

**Garmouth and Kingston Community Association
Trustees' Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the period ending 31 October 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Garmouth & Kingston Community Association

Charity No

SC050545

Address

MacLean's Buildings, High Street, Garmouth, Moray, IV32 7NQ

Trustees in 2024-25

Lorraine Boyne

David Bremner

Margaret Crowe

Joe Duncan

Dolly Grant

Marina McLennan (resigned 27 March 2025)

Fiona Nicholson

Mark Palmer

Roddy Robertson (Chair)

Nigel Sanderson

Barbara Walker

Nicholas Walklet

Gill Troup (co-opted 13 August 2025)

Louise Henderson (co-opted 15 October 2025)

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Association was registered as a Charity by OSCR on 28 October 2020. It is governed by the constitution as approved by OSCR. This charity was created with the explicit intention of providing a modern governance structure for the villages' community assets and services, replacing older governance arrangements.

Appointment of Trustees

One of the elected Trustees has intimated that he will step down with effect from the AGM in March 2026. Another resigned earlier in the year. Therefore, there are 2 vacancies available for election at the AGM.

Of the remaining Trustees, several were appointed at the same time and therefore will all reach the point where they will have to step back for at least a year at the

same time; as such there is a need to give some thought to planning for a phased transition.

Management

The Trustees of the organisation are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Association. Committees, each led by one or more Trustees and reporting to the meetings of the Trustees, have been established to focus on specific aspects of the Association's work: Maggie Fair/Fundraising Committee; Community Hub Committee; Village Hall Committee.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The constitution provides the following clarification as to the purposes of the organisation:

The organisation's main purpose is to support the wellbeing of people in the communities of Garmouth and Kingston and the surrounding area, by providing facilities and activities that promote community cohesion and development and the wellbeing of individuals. In particular: -

- a. The advancement of community development and in furtherance of the above purpose, we will carry out the following activities:
 - i. Providing, maintaining and managing the Village Hall, the Garmouth Park and the Community Hub as focal points for village engagement and resilience and as venues that can be used for sporting, recreational, educational, heritage and cultural pursuits and activities in order to improve the wellbeing of residents and visitors to the area;
 - ii. Supporting local people to identify and articulate their needs and act to address those needs.
- b. The provision of sporting and recreational facilities, and the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. In furtherance of the above purpose, we will carry out the following activities:
 - i. Delivering community based events that bring together members of the community and thereby promote social interaction;
 - ii. Providing both individuals and groups/clubs with the opportunity to book the organisation's facilities for the purposes of taking part in and/or providing sporting and recreational classes/activities
 - iii. Maintaining the Garmouth Park and other areas of amenity land in the villages
 - iv. Helping to maintain the local network of footpaths and to ensure effective signage so that local residents and visitors are encouraged to explore the area and learn about its heritage and natural history
- c. The advancement of the arts, heritage and culture by providing access to facilities for drama, music and other entertainments and to encourage participation in music, theatre and other creative arts amongst the Community;

- d. The advancement of education for the community about its environment, culture, heritage and history to include the delivery of exhibitions, presentations, displays, demonstrations and talks in order to increase knowledge about the village and its history and ecology.

Activities

The main activities and services that are overseen and supported by the organisation are:

- the annual village fair (Maggie Fair) and other fund-raising activities
- the Garmouth & Kingston Village Hall
- the Garmouth & Kingston Community Hub
- the maintenance of Garmouth Park and other open spaces, a historic former water tower, a sensory garden, several defibrillators and the local footpaths.

Achievements and Performance

In the period November 2024 to October 2025 some significant aspects of the Association's achievements and performance were:

- organising a very successful village fair in June 2025
- organising a village duck race
- organising carol singing in the run-up to Christmas
- organising a village ceilidh between Christmas and New Year
- establishing a committee to manage and plan for the development of the Village Hall
- increasing the number of activities running in the Village Hall to include yoga, dance classes, film nights, and musical and theatrical performances
- securing grant funding to purchase three sets of solar panels with battery storage for use in supporting community resilience and powering equipment used in maintenance, and also to provide portable power units for the village fair and other activities
- replacing a life-expired gazebo in Garmouth Park (thanks to the generosity of a local resident)
- increasing the range of food collected for the Foodshare offering at the Community Hub
- providing facilities for a number of village groups and activities, including: the Book Club; the Art Group; the Craft Group; indoor bowling; the Community Allotment
- supporting the work of the Community Garden
- increasing membership of the Association (currently membership is 87 people)

Financial Review

The annual accounts are presented in a separate document. These show that the Association has established a strong financial position. However, there is a lot of work required to upgrade the Village Hall and grant funding will need to be sought to supplement whatever funds the Association is able to provide for the work.

Plans for Future Periods

The Association will continue to manage the Community Hub, the Village Hall and the various open spaces in order to provide the best service and amenities for local people. Because it is reliant on volunteers for most of this work, efforts will continue to encourage new people to volunteer some of their time.

A major focus for the year 2025-26 will be on community engagement. To that end information was being prepared which is being delivered with the Spring 2026 newsletter as the starting point for direct engagement with individuals in the Community to provide a stronger evidence-base of local opinion to help shape the direction of the Association. The intention is to engage with as many members of the community as possible, whether or not they are members of the Association.

Concerns have been expressed by the community about partial collapse of the Spey Viaduct and the loss of the cycle and pedestrian route it provided. While the Association has no formal locus in this matter it will assist in voicing community views as the plans for the future of the bridge unfold.

Approved by the Trustees on 25 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Roddy Robertson Chair