

Chairman's Report 2026

Aboyne and Glen Tanar Memorial Hall

OSCR Re: SCO16210

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- Governance
- Finance and grants
- Bookings and events
- Marketing and promotion

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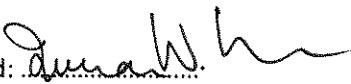
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Looking ahead, the year before us appears very promising as we build on the progress made over the past twelve months. In particular, I would like to see further improvements to the **accessibility and usability of the Hall**, including:

- Improvements to our website and booking system
- Better public communications and information
- Access to a digital meeting room facility
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- Investigating more flexible access control systems, such as digital door locks

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in the **efficient and welcoming way enquiries and bookings are handled**, which plays an important role in ensuring the Hall remains a valued and well-used community asset.

Signed: 

Duncan Robson – Chair

Date: 27/6/26

**Aboyne and Glen Tanar Memorial Hall
Annual General Meeting
Saturday March 7th, 2026**

Present:

Duncan Robson (Chairman), Tommy Thomson , Jan Dawkins, Ian Christie, Sarah Sargent, Sarah Love, Laura Cocker, Steve Albon, James Atkinson, Sam Basford (Treasurer), Chris Sawyer.

Apologies:

Tracy Jordan, Sheena Duffy

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of March 7th 2026.

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting:

Approved.

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Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts

There was a Total Income of £37,400 in the year to 31st December 2025 and a Total Expenditure of £27,500 in the year to 31st December 2026.
There was a profit of just under £10,000.

Approval of accounts

The accounts were accepted as proposed by Laura Cocker and approved by Jan Dawkins.

Election of Trustees:

One third of the Trustees must stand down in rotation and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

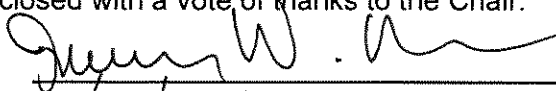
Chris Sawyer and Tracy Jordan did not wish to be trustees, Simon Robson had previously stepped down during the year. Jan Dawkins stepped down and was re-appointed.

Sarah Love and Tommy Thomson were appointed as Trustees.

Close of Meeting:

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Signed:

 Chair

Date:

3/7/26

Scottish Charity Reference No SC016210

ABOYNE AND GLEN TANAR MEMORIAL HALL

(The Victory Hall)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st December 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31st December 2025

Scottish Charity Reference No SC016210

**Aboyne and Glen Tanar Memorial Hall
(The Victory Hall)**

Charity Trustees

Duncan Robson	Chair
Stephen Albon	Secretary
Sheena Duffy	
Janet Dawkins	
Ian Christie	
Sarah Sargent	
James Atkinson	
Laura Cocker	
Thomas Thomson	
Sarah Love	

Treasurer (ex-officio)

Sam Basford

Independent Examiner

J Dempster
16 St Machar Avenue
Aboyne
AB34 5FH

Bankers

Clydesdale Bank Plc
c/o The Business Team
Virgin Money
Sunderland
SR43 4JB

Principal Office

Victory Hall
Ballater Road
Aboyne
AB34 5HY

**ABOYNE AND GLEN TANAR MEMORIAL HALL
(THE VICTORY HALL)**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES (the “COMMITTEE”)

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Structure, governance, and management

Type of governing document

Aboyne and Glen Tanar Memorial Hall is a Registered Scottish Charity operating under the Deed of Trust established by The Right Honourable Lord Glentinar and others dated October 1920 supplemented by the Deed of Variation thereto dated July 1997 (together the “Trust Deed”).

The Committee reports as follows:

1. Aboyne and Glen Tanar Memorial Hall is a Registered Scottish Charity No SC016210
2. All its affairs are governed by the Committee.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall comprise such number not less than six as the Trustees may determine from time to time. All residents of Aboyne and Glen Tanar are eligible to be a Trustee. A quorum of the Trustees shall consist of four members, with any decisions of the majority being final.

In the period since the last Annual General Meeting, three of the previous Trustees (Chris Sawyer, Tracey Jordan and Simon Robson) stepped down. Several new Trustees were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 7 March 2026, namely Thomas Thomson, Sarah Love and Stephen Albon. Laura Cocker, who was appointed as a Trustee by the Committee on 31 July 2025, was also confirmed as a Trustee at the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of citizenship or community development.
The advancement of arts, heritage, culture, culture, or science.
The advancement of public participation in sport.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

The Hall is used by numerous groups for social, cultural and educational purposes, benefiting a range of users from the young to the elderly. It is a venue for weddings, dances, ceilidhs, coffee mornings, sales, a Christmas Market, social groups, exercise groups, orchestra rehearsals, and public meetings.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements

The demand for use of the Hall continues to recover from the effects of the COVID lockdown. Whilst there is still some way to go before it reaches pre-pandemic levels, the forward signs are encouraging. In addition, with new members of the Committee coming on board in 2025 a series of events have been staged which have both generated public attention for the Hall (through high quality social media communication) and an increase in revenue. These include a Halloween event in autumn 2025, a Hogmanay event in December 2025 and (subsequent to year-end) an Over-30's Disco in January 2026. A Gala Ball is also planned for summer 2026. In addition, efforts have been made to make ongoing cost savings, for example through savings on electricity, but also ongoing ad hoc costs. The increased revenues and cost savings have therefore contributed to the generation of a surplus for the financial year.

Work also commenced during the financial year on supporting the Aboyne "Community Hub" initiative. This was identified as an objective for the village in the Aboyne Local Place Plan which was published in 2024 and the Hub will be both housed in the Victory Hall and will be managed as a sub-project of the Hall. The Hub was launched in March 2026.

Local trades people are employed in supporting the Hall where possible.

Booking services are provided by our Treasurer by email and telephone and the Trustees are planning to extend that to online bookings.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves should be kept for unforeseen work which may be required. Considering the age and construction of the Victory Hall, this should be approximately £40,000.

Details of any Surplus

There was a surplus of £9,879.61 in 2025 compared with a deficit of £16,208.22 in 2024. This surplus was due to an increase in revenue from events and a decrease in expenditure with fewer capital projects and savings made on fixed outgoings such as electricity.

Donated facilities and services

None

Other optional information

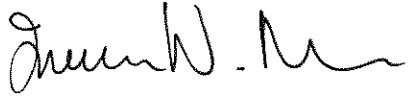
None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature



Full name

DUNCAN WILLIAM ROBSON

Position

CHAIR

Date

27/8/26

ABOYNE AND GLEN TANAR MEMORIAL HALL
ACCOUNT SUMMARY YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

OVERALL POSITION		YEAR ENDING	
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-25
Clydesdale Bank:			
	Current Account	£ 12,957.37	£ 22,836.98
	Deposit Account	£ 22,116.82	£ 22,116.82
TOTAL:		£ 35,074.19	£ 44,953.80
EXPENDITURE:			
Cleaning:	Salaries	£ 6,300.00	£ 6,300.00
	Materials	£ 935.17	£ 780.98
	Windows	£ 160.00	£ -
Utilities:	Oil	£ 3,197.59	£ 3,105.14
	Electricity	£ 8,346.00	£ 6,970.00
	Gas	£ 230.00	£ -
	Telephone	£ 481.28	£ 538.64
	Online Services	£ 189.37	£ 208.08
	Web Hosting	£ 21.59	£ -
Maintenance:	Building	£ 16,525.80	£ 1,009.47
	Decorating	£ -	£ -
	Plumbing	£ -	£ 119.56
	Gardening	£ 418.88	£ 1,278.00
	Servicing	£ 748.32	£ 360.00
	Office Equipment	£ 66.07	£ -
Sundries/Services:	Insurance	£ 1,949.43	£ 2,316.14
	PRS	£ 273.61	£ 255.56
	Public Entertainment Licence	£ -	£ 106.00
	Waste	£ 198.15	£ 210.40
	Bank Charges	£ 16.70	£ 100.20
Sundries/Supplies:	Postage & Stationery	£ 4.75	£ 54.30
	Caterers	£ -	£ 600.00
	Party Supplies	£ -	£ 500.00
Miscellaneous:		£ 213.59	£ 75.85
Invoice Services:	A/Cs	£ 2,420.50	£ 2,641.25
	Social Media	£ 536.25	£ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:		£43,233.05	£ 27,529.57
TOTAL INCOME:		£27,024.83	£ 37,409.18
PROFIT/LOSS (Difference):		-£16,208.22	£ 9,879.61

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Opening Balance	£51,282.41	£ 35,074.19
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	-£16,208.22	£ 9,879.61
Closing Balances	£35,074.19	£ 44,953.80

Audited and found correct:

Signed Jane Dempster

Dated 15-2-26

Signed Duncan W. Robson

Dated 27/8/26

Mrs Jane Dempster
BA Hons Business Economics & Finance

Mr Duncan W Robson
Chairman

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	ABOYNE & GLENTANAR MEMORIAL HALL						
Registered charity number	SC							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025	
Set out on pages								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 (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.							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	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.							
Independent examiner's statement	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:	JANE DEMPSTER				Date:	15-2-26		
Name:	JANE DEMPSTER							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	BA (HONS) BUSINESS ECONOMICS & FINANCE							
Address:	16 ST MACHAR AVE							
	ABOYNE							
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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.