

BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST**AGM Attendance Records 1999-2013****The First 15 years****Introduction**

BCT is owned and controlled by its local or 'ordinary' members. They consist of everyone living in Birse parish who is on the current Electoral Register for the area, and they are responsible for electing up to five local members as the Trustees to manage BCT on behalf of the community.

BCT's Annual General Meetings (AGMs) are an important part of BCT's accountability to its membership. Therefore, BCT monitors the attendance by its local members at its AGMs, as one indicator of BCT's performance. BCT considers several difference aspects of the level and composition of attendance, as described below.

(a) Level of Attendance

BCT's aim is to make its AGMs sufficiently interesting to attract a level of attendance by local members that might reasonably be regarded both locally and by others, as a positive level for an AGM. Since it started, BCT has set this target at 50 or more members at each AGM and with the ambition that BCT should achieve approximately 10% of the membership each year (c. 65).

The numbers of ordinary or local members recorded as attending BCT's fifteen AGMs to date are given in the table below. The total each year is a minimum, as they are the named members who signed the AGM Attendance Sheets and sometimes individuals can miss doing this.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. Ordinary Members</i>	<i>No. Associate Members</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>No. of apologies</i>	<i>Overall Total</i>
1999	53	-	Not checked	53	14	67
2000	60	7	Not checked	67	14	81
2001	69	11	7	87	34	121
2002	72	19	12	103	45	148
2003	59	15	3	77	42	119
2004	62	16	2	80	41	121
2005	58	21	2	81	36	117
2006	54	9	1	64	38	112
2007	43	9	0	52	36	88
2008	44	8	0	52	37	89
2009	45	4	0	49	38	87
2010	49	2	0	51	32	83
2011	50	0	0	50	39	89
2012	48	2	0	50	33	83
2013	52	2	0	54	24	78

(b) Households

BCT also monitors the number of households represented at each AGM, as another measure of the extent of attendance. A higher percentage of the parish's households are present at each AGM, than of the individual members. BCT's ambition is to achieve c.15% of households (c.50 of c.340).

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
No. of Members	53	60	69	72	59	62	58	54	43	44	45	49	50	48	52
No. of H'holds	41	45	50	51	44	45	44	41	33	35	34	35	39	37	40

(c) Community Distribution

BCT's local members live in the three distinct communities of Finzean (c.50%), Birse (c.30%) and Ballogie (c.20%). BCT therefore monitors the level of attendance at AGMs from each community, with the general aim that the representation from each is similar to that community's share of the parish's population.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Finzean</i>		<i>Birse</i>		<i>Ballogie</i>		<i>Totals</i>	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>%</i>
1999	30	57%	13	24%	10	19%	53	100%
2000	35	58%	17	28%	9	15%	60	100%
2001	39	56%	19	28%	11	16%	69	100%
2002	40	55%	17	24%	15	21%	72	100%
2003	35	59%	15	26%	9	15%	59	100%
2004	33	53%	17	27%	12	19%	62	100%
2005	38	65%	16	28%	4	7%	58	100%
2006	31	57%	14	26%	9	17%	54	100%
2007	30	70%	10	23%	3	7%	43	100%
2008	30	68%	10	23%	4	9%	44	100%
2009	32	71%	8	18%	5	11%	45	100%
2010	28	57%	11	22%	10	21%	49	100%
2011	29	58%	9	18%	12	24%	50	100%
2012	24	50%	11	23%	13	27%	48	100%
2013	33	63%	14	27%	5	10%	52	100%

(BCT's first AGM in 1999 was in Finzean Hall and every second year in Ballogie Hall until 2012, due to the closure of Ballogie Hall)

(d) Frequency of Attendance

BCT monitors from the attendance sheets to see the extent to which the same members attend its AGMs. BCT's target is that members should want to attend further AGMs after they have been to one. The following list shows that nearly 60% of the 240 individual members who have attended an AGM, have so far attended one or more after that.

BCT also maintains a record of those members who have been to an AGM and are known to have subsequently died (22) or moved out of the parish (35). Of these 57 individuals, 31 had only been to one AGM before they died or moved and this accounts for nearly a third of the 99 members recorded as attending only one AGM to date.

No. of individuals at more one or more AGMs:	Fifteen AGMs	=	1
	Fourteen AGMs	=	4
	Thirteen AGMs	=	1
	Twelve AGMs	=	5
	Eleven AGMs	=	2
	Ten AGMs	=	4
	Nine AGMs	=	6
	Eight AGMS	=	3
	Seven AGMs	=	10
	Six AGMs	=	12
	Five AGMs	=	16
	Four AGMs	=	19
	Three AGMs	=	20
	Two AGMs	=	38
	One AGM	=	99
	<u>Total</u>	=	<u>240</u>

(e) New Attendees

As shown in the table below, BCT also monitors the number of members at each AGM who are attending their first one. BCT's target is that this should be approximately 15% or more of those attending, as a measure of continuing to attract additional members to an AGM.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
No. of Mbers	53	60	69	72	59	62	58	54	43	44	45	49	50	48	52
1 st AGM	53	30	25	20	12	11	12	15	6	5	7	9	11	10	9
%	100%	50%	36%	28%	20%	18%	21%	28%	14%	11%	15%	18%	22%	21%	17%

(f) Accumulative Totals

With the continued attendance of members at an AGM for the first time, both the number of members of the local community who have been to a BCT AGM and the number who have been to more than one AGM, continue to increase.

The loss of the 55 members who have died or moved indicates that approximately 185 of the 240 members who have been to a BCT AGM, are still local members living in the parish. This is approaching 30% of the local community on the Electoral Register.

The percentage of households in the parish that have been represented at a BCT AGM also continues to increased over time, so that one or more members from around 150 or approximately 45% of parish's current households have attended at least one BCT AGM.
