Sanquhar Community Centre

Management Committee

Annual General Meeting
Monday 2nd November 2026
Scottish Registered Charity No.SC046582

Present:
Peter Simpson **(PS)**
Lynn Milligan **(LM)**
Margaret Wilson **(MW)**
Astrid Hewett **(AH)**
Yvonne Shenton **(YS)**
Fiona Daubney **(FD)**

Apologies:
Joanne & Si
Penelope Boff

Welcome

PS chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. **MW** taking the minutes.

Minutes of 2025 AGM

The minutes were read out and were proposed by **LM** and seconded by **YS** .

Chairperson's report by Peter Simpson:
Firstly, I'd like to welcome everyone to Sanquhar Community Centre AGM for 2026
It's my pleasure to give my chairperson's report for the past year.
I would like to give my sincere thanks to our dedicated committee members and volunteers for their hard work and commitment to keep the centre open for yet another year, who's efforts have ensured that we continue to provide a centre for groups to use safely within our community.
We once again received £1,547.85 funding from D&G Poverty Funding to go towards the energy bills
We received £1900.00 from the Upper Nithsdale Community Trust for laying new Vinyl in the toilets.
HMRC and OSCR will be submitted soon which allows us to be exempt from water rates next year.
The work is still ongoing to clear out the cupboards in the store-room. We gained access to the locked cupboards and installed new locks. Some cupboards have been cleaned out and the art equipment was donated to the Airts for the kid's groups. The Airts sent us a nice letter thanking us for the donation.
Looking ahead, as ever our main focus will be to keep the centre open and in good financial standing and hopefully encourage more groups to use this

facility. With the continued support of our members' I am confident we can achieve this.
Finally, I would like to thank you, our members, for your ongoing support and engagement.
Peter

Treasurer's Report

AH presented the written audited Annual Accounts to the committee. They were proposed by **PS** and seconded by **YS** as a true account.

Everyone is up to date with invoices except David Mundell and Chris Hoy, **LM** asked for the invoices as she has a contact who said she would pay them. Alan Daubney confirmed our accounts free of charge. **MW** We will pass some boxes of biscuits into the office for the staff. **MW** will now file our tax return with HMRC and also OSCR. Our balance account is £20.991.87. PS mentioned that the balance is not much different from the last AGM which is good.

Bookings Officer Report

LM -Bookings are on the rise. We are having more birthday parties coming through. The usual groups are still with us. **LM** took some of the Girl Guides equipment to them and informed them there is still art supplies in the cupboard. They said they will gather together some of the parents to check it out, **LM** going to chase.

LM is going to check with the NHS that they want 24/12 and 31/12. Also going to check with the groups when they finish for Christmas and start in the new year so that the heating can be managed for them.

Baby Massage still not booked anything – Paula Grierson has not contacted us for her New Years Party.

LM met Ronnie McNally of the Flower Show, he confirmed that the stage is ours to keep although it could do with a couple of repairs. He also mentioned that the Flower Show will be splitting their remaining funds between the Town Hall, The Airts and the Community Centre it could be around £2.000 if it comes to fruition. The Garage may be rented out to someone to store cars, **LM** to find out who owns the Garage and would they consider gifting or signing it over to the Community Centre. **LM** to draft a letter. **PS** said Kate and Sandy Sloan may know information about the garage. The Council originally dropped the curb so maybe they would know about it. **LM** mentioned that she has a few receipts to hand into **AH**, cleaning supplies and Christmas/Halloween decorations.

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Resignation of Office Bearers

Honorary Office bearers then resigned;.
FD accepted the chair and proceeded with the election of Honorary Office Bearers/Trustees. Office Bearers were nominated and seconded as follows:

Chairperson: P. Simpson nominated by **YS** seconded by **LM** - **accepted office**
Treasurer: Astrid Hewett nominated by **PS** seconded by **LM accepted office**
Secretary: M. Wilson nominated by **YS** seconded by **LM** - **accepted office**

Bookings Officer Lynn Milligan nominated by **PS** seconded by **YS – accepted office.**

PS thanked outgoing office bearers for the work they had done in the previous year.

PS suggested that we should take Honorarium's again. **FD** mentioned that we decided to not gift Honorarium's any more, the Minors Memorial Hall and a couple more of her groups now don't give them. **FD** mentioned that we should take our expenses for printing but **MW** said she didn't need them.

Any other business

Funding MW We received £1,547.85 from DG out of the Poverty Funding Budget. We also received £1900.00 from UNCT to upgrade the ladies' toilets this was done and UNCT confirmed we could use the remaining £640.00 left in the account to re-floor the other two single toilets, we added £320.00 to the total to pay Norman Furnishings.

Repairs
MW - Still chasing the repairs from 2 years ago. Alan Taylor has now moved to another district so we will be getting someone new who is yet to contact me. We will start all over again. However, they did fix the hinge on the front door and fitted a new drain across the front door. They also switched the Urinals back on and fixed the emergency lights. We are waiting for the fitter to come and fit two new windows, one in the upstairs toilet and one in the kid's toy room, he was supposed to come at the end of the October, though I admit the weather has not been helping lately.

Heating is now being managed better, and is back on for the winter.

Paintings

MW - The paintings are currently at Shambellie House and the fact that it will be closing in January means that we could do with moving them back here. The theatre is going through a political stage where the board members are not supporting Pat and the costumes. **MW** to look into hiring Man with a Van and go and pick the paintings up. They could then be screwed to the wall in the big hall. Pat investigated and came up with the following:- The council commissioned an artist to do the paintings working with kids to be hung in the alleyway of Wighams Inn. The artist said they would get ruined and they were not hung. Fast forward to the present day, one of the board members for Wigham's said that they would love to have them when the renovations are done but the rest of the board said no as they actually belong to the council.

Flood MW - After the flood I passed everyone emergency contacts numbers and information where the water stopcock is, so that if this happens again while I am away everybody knows who to call. The repairs to the wall and door on the upstairs office has been done. Some of the carpet tiles have been taken up.
David of D&G Ltd has taken all the books he left in the front office to the tip but there is still some cardboard to come down.

The Brownies cupboard and the Tent cupboard still need cleaning out, maybe the tents could raise us some money. Nobody is taking ownership of the equipment left behind. Alinda said to donate everything from the Brownies cupboard. **LM** is chasing the Brownies as they said the parents could come down and assess the contents of the cupboard.

The new sign from Carrott Top, for the front of the building is done and needs putting up as does the new mirror for the ladies' toilets. I have put the mirror in Jackie's cupboard. **PS** said he will sort them out also the box outside of the main doors. A key was passed over to **PS**. **YS** asked if anyone has managed to get into the safe in the tent cupboard, we have no key so no, is the answer to that. There are also old pictures of the walker's group and paperwork. Sanquhar Lass may be interested in the pictures. We need to get the tents out and see if we can raise money for the Community Centre. **LM** has decided not to change the Key Safe code as it's an older model.

LM mentioned that she is trying to implement a cleaning rota but Jackie is avoiding her, **LM** is going to just put it out. **LM** also said that once all the road works have been done maybe the end of the year, she will order another drop bag of gravel.

Quorum

MW mentioned that the Quorum needs to be changed from 5 to 3. **FD** said we just need to minute the change in the AGM minutes and the Normal Meeting Minutes. We need to advertise and have a EAGM and then we can change it. **MW** Press Release to Wee Paper and notice boards saying that we are having an EAGM. We have to give two weeks' notice before the meeting. Potentially 7th December. **LM** is going through the Constitution to see if there is more that could do with changing. **FD** mentioned we could think about the meetings going online.

There being no further business, the AGM was closed.

Date of Extraordinary AGM

TBA January 2027