

Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 January 2026

CHARITY NUMBER SCO07350

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

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Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

Governing Document

Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club are an unincorporated charity. As governed by our constitution, the club provides activities, which further personal development, cultural education and training of young people to make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

Charitable Purposes

The objects of the Club are:

- To advance the education and training of young people at large in rural issues, agriculture, homecrafts and related subject.
- To advance the development of active citizens through development off individuals involvement within their local community and leadership of their Young Farmer Group.
- In the interests of social welfare of young people in rural Scotland provide and promote the provision of activities for recreation and other leisure time occupations which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities and self-reliance and individual responsibility.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

The management committee, which normally meets approximately 10 times throughout the year (committee meetings) are the charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to all members of Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting which is held in March.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We have a wide and varied range of activities which we aim to have something for everyone. These are both agricultural based and non-agricultural to keep both our summer and winter syllabus appealing to all. We also encourage all our members to take part in competitions offered by AAYFC and SAYFC.

Achievements and performance

Written by club chairman, Ryan Kennedy –

The year started off at the AGM on the 3rd of March 2025, Fiona and myself took over the reins as chairman and secretary from Harry and Morven. And with the new office bearers and committee elected we were raring to go.

Saturday the 8th of March seen us take to the stage for Ayrshire Talent Spot with "Only fools and Hillbillies". The cast came home in 1st place with an amazing 94 1/3 points while also picking up the best act out with the winning concert of the year with 'It's a dog's life'. A massive thank you must go

to our production team Gavin and Elma Watson for all their hard work and effort for helping us put on the best possible show.

Our first club event of the year was the clay Pigeon shoot on the 16th of March held at Davidson farm by kind permission of the Nicol Family. On the day it was the young team that was showing us how it's done with Jamie Morton just edging out Ian Howie in a shootout.

On the 20th of March we had our mock auction and evaluation at 'W & E Lammie' in conjunction with New Cumnock YF. Thanks to Adam brown for being the auctioneer on the night.

22nd of March seen us descend on Maybole town hall for the rally queen dance Massive well done to Morven Guthrie for coming out top on the night. With the next day was the Tractor and telehandler competition at low Carston farm by kind permission of the Howat family

The cast then headed to the Armadillo in Glasgow to compete in the West Region Talent Spot Competition, hitting the big stage and up against some tough competition WE DID IT and the cast came away winning the Wisemen Crystal Thistle trophy placing 1st place with 90 1/3 points. Once again, a massive thanks must go to Gavin and Elma. It wouldn't have been possible without you!!

Sunday 30th of March we held our football and netball tournament in conjunction with Crossroads Young Farmers and the following night we hosted our sports night at Turnerhill Farm with a great turnout of members

On the 2nd of April we had our new members night with a great turnout of 40 new and old members taking part. Thanks to the junior committee for organising the games on the night.

8th of April we had two teams competing in the rally mock auction. Well done to both teams for picking up 2nd and 4th on the night.

14th of April we had our Hockey tournament in conjunction with Ayr young farmers at Doonside playing fields. A huge thanks goes to Marion Hunter for umpiring the games and we appreciate the support from other clubs with their attendance. Our Mauchline team went on to place second on the night.

Next up was Kilmaurs show with the rally dairy calf show and the Ayrshire tug of war competition. It was a successful day for the club with top prizes including Rachel Templeton winning champion in any other breed and reserve champion overall and Andrew Watson winning the showmanship. The girls got 1st in the Tug o war, and the 2 boys teams placed 3rd and 4th out of 4 teams.

21st April Fiona and I hosted a cake tasting night, thanks to Moira Gemmell and Anne Allan for judging and giving us some pointers.

On the 22nd of April some of our budding sporty members and myself headed along to Marr Playing Fields to compete in some rally sport competitions. With Gavin Kirkland and Harris Ritchie winning cross country, Kate Drummond winning long jump and the mixed hockey team placing 2nd.

Sunday 27th was the Rally football and netball tournaments. Huge well done to all those involved, earning 3rd place for netball and the boys did very well to place 1st in the football even though they had Alistair in nets.

Moving into May, it was time for Catrine show, with face painting, yf tent and bar. It was a busy day for everyone.

On the 17th was Ayr show with Mauchline members competing at tug of war, Stock Judging and handicrafts. Special mention to our senior handicrafts team picking up 1st place, with Lauryn Hanlon and Amy Howat gaining special awards for their items.

Saturday the 24th of May rally day. The day was non-stop with members competing in every competition. Some short highlights of the day include Sienna Nisbet winning the best limousine and Katie Watson winning the novice trophy after showing 3 calves on her own. There were many other certificates picked up throughout the day with Mauchline winning the overall in the handicrafts, baking and sports. On the night we made history by becoming the first ever joint winners of the rally trophy with Crossroads YFs. Although winning is nice the real highlight for Fiona and myself is the team spirit on the day and seeing how much effort everyone put into it. I can't describe how proud we were.

The next day we held a BBQ at Daldorch farm to celebrate and say thank you to everyone for their contributions, big or small, and celebrate we did. with over 60 members there on the day. Moira and Neil were definitely kept busy on the grill.

On the 31st of May we had 2 teams competing at west tug of war, unfortunately with a strong field in both sections they were unable to go through to the next round.

During the month of May our committee took on the challenge of 100 Miles in May where they had to cover 100 miles each whether that was walking, cycling or running. Our members took this in their stride in an already jam-packed month and managed to raise £1417.50 for Cancer Research. A great amount raised for such a worthwhile cause.

On 20th of June, it was of course time for the highland show, with members competing at a national level.

The senior handicrafts team placed first with Fiona winning a special prize for her decorated cake and Karen and Kiki winning a special prize for appearance and display, our junior handicrafts team also did very well to place second.

Onto the stock judging, massive congratulations to Daneil Hodge who placed 2nd in overall stockman of the year, and to Daniel and Harry Bell who were part of the winning team lifting the Glasgow Herald Trophy. Also, a Well done to our junior stock judges with Robbie Mitchell being part of the 3rd place junior team and Fraser Sloan being part of the winning team.

To finish off June we had our car treasure hunt with 36 cars participating. Thanks must go to Anne Crawford and Liz hodge for making up this year's treasure hunt. Thankfully I've got their names written down this time so no chance of forgetting them tonight.

On the 18th of July we hosted the blind drop at Daldorch. All teams did eventually make it back to the farm, despite the bumpy ride some of our passengers may have faced after some of Kerr's off-road driving.

3rd of August we had a slip and slide followed by some pizzas, thanks to Kilmaurs YF for inviting us along to join them, it was great fun.

10th of August we took our tent along to the Ayrshire 80th anniversary fun day at Langholm where we hosted a beat the goalie. By the end of the day, I was battered and bruised with them just smacking the ball at me all afternoon.

On the 14th we held our club bowling event at LA Bowl with 40 members attending. David Howat and Fiona Gemmell came out on top as king and queen pin. We then later took a team the Ayrshire round where they finished second with Kyle and Fiona winning king and queen pin respectively.

17th of August was our beef cattle dressing in conjunction with crossroads YF. Thanks to the hunter family for hosting us and Andy Ireland for judging.

Later on that evening we had our matter of opinion night, it was good to see some experienced speechmakers there and some people looking to give it a go for the first time. Thanks to Gavin Gilliland for being the question master and Dianne Woodburn and Jennifer Musson for judging on the night. Also, to Julie Clark for coming along to give some help and advice to the participants.

On the 21st we had our Grand Dairy Stock Judging in conjunction with West of Scotland Holstein club at Muir farm by kind permission of the Watson family. It was great to see tremendous support with 135 competitors. Well done to Katie Watson for winning overall on the night. Thanks, must go to Cameron McGregor for judging, Robbie Duncan for providing burgers and to all the sponsors for helping make this event possible. We also managed to raise over 2 thousand pounds for the Ayrshire hospice charity from the bar and the auction of two Manchester united tickets which were kindly donated by Campbells fuels.

Then next day we welcomed 13 members from Glenno Valley YF in Northern Ireland for our exchange. It was a fun filled weekend which included, Adam Smith's 21st, an Ayr rugby match, Beith's bongos bingo and to finish off a tour of Laigh Tarbeg farm by kind permission of the Watson family. They enjoyed having a nosey so much they hung about and ended up missing their ferry home.

29th of August saw the return of the Beef and Sheep Stock Judging in conjunction with Ayr YF at Fisherton farm by kind permission of the Currie family. Congrats to Helen Beattie who won overall on the night. A massive thank you must go to the Currie family, the judge John Couser and all the sponsors. On the same night Ayrshire held their stock judging where Mauchline had 3 teams competing with us getting a 2nd in the senior and winning the juniors.

30th of August we had our joint cup filling with crossroads at shackle hill farm, thanks to the Scott family for having us along.

12th of September was our pub quiz and games night at Cumnock rugby club
And on the 25th we held our second new members night of the year at Mauchline church hall. Again, thanks to the junior committee for organising the games.

4th of October Fiona and myself headed along to Maybole to compete in Ayrshire Mr and Miss young farmer with both of us placing 2nd on the night. We then also both went onto compete in the west area competition.

On the 11th, we had our dairy cattle dressing at Outmains farm by kind permission of the Wilson family. We had 6 teams competing with Max Bryson and Max Wyllie winning the senior section and Frazer Sloan and Myself winning the junior section. Thanks to Cameron McGregor for judging and giving some advice to our competitors on the day. Heading to the Ayrshire round, we had Kerr and

Murray Sloan winning seniors as well as Fraser Sloan and Eilean Harvey winning juniors. Progressing to national level Frazer Sloan and Andrew Watson placed second in the juniors and Max Bryson and Max Wyllie placed second in the seniors with Kerr and Murray Sloan placing just behind in 3rd.

Sunday 13th was Ayrshire roots and industrial. It was great to once again fill out every entry. Well done to our foursomes' team for winning their section going onto place second at nationals with Fiona picking up a special prize for her flowers.

21st of October saw the return of our whist drive for the first time since covid. This event was greatly supported with us managing to get 20 tables. Also, a big thanks to our sponsors on the night.

On the 18th of October we went along to support John Caldwell, Alexa Bennington and Emily Kirkland as they competed in the junior speechmaking, congrats to them for placing second on the night. With the team then going onto place 3rd at west.

Saturday 1st of November was the Ayrshire lamb dressing. Well done to Robbie and Alexander Mitchell for placing second in the junior section.

On the 7th of November it was our turn to head across the water for our away leg of the exchange with 19 members making the journey, a lot of great memories were made with events including, a night at their local pub with pizzas, watching a game at Larne rugby club. Belfast for the party bikes and to bongos' bingo that night, then the Sunday morning we had a farm tour at one of their members farms, fair to say it was a big weekend, and the ferry home was a bit ropery for some, myself included.

Next up on the 14th was our surprise meet. We ended up heading to flip out in Glasgow where we all realised bouncing about for a couple hours isn't as easy as it was when we were 10. Thanks to Kerr and Lauryn for organising the event.

On the 16th our members headed up to Edinburgh along with Kilmaurs YF to watch Scotland play Argentina in their autumn international test.

20th of November, we went to stair for our concert DVD and pizza night to get everyone excited for concert, we also went through the summer syllabus.

Next up was our charity fashion show on the 23rd in conjunction with Ayr and Kilmaurs YF where our members took to the catwalk strutting their stuff and Max and Neil showed the girls how to pull off a fascinator properly. From the day we managed to raise £3,149 for the big build. Thanks to the sponsors, boutiques and everyone else who made the day possible.

On the 27th of November we had 2 teams head along to Ayrshire County cooks, well done to Eilean Harvey and Mollie Guild for placing 2nd.

On the 8th of December we started to get into the festive spirit as we had a wreath making night with Beith YF kindly led by James Gemmell.

Next up was the Christmas eve dance on the 24th where Santa even made an appearance. Thanks to Boswells for having us and to Hugh for DJ'ing on the night. Thankfully this year I didn't have Harry nearly drown me with the snow machine.

To kick off the new year was our charity tractor run in memory of past club member of Gordon Smith. We were absolutely blown away by the amount of support we received on the day. It was a testament to how popular Burley was and how missed he will be. There was an amazing turnout of 246 vehicles on the day. A massive thanks must go to Ian Watt for hosting the event, Robbie Duncan for making burgers and all our sponsors. From the entry fees, raffle, donations and our just giving we raised an amazing £13,251.38, so thank you to everyone who donated.

On the 11th of January we had 2 teams head down to Dunlop village hall for Ayrshire senior speechmaking, it was a successful day with the teams finishing 1st and a close 2nd, both teams then went on to compete at West with the team of Fiona Gemmell, Kerr Sloan, Kyle Lamont and myself finishing 4th and qualifying for nationals, also a massive well done to the team of Max Wyllie, Ellis Caldwell, Max Bryson and Katie Watson for finishing 7th on their first year competing in seniors, special mention to Max Wyllie for winning best chair and overall speaker and Kyle Lamont for winning best arbiter.

Next up was the biggest event of the year, our annual variety concert "Lovers, Seekers and Cheaters" at Troon concert hall from the 21st-23rd of January. The cast had an absolute blast. We were overwhelmed with the support and a big thank you must go to everyone who came to see us. We can't thank our producer/choreographer Janice Steel enough for all her hard work and commitment that she put into the concert, also a shoutout to our concert secretary Kirsten Guthrie and costume secretary Bronte Mangan – we really couldn't have done it without them. This year was the first year that I've felt my age at practices and it was proven on concert week when I lost my voice on the Wednesday night trying to keep up with the young team, lesson learned.

The next week on the 31st Fiona and myself headed along to Ayr rugby club to compete in member of the year. Well done to Fiona for placing second.

With dinner dance being slightly earlier than usual, our young farmers calendar is not finished yet so I would like to say a massive, good luck to everyone competing at nationals' weekend in Inverness. With members competing in, speechmaking, football and bowling. Hopefully it's another successful one.

On Tuesday 24th February, our junior debates team of John Caldwell, Emily Kirkland and Emma Young headed along to Craigie Hall to compete in the Ayrshire competition. Being one of two junior teams, they held their own against some tough competition placing 3rd overall and John picking up best Chairman out with the winning team. A massive thank you must go to their trainer Jill Wyllie.

On the 25th, 7 pairs heading along to the Ayrshire Dairy Stockjudging and reasons giving with our junior teams again leading the way with John Caldwell & Iain Howie placing second and Fraser Sloan & Andrew Watson a close 3rd. Well done to John for also winning overall Junior!

Nationals weekend had finally arrived and our members headed North to Inverness to compete in various events. A successful weekend with our 10-pin bowling team placing 1st, our 5-a side football team placing 4th and our senior speechmaking team enjoying the experience competing against some tough competition.

Well folks you'll be glad to hear that were almost at the end of my speech, however there are a few people I forgot to thank for this year,

we would like to say thanks to our fellow office bearers and committee for all your help and support throughout the year

And last but definitely not least, my secretary, until you've done it yourself its hard to appreciate how much effort goes into organising every single event, and none of it would have been possible without Fiona, she been absolutely amazing this year and I couldn't have done it without her, so thank you.

I would also like to say how much of a pleasure it has been to be the chairman this year, when I first joined YF at 15 years old I never dreamt of ending up here, and even though I has had its ups and down and definitely hasn't been easy, its one of the most rewarding things you can do. I don't care what anyone else says but there is no other club like Mauchline, and I am very proud to say I have been its chairman. So, thank you to everyone who made that possible.

Finally, I would just like to urge everyone to make the most of your yf experience as it can give you so much, as the club motto says, don't let it go by give it a try. So, from Fiona and myself we would like to wish Kerr and Lauryn all the best for next year, we know we are leaving the club in good hands.

Financial Review

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, contactable through:
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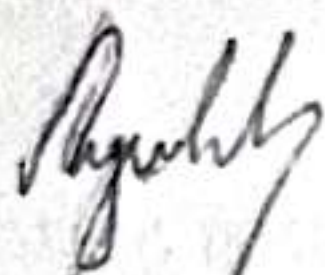
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The accounts for the year are attached, and form part of this report.

This report was approved by the Management Committee on 2 March 2026.

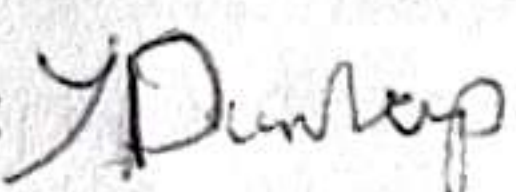
Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

Chairman Name: Ryan Kennedy

Signature: 

Date: 28 MAR 26

Treasurer Name: Jack Dunlop

Signature: 

Date 28 Mar 26

Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club

YEAR ENDED 31 January 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee on the unaudited financial Statements of the Mauchline & District Young Farmers Club.

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 January 2026 set out on Pages 14 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of the management committee and independent examiner

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. The charity's management committee 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

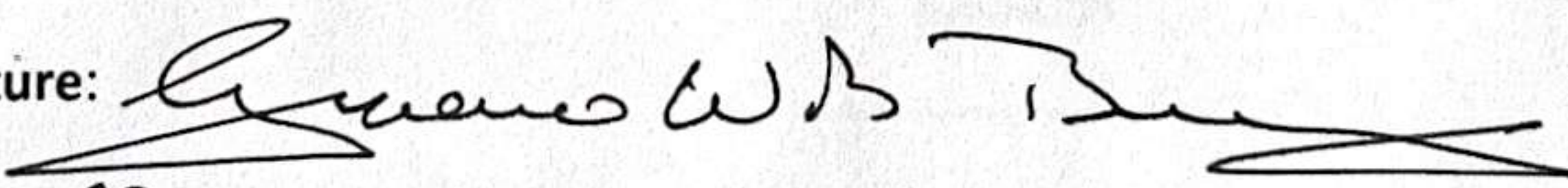
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation 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 accounts.

I have carried out such investigations as were necessary to enable me to form an opinion as to whether proper accounting records adequate for the purposes of the Charity have been kept and the financial statements of the Charity were in accordance with the accounting records.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. 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.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Auditor Signature: 

Qualification: *Chartered Accountant*

Date: *25th March 2026*