Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

23rd January 2026, 7:00 p.m. at Birse Community Hall

Present: Richard Wright (Chair), Jane Winton (Treasurer), David Winton, Doug Boyle, Ellie Flather

Others Present: Anne Silcock, Donald Silcock, Rick Paul (Secretary).

1. **Introduction and Apologies for Absence.**
   The Chairman welcomed those attending.

2. **Minutes of Previous AGM.**
   Richard asked for approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on 17th January 2025. Approval was unanimous.

3. **Matters Arising (not dealt with elsewhere).**
   None

4. **Chairman's Report.**
   The Council held a Drop in Bridge event 21st January 2025, and Dave Robinson held his own Bridge meeting on the 27th. The committee organised a pub night on the 14th March and another on the 11th April. We held a Sunday afternoon Pop up beer garden on 25th May and yet another pub night on 4th July. All were most successful. In July, our secretary re-applied to Pure Utilities and was granted zero rated status for our water bill, therefore costing us nothing and we have enduring zero rate for council tax. The annual BBQ was held on 30th August and was well attended. In September, Jane, Doug, Richard and Rick attended the Birse Community Trust AGM representing BACA. We generously lent BCT all of our chairs for the event. In November, we hosted the Remembrance Services as usual, supplying lashings of tea and cake to those who attended. Also in November, we held a Garage Sale which raised over £1000 for the Association. Thanks to those who worked so hard, in particular Doug and Ellie, to ensure it was a great success. The Hall had no weddings or Christenings in 2025, just the usual B2C2 meetings, including a resilience meeting, and BACA's AGM. Also, the Birse Mothers and Toddlers were regular users of a Monday morning.

   And finally to note that the Council are holding a Bridge drop in open day at the hall this coming Thursday 29th which will net BACA £200.

   The Chaiman then took the opportunity to thank all who contributed their free time to ensure BACA had another successful year.

   This concluded the Chairman's report and the Treasurer was asked to give the financial report to the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that BACA's finances are in good shape thanks in no small part to the Garage Sale, with no major expenditure budgeted for 2026 and BACA should have no problems fulfilling its obligations in 2026. The Treasurer was thanked for her report.

6. Election of Committee Members for 2026.

Norman Kellas left the committee and Donald Silcock agreed to join. The committee members for 2026 are therefore:-

Richard Wright (Chair)
Jane Winton (Treasurer)
David Winton
Ellie Flather
Scott Duthie
Doug Boyle
Donald Silcock
Rick Paul (Secretary)

7. Date for BBQ etc.

It was agreed to hold a Chilli Night and Quiz on Saturday 21st March.
The annual BBQ will be held on Saturday 27th June.
It was also proposed to hold a pub style social evenings on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year.

8. Any Other Business.

Exterior maintenance is required to the roof slates and window frames in the summer.
Resilience preparation was approved. Richard to investigate a generator input socket and water heater.
The Council never planted trees in the new graveyard per the planning application. Doug to ask Robin Callander to follow up.
New pads and a battery are required for the defibrillator. Rick to write to B2C2 requesting a donation.

9. Date for AGM 2027.

The next AGM will be held on Friday 15th January at 7:00pm in the hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and closed the meeting.