



KCBF Chair's Report 2025

Period: 1st Jan 2025 – 31st December 2025

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Trustees:

Matthew Prosser, Secretary (Co-opted 10.03.26)

Debby Taylor (Co-opted 10.03.26)

Tara Livornese (Elected at AGM 28.08.25)

Colin Thomson, Treasurer (Elected at AGM 25.09.24)

Laura Henshall, Former Secretary (Elected at AGM 25.09.24, standing down at 2026 AGM)

Duncan Fairbrother, Chair (Elected at AGM 25.09.24, standing down at 2026 AGM)

Andy Cooper, KCC representative (Elected October 2024) - KCC currently in abeyance as of April 2026

Lisa MacCorquodale & Lucas Livornese, KHS representatives (Elected October 2024, stood down in July 2025)

Catriona Spence (Stood down April 2025)

Yvonne Rosie (Stood down March 2025)

Hamish MacPherson (Stood down March 2025)

Charity Objectives and Activities:

The KCBF is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

KCBF helps the residents of Kinlochleven by working with groups and organisations to achieve the following:



The advancement of education, the advancement of health, the advancement of citizenship or community development, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, the advancement of public participation in sport, the provision of recreational facilities, or 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, the advancement of environmental protection or improvement, the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.



2025 Overview

Board and Management Updates

The AGM was held in August 2025. All trustees were in attendance. Tara Livornese was elected as a new trustee..

The two representatives from Kinlochleven High School Lucas Livornese and Lisa MacCorquodale stood down at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. KHS has been approached to offer the role to new pupils for 2025/6.

Yvonne Rosie, Hamish MacPherson and Catriona Spence stood down from their positions as trustees in March/April 2025 after several years in office.

Throughout 2025 the trustees worked closely with the Voluntary Action Lochaber team to update the organisation's policies, guidance for applicants, improve the application form / make it available online and amend the scoring matrix used when considering applications.

The KCBF website (www.kcbf.co.uk) was launched in Autumn 2025 which hosts the application form, guidance for applicants and membership/trustee application forms, as well as publishes dates for upcoming applications and minutes of all meetings. Google Drive is now used for all the Fund's files and for storing applications, to make operations more streamlined and secure. The fund also now has email addresses for chair, treasurer and secretary and two laptops were purchased for the office bearers.

2025 Funding Rounds

There were three funding rounds in 2025 (February, June and October). A total of 22 applications were received over the three rounds, of which 17 were approved, as detailed in the table below.



2025 Summary of Grants Awarded

Round	Applicant	Description	Granted
Feb 2025	Island Park	Primary Football	£442.39
Feb 2025	Liine Dancers	Insurance	£94.10
Feb 2025	Kinlochleven High School	Gardening Club	£464.49
Feb 2025	Leven Centre	Gym Equipment	£4,539.75
Feb 2025	Island Park	Gala	£4,645.23
Feb 2025	Ewen's Room	Wellbeing Sessions	£5,000.00
Feb 2025	Kinlochleven High School	School trips	£5,412.00
Feb 2025	Kinlochleven Primary School	School trips	£3,425.60
Feb 2025	Kinlochleven & District Motorcycle Club	Trials Equipment	£5,789.06
Feb 2025	Christmas Lights	Christmas Tree	£20,237.00
Feb Funding Round Total			£50,049.62
June 2025	South Lochaber Bowmen	Equipment	£710.83
June 2025	Island park	Fireworks	£3,104.79
June 2025	Kinlochlovin	Youth sessions	£2,752.00
June 2025	Line Dancers	Hall rental	£720.20
Jun Funding Round Total			£7,287.82
Oct 2025	Colin Thomson	Pool table	£1,647.00
Oct 2025	Lucky2BeHere	Defib	£700.00
Oct 2025	Community Garden	Garden supplies	£554.30
Oct 2025	Nick Wright	Place Plan	£188.80
Oct Funding Round Total			£3,090.10
2025 Total			£60,427.54



2025 Finance Overview

The total awarded in 2025 was £60,427.54, well in excess of the amount received in grants from Green Highland Energy which in 2025 totalled £48,437.82. At the end of 2025, there was, however, still a large amount of funds available as shown in the financial overview below.

The rows highlighted in yellow are the operating and capital costs for the fund. Costs for the website hosting, domain name and email hosting will be reimbursed in 2026 but total less than £300 for 3 years subscription. This is therefore significantly lower than the £2,000 budget agreed at the 2024 AGM for the fund's operating costs.

Note that a £15,000 grant awarded to Point Five in 2024 has not yet been paid as this is conditional on the lease for the former Ice Factor building being signed, which is expected to happen within the next 12 months.

1st Jan-31st Dec 2025 Finance Overview

1-Jan-2025	Opening balance		£108,097.71		
		Total In	£48,437.82		
		Total Out	£60,739.03		
31-Dec-2025	Closing balance		£95,796.50		
Date	To/from		In	Out	Balance
1-Apr-2025	Island Park	Primary Football		£442.39	£107,655.32
1-Apr-2025	Liine Dancers	Insurance		£94.10	£107,561.22
1-Apr-2025	Kinlochleven High School	Gardening Club		£464.49	£107,096.73
1-Apr-2025	Leven Centre	Gym Equipment		£4,539.75	£102,556.98
1-Apr-2025	Island Park	Gala		£4,645.23	£97,911.75
1-Apr-2025	Ewen's Room	Wellbeing Sessions		£5,000.00	£92,911.75
1-Apr-2025	Kinlochleven High School	School trips		£5,412.00	£87,499.75
28-Apr-2025	Kinlochleven Primary School	School trips		£3,425.60	£84,074.15
	Kinlochleven & District				
28-Apr-2025	Motorcycle Club	Trials Equipment		£5,789.06	£78,285.09
28-Apr-2025	Christmas Lights	Christmas Tree		£20,237.00	£58,048.09
14-Jul-2025	South Lochaber Bow	Equipment		£710.83	£57,337.26
14-Jul-2025	Colin Thomson	Laptops		£161.49	£57,175.77
26-Aug-2025	Island park	Fireworks		£3,104.79	£54,070.98
26-Aug-2025	Kinlochlovin	Youth sessions		£2,752.00	£51,318.98
26-Aug-2025	Line Dancers	Hall rental		£720.20	£50,598.78
26-Aug-2025	Lochaber Hydro	Hydro scheme	£13,549.50		£64,148.28
22-Sep-2025	VAL	Audit		£150.00	£63,998.28
19-Nov-2025	Colin Thomson	Pool table		£1,647.00	£62,351.28
19-Nov-2025	Lucky2BeHere	Defib		£700.00	£61,651.28
19-Nov-2025	Community Garden - Penny	Garden supplies		£554.30	£61,096.98



19-Nov-2025	Nick Wright	Place plan		£188.80	£60,908.18
20-Nov-2025	Lochaber Hydro	Hydro scheme	£34,888.32		£95,796.50



Objectives for 2026

The full report of 2026 funding and other activity will be given in the 2026 Trustees' Report, but below is a summary of the 2026 objectives and progress to date (April 2026).

Objective	Progress
Distribute funding in 3 funding rounds throughout the year	Funding rounds in February complete. Funding rounds for June and October scheduled.
System for supporting applicants with applications to reduce errors and requests for more information by trustees.	Proposed and approved March 2026. To be implemented by end of 2026
Grant agreements and monitoring process to be introduced	Drafted March 2026, to be implemented from June 2026 funding round
Appoint new trustees to bring the total back to 6 following resignations in April 2026	Two new trustees co-opted in March 2026 with interest from several others, some of whom attended the March meeting and we hope will join in future.

Chair's Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DF", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Name: Duncan Fairbrother

Position: Chair

Date: 03/04/2026