

STRANRAER & RHINS YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

2025/26 Management Committee Report

The management committee submit their report for the year ended 28th February 2026.

ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

The club is governed by a constitution which inter alia states that the club shall provide activities which further the cultural education and training of young people and make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

The club is administered by a Management Committee who are appointed or elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, to whom the affiliation fees are payable. The club can be contacted through the National Secretary, Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, Young Farmers Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh, EH28 8NE (tel: 0131 333 2445) quoting the Club name.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the Management Committee during the year were listed hereafter. All the members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025 and held office throughout the year.

Honorary Presidents – Kathryn Jamieson and Margaret Wright

Club Leaders – Scott Service and Robert Ramsay

Chairperson – Ailsa Buchanan

Vice Chairman – Roy McColm

Treasurer – Iona Irving

Secretary – Megan Forsyth

Assistant Secretary – Kate Agnew

School Representative – Erin Jamieson

Committee – Molly Coulter, Hannah Torbet, Craig Agnew, Robbie Agnew, James McGarvie and Shona Milroy

ACCOUNTS

The Management Committee have elected to produce the alternative form of accounts and the Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Balances for the year ended 28th February **disclose a deficit of £ 1,958,03**. The accounts have been examined by Mrs Lorna McMillan.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The club continued to hold a varied syllabus throughout the year all of which met the objectives of the club. The syllabus comprised of various competitions such as stock judging, handicrafts and sports. The club held many fundraising events and regularly helped out in the community by providing talks and presentations and worked together with YMCA for another successful year of Santas float. The club also held many fun events for our new and present members such as a new badminton night, car treasure hunt and a pizza making night as part of west aims this year.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Throughout the year, the club performed exceptionally well, following a full and varied syllabus. Many members represented the club at district, regional, and national levels, achieving great success.

To start the year on a high, members won D and G Rugby 7s. Our sports teams competed at the D&G Field Sports and were crowned overall winners for the day, proudly bringing the trophy back to Stranraer and Rhins. The netball team went on to place 4th at West. Members also took part in both the Junior and Senior Stockmanship competitions at the Royal Highland Show, where two members progressed to the afternoon round and went on to win Best Dairy Pairs. The D&G team also achieved an excellent result, placing 2nd overall.

There was further success for our Junior and Senior Handicraft teams, who achieved strong scores along with several individual prizes.

We were also proud to see our club leader reach the final of the National Young Farmer of the Year competition.

Four members represented the club in the D&G Mr and Miss Young Farmer competition. Our secretary was crowned Miss Young Farmer and also placed 3rd in Member of the Year, while

one of our committee members achieved 3rd place in Mr Young Farmer. Our secretary then went on to represent the area at the regional round, where she placed 3rd in Miss Young Farmer. There was also great success at Beef, Dairy and Lamb dressing this year.

Our speechmakers once again made the club extremely proud. The Junior team achieved 1st place at the D&G round and 2nd place at West, where our chair was awarded Best Chair outwith the winning team. They then went on to place 5th at the National final, with our chair once again winning Best Chair outwith the winning team — an outstanding achievement.

The Senior team also had an excellent year, placing 1st at D&G, with the opposer winning Best Overall speaker on the day. They then achieved 2nd place at West, where our proposer was awarded Best Proposer outwith the winning team, before finishing 4th at the National final.

Fundraising

Our charity fundraiser of 'Round the Rhins' where 28 members split into 2 teams, walking the rhins coastal path over two days at the start of July raised £4844,04 for Stranraer RNLI Lifeboats and Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. Our Christmas tractor run builds year on year with the biggest entries this year. We raised £1,636 which was split between Better Lives Partnership and Crossbasket House. We also held a charity coffee morning where we raised £400 for Home Start Wigtownshire.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The club will continue to organise activities which meet the objectives of the club. Continuing to attract new members, retain current members and fundraising will help to ensure the viability of the club for many years to come.

By order of the Management Committee:

Ailsa Buchanan Monday 9th March 2026

Iona Irving Monday 9th March 2026

Proposed: Iona Irving

Seconded: James McGarvie