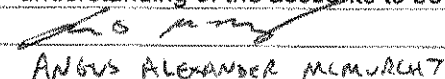
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
Basis of independent examiner's statement
Independent examiner's statement

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:**  **Date:** 25TH NOV 2025

Name: ANGUS ALEXANDER MCMURCUTT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): PROFESSIONAL BANKER CERT. CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS (SCOTLAND)

Address: 12 ARGYLE STREET
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*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.
** OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

Coigach Community Trust SCIO
 Scottish Charity No: SC024351
 Financial year 1st October 2024 - 30th September 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Restricted funds £	2024-25 Total £	2023-24 Total £
Receipts				
Donations				3500
Grants	0	5250	5250	
Receipts from fundraising activities	21723	2427	24150	21611
Trading receipts	395		395	1346
Income from investments	1459		1459	831
Rents from land & buildings	20240		20240	20665
Total receipts	43818	7677	51494	47953
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities	8881	1058	9939	8488
Gross trading payments	36728		36728	35445
Grants and donations	280	1978	2258	965
Total payments	45889		48925	44898
Net receipts / (payments)	-2071	7677	2569	3055
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-2071	7677	2569	3055

Coigach Community Trust SCIO
Scottish Charity No: SC024351
Financial year 1st October 2024 - 30th September 2025

Statement of Balances

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Restricted funds £	2024-25 Total £	2023-24 Total £
Bank and Cash funds				
Cash and bank balances at start of year	19591	82296	101887	100796
Surplus / (deficit)	-2071	7677	2569	3055
Cash and bank balances at end of year	13660	89972	103633	103850
Closing balances 30th September 2025				
Santander savings account			40200	79749
Prize draw bank account			0	20
RBS Main Current account			18301	19613
RBS Liquidity Manager account			41043	0
Playing Field account			3664	2296
Cash account			424	210
Total bank & cash funds			103633	101887

The notes on the following page form an integral part of these accounts

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature:  _____

Print Name: JULIA CAMPBELL _____

Date of approval: 1/12/25 _____

Coigach Community Trust SCIO
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Notes to the accounts

Coigach Community Trust SCIO has income below £250 000 and as such is eligible to prepare its accounts on a Receipts and Payments Basis. The governing document does not require the charity to prepare fully accrued accounts and neither does it require an audit.

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain an unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds are only used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when grants are received for specific purposes or when money is raised for specific purposes.

The Donation of £3500 in 2023-24 is restricted to funding activities/events aimed at older members of the community.

The Restricted Grant (1) of £450 was from Coigach Community Development Company (CCDC) to pay for a band at the Christmas Ceilidh fundraiser. Grant (2) of £4800 from CCDC enables the Trust to undertake activities such as workshops to promote health and wellbeing in members of the community.

The Restricted funds of £80 000 shown on the Statement of Balances is money set aside for long-term maintenance costs, thus enabling repairs and renewals to be carried out when necessary.

The Playing Field is one of the assets of Coigach Community Trust and is managed by a separate group from the main committee of Trustees. Receipts to this account and payments from it are restricted for uses such as repairs and renewals to the playing field and its surrounds, as well as costs incurred in organising an annual half-marathon fundraiser.

Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to any charity trustee during the year.

Emma Mackenzie sits on the committee of Trustees; she is also employed as the cleaner for Coigach Community Hall, the main asset of the Trust and receives a regular salary for this. It should be noted that this is separate from her role as a Trustee, for which she does not receive any remuneration.

Coigach Community Trust SCIO
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Financial year 1st October 2024 - 30th September 2025

Breakdown of funds

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Restricted funds £	2024-25 Total £	2023-24 Total £
RECEIPTS				
<i>Receipts from Grants & Donations</i>				
Donations				3500
Grants (1)		450	450	
Grants (2)	0	4800	4800	
Total Receipts from grants & donations	0	5250	5250	3500
<i>Receipts from fundraising activities</i>				
Bar takings	7599		7599	4440
Income from fundraising events	12660		12660	13331
Prize Draw receipts	1464		1464	1608
Playing field receipts	0	2427	2427	2232
Total Receipts from fundraising activities	21723	2427	24150	21611
<i>Trading receipts</i>				
Door entry card renewal/replacement	55		55	85
Misc income	305		305	1160
Showers	10		10	20
Wi-fi income	25		25	81
Total trading receipts	395		395	1346
<i>Income from investments other than land and buildings</i>				
Savings accounts interest	1459		1459	831
<i>Rents from land & buildings</i>				
Hire of lounge	1793		1793	1617
Hire of Main Hall	3853		3853	3811
Doctors: hire of medical room	5958		5958	7195
CCDC: hire of room for office	4600		4600	3500
Highlife Highland: hire of room for Library	1371		1371	1987
Highland Health Board: hire of medical room	2664		2664	2555
Total Rents from land & buildings	20240		20240	20665
Total receipts	43818	7677	51494	47953

PAYMENTS*Expenses for fundraising activities*

Bar costs incl. licences	4351		4351	2671
Events costs	3926		3926	3454
Prize Draw payments	605		605	605
Playing field account payments	0	1058	1058	1758
<i>Total Expenses for fundraising activities</i>	8881	1058	9939	8488

Trading payments

Heat & light	8075		8075	9576
Telephone & internet costs	1036		1036	716
Refuse collection	263		263	273
Insurance	2454		2454	2357
Office costs	257		257	299
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	9062		9062	7785
Subscriptions, Licences	511		511	225
Bank charges/reconciliation differences	-27		-27	0
Staff Costs	15096		15096	14214
<i>Total Trading payments</i>	36728		36728	35445

Grants and donations

CCDC Grant spend		1978	1978	664
Donations	280		280	302
<i>Total Grants and donations</i>	280		2258	965
Total expenses	45889	1058	48925	44898

Net Income	-2071	6619	2569	3055
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OVERVIEW

The Achiltibuie Playing Field and its surrounds are part of the fixed assets of the Coigach Community Trust. No charges are made for using the Playing Field to any users. This way the Trust discharges its charitable obligations to the community. It is therefore vital the Playing Field continues to be insured within the Trust.

ACTIVITIES

The Playing Field continues to be a vital asset to the School being used regularly during School time as well as weekends and summer evenings for informal sessions by people of all ages. There continues to be a good relationship with Coigach Community Rowing with the boat shed having been on the site for eleven years.

The Coigach Gathering once again took place on the Playing Field in the Summer in conjunction with the Village Hall.

The Coigach Half Marathon took place in October with another impressive turnout of seventy seven runners. This again has provided a vital boost to the Playing Field funds aided by the successful selling of Half Marathon T shirts on the day. This year the catering was taken on by SIE with funds channelled to the Bothan Fund which focuses on the local community.

MAINTENANCE

Highland Council have continued to cut the grass during the 2025 Summer. The trees have now created a substantial windbreak thanks to previous work carried out by SIE.

Rabbit holes continue to be a serious problem even with a substantial culling.

The South end goal has been replaced.

Harry's bench which overlooks the Playing field is in the process of being replaced by Simon Mackenzie with hard wood and should be complete early in 2026.

Gordon Urquhart from Ullapool has accepted the job to replace the pedestrian gate and fencing railings around the cattle grid at the entrance to the playing field. This work will take place in January 2026. Once complete we intend to replace the original sign to the Playing Field which is detached and damaged.

PERSONEL

The Half Marathon group of Mark Irvine ,Angus Macleod ,Gerry Irvine, and Lizzie Williams welcomed the addition of Jeff White who has brought new energy and improvements .

The Playing Field Committee remain unchanged and are actively seeking more members for new ideas and enthusiasm !

Mark Irvine (chair)

Angus Macleod (Treasurer)

Alasdair Macleod (vice chair)

COIGACH COMMUNITY TRUST: PLAYING FIELD ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 2024 – 2025

RECEIPTS	£	£
Opening Balance on 1 st October 2024		2,295.74
Half Marathon Entries	1,470.00	
Sale of Half Marathon T-shirts	956.56	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,426.56	
PAYMENTS		
Scottish Athletics Association	132.00	
Goal post repairs	201.54	
Cups and medals for 2025	261.91	
T-shirts for sale at 2025 run	462.58	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,058.03	
Excess of receipts over payments		1,368.53
CLOSING BALANCE at 30 th September 2025		3,664.27

Note: The figures for Total Receipts (£2,295.08), Total Payments (£926.55) and Excess (£1,368.53) are incorporated into the main Trust Balance Sheet.

Angus Macleod, 3.11.2025