

THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL
Back Loan, Thornhill, Stirling, FK8 3QB
Registered Charity no:SC021671

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 12 May 2025.

1. **Attendees:-** Chair: **Jim Mills**, Bryn Coulthard, Peter Rickard, Alastair Morrow, Richard Waite, Lynn Rickard, Charlotte Johnston, Joyce Firth, Elaine Young, James Blanchard, Adam Bassett, Veronica Batchelor Robert Turnbull, Belinda MacMillan, Joyce Firth, David Firth, Keith Yates, Kirsty Wright, Calum Williamson, A N Other1, A N Other2
2. **Apologies:** Gary Richardson, Liz Coiffait
3. **Minutes from 2024 AGM:** These were accepted by the meeting.
Proposed by Adam Bassett and seconded by Elaine Young
4. **Chairman's Report for 2024:** Jim gave his report to the meeting
 - 2024/25 - Continue to push forward on a long list of renovations and repairs
 - Making the warm room a permanent fixture
 - Elaine secured funding to allow us to provide the warm room for another 4 years.
 - Utility Room re-organised and storage options extended
 - All storage must now be in crates or on the shelving provided
 - Upstairs meeting room now rented permanently by Pipe Band for storage
- **Finances**
 - More controllable year than last year with less focus on grants and associated complexities
 - Bookings increased by 30% and rentals revenue is also up
- **Bookings**
 - Increased utilisation (up another 30% on 2023)
 - We now average 34 hours of hall activities each week
 - 57% of rentals are at concession rate
 - All ticketed & commercial events pay full price
- **Committee**
 - He gave a special thanks to efforts of the committee in helping make the year a success.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for the financial year to 31 Dec 2024

These accounts have been completed and audited.

Summary.

- **Income:**
 - Lets and fundraising was up to around £19,940
 - Grants income totalled £3,490
 - **OVERALL: income was £23,430**
- **Payments/Outgoings:**
 - Main costs are electricity £5215 and cleaning £2800. It is hoped to move to EDF in Nov and utilise feed in tariffs.
 - Total Running costs were £14,133
 - Project Costs were £10,408
 - **OVERALL: costs came to £24,541**
- **OVERALL:**
 - **Overall Deficit £1,111** but a final electricity bill is expected.
- **Bank Accounts:**
 - We have both a current and deposit account with a combined **Bank Balance at the end of 2024 of £26,168**

6. Proposed pricing for 2024 – 2025

- **Price rises required to recognise the ongoing rise in costs**
 - Utility costs being managed but other costs continue to rise with insurance, cleaning etc all increasing.
 - Committee continue to look at cost control measures and opportunities to drive extra income for the hall.
 - Price rises minimal for community users (+5%)
 - **but only from Jan 1st 2026 to give groups time to budget**

Facility	2026
Main Hall (per hr)	£25.36 / £8.82
Meeting Rooms (per hr)	£16.54 / £6.62
Kitchen Exclusive use (per hr)	£13.23 / £6.62
Changing Rooms & Showers (per use)	£42.00/£27.46
Entire Facility All Day Hire (8am – Midnight)	£300 / £189
Entire Facility Evening Hire (6pm – Midnight)	£180 / £105
Entire Facility Daytime Hire (8am – 5pm)	£180/£105
Concession Childrens Party Rate(up to 4 hrs between 9am and 5pm)	£40 (locals only)

7. Interim Summary

- **Bookings**
 - Demand for hall continues to be strong and is growing
- **Hall investment & upgrades**
 - Plans to improve disabled access
 - Planned events - Ceilidh in Nov and Folk Concert in September
 - Roof repairs and potential facelift externally
 - Possible new pre and post school club (Mon-Fri)
 - New cleaning contract recognising the increased need for additional cleaning as the volume of bookings continues to increase
- **Financial forecast**
 - We are now building a clearer picture of the routine running costs
 - Costs and income being well managed by Peter

8. Appointment of Office Bearers

- CHAIRMAN Jim Mills to carry on as chairman.
- TREASURER : Peter Rickard agreed to stand for another term
- SECRETARY Alastair Morrow agreed to stand for another term
- BOOKING SECRETARY : A new booking secretary is needed.

Serving committee members

Adam Bassett (Scouts Rep), Robert Turnbull, Sara Fullarton (Playgroup Rep), Liz Coffait (Bio Committee), Veronica Batchelor, Bryn Coulthard

Trustees

Bryn Coulthard stepped down as a trustee leaving Peter Rickard, Charlotte Johnston, Elaine Young to continue.

9. AOB :

Joyce Firth pointed out that the CPR/Defibrillator course was another of the year's successes and it should run again.

A suggestion of better signage within the hall was mentioned.

Belinda MacMillan proposed a vote of thanks to Jim and the committee.

10. Closing Remarks

- Jim Thanked everyone for their support through 2024-25 (first year as chair)
- The hall continues to go from strength to strength with the building in good shape for the years ahead.

11. Next AGM

The proposed AGM next year will be in April/May 2026. A date has tbc