

WATERNISH COMMUNITY HALL (SCIO)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25TH MARCH 2026

	<p>Present: Judith Hodgkin (Chairperson), Jill Lopez (Secretary), Colin Woodbridge (Treasurer), Frank Coma, Cathy Myhill, Duncan Bowers Apologies: DJ Campbell, Sue Hart</p>
1.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting: Agreed as a correct record - there were no matters arising</p>
2.	<p>Chairperson's Report:</p> <p>Hello and welcome to the 2026 AGM of the Waternish Community Hall (SCIO). As a registered charity we have a legal responsibility to hold such a meeting once a year and advertise it to the local community. It gives us an opportunity to report on our activities over the past year as well as to present our plans for the future. In terms of our finances the 'year' runs from the beginning of November 2024 to the end of October 2025. For the purpose of my report, however, it makes sense for me to come up to date with news of our activities</p> <p>Our Committee membership has remained small but stable and we bring good mix of skills and experience. As ever we would welcome more people to join to share the load. Meanwhile I express my thanks to everyone from the community who participates in our activities and offers help when they can.</p> <p>Jill will speak about the various activities we have hosted over the past year but I would like to mention our now 'famous' on-line Christmas Raffle. A huge thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes. In fact we received so many that we 'doubled up' on some of them to ensure that we didn't outstay our welcome for those watching.</p> <p>I would also like to mention two events which took place in December. First there was a well-attended Christmas Fair/ Table Top Sale with thirteen different table holders. These included one for the local Food Bank which attracted a huge number of contributions. Second, another popular Christmas Concert which was both enjoyable and entertaining. Many thanks to SH who organised this.</p> <p>We have had some useful equipment donated to us - a 'new' fridge/freezer to replace our trusty old one which finally gave up the ghost. The closure of Knockbreck school resulted in the donation of their heated food cabinet. In addition we purchased new lockable cabinets to store alcohol when we run a bar. These were made even more useful by the installation of a wipe down counter kindly constructed by DJ.</p> <p>Frank and Donnie do a splendid job in keeping us informed via the weekly newsletter as well as keeping our website afloat.</p> <p>The Community Garden continues to flourish but we were sorry to learn of the partial destruction of their polytunnel when Storm Eowyn passed through.</p> <p>After some comings and goings we now have a new cleaner for the Hall who is doing a splendid job of keeping us fit for purpose.</p> <p>Now that our Solar Panel project is complete (More information to follow in Jill's report) we need to address other pressing issues we face as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● As we acquire more equipment for activities which require plenty of floor space we desperately need more weatherproof storage.● Our existing stage is beginning to show its age and, if we continue to provide the excellent music events we are known for, it will need to be replaced● Lack of decent parking at the Hall remains a perennial problem. This may well put off members of the community from attending events particularly in the winter

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	<p>when they would have to make their way over uneven and muddy surfaces in the dark.</p> <p>All of these issues will require substantial fundraising and we will be looking at means of doing this over the forthcoming year</p> <p>Colin will be reporting thoroughly on our finances but I would like to add my thanks to KALY who have kindly financed a further two years' costs for the Broadband at the Hall.</p> <p>Many thanks again to everyone who helps keep the Hall going and here's to another successful year ahead.</p> <p>As ever we are keen to recruit new members to the Committee so please volunteer your services through the contact details on the website or by approaching a member of the Committee.</p> <p>Judith Hodgkin Chairperson 25.03.25</p>
3.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>The solar panels combined with battery storage has been very productive over the summer of 2025 enabling export to the grid to happen on a more or less daily basis. For 2025, 55% of the energy produced was exported to the grid and overall 53% of our energy came from the solar, thereby reducing our bill by about half. The panels are easy to maintain with any problems being flagged up on the accompanying app. The solar area remains weed free and the neighbouring tree growth was removed to improve productivity further.</p> <p>Hall bookings have been more buoyant during 2025. The number of weekly bookings has increased with a popular Pickleball club in addition to Post Office Outreach and the Knit and Stitch group. During the winter months a weekly Pop-Up Café has proved very popular with the local community and provided a regular income for the Hall. We still have monthly Church Services and Curling and Table Tennis featured briefly during the year. Over the year we have also benefitted from 19 bookings types that range from Waternish Community Council meetings to a Beekeeping course.</p> <p>The Hall committee have organised several events during the year which include a Tabletop sale, a SEALL Ceilidh, a Summer Ceilidh and a Uiseag Musical evening. These have been well supported by the local community.</p> <p>Jill Lopez Secretary 25.03.25</p>

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4. **Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts for the financial year of November 2024 to October 2025 have now been finalised and reviewed by an Independent Examiner and our now signed off ready for submission to OSCR. Due to the low financial turnover of the Hall, OSCR do not require a full audit.

The previous years account made reference to the added complication of handling grants for both the solar panel installation and maintenance of the War Memorial. These grants caused the accounts to be divided into Restricted and Unrestricted Funds. Restricted Funds can only be used for specific purposes e.g installation of Solar Panels, while the Unrestricted Funds can be used for any purpose the committee requires.

This year there have been no grants requiring them to be allocated to the Restricted Funds. The only remaining Restricted Funds are those held in the Community Fund Account.

Account Designation:

Savings Account

The Savings Account was previously used to hold funds for Restricted use such as the Solar Panel Installation. This financial year there are no projects as such and this account has not be used. It contains just the accumulated interest from previous years funds.

Should grants be received for specific projects then this account would be used to hold those funds.

Community Fund

The Community Fund account holds money, primarily from the share of the proceeds from the 100 Club. This fund is intended for use of Community Projects or Events. To this end the Community Fund is also designated a Restricted Account.

100 Club

The 100 Club account holds the receipts (subscriptions) to the 100 Club monthly draw. Prizes are awarded each month of £65, £35, £20. The balance of the months total subscriptions is then divided equally between the Hall and the Community Fund. The Current Account receives the share allocated for Hall usage.

Current Account

This is the general account into which and from which receipts and payments are made specifically for the general running of the Hall. However, this year some payments for Restricted items have been made from here, but have been assigned in the accounts to the Restricted Funds.

Summary

Account Details

Current Account

Opening Balance	£6,239.67
Closing Balance	£8,353.22

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Savings Account

Opening Balance £1.05
Closing Balance £1.06

100 Club

Opening Balance £603.78
Closing Balance £591.78

Community Fund

Opening Balance £1,657.82
Closing Balance £2,213.79

Receipts and Payments

Receipts and Payments are those associated with income generated by the Hall and expenditure on running the Hall.

Receipts

Item	FY24/25	FY23/24
Receipts from Hall Hire	£3,216.25	£2,804.58
Receipts from Events	£3,374.88	£3,069.04
Other	£102.99	£115
Donations	£1,014.32	£363.44
Receipts from 100 Club	£2,928.00	£2,314.50
Interest	£0.01	£188.11
Total Income	£10,636.45	£8,854.67

Expenditure

Running Costs	FY24/25	FY23/24
Hall Equipment	£81.87	£1,100.21
Insurance	£951.41	£755.76
General Expenses	£181.31	£96.45
Maintenance (Building)	£1,926.49	£729.72
Maintenance (Regular)	£729.34	£1,079.98
Utilities	£1,043.57	£3,131.57
Bank Fees	£0.00	£0.00
100 Club Prizes	£1,335.00	£1,385
Other		
Sub Total	£6,248.99	£8,278.69
Events Costs		
Advertising	£45.60	£45.60
Items for Events	£674.24	£211.51
Band/Disco/Lecture	£574.00	£0.00
Bar Supplies	£159.98	£446.62

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Licenses	£240.58	£271.30
Sub Total	£1,694.40	£975.03
Total	£7,943.39	£9253.72

Surplus/Deficit

Item	FY24/25	FY23/24
Receipts	£10,636.45	£8,854.67
Expenditure	£7,943.39	£9,253.72
Surplus/Deficit	£2,693.06	-£399.05

Considerations for the next financial year 2024-2025

This financial year has seen the Hall Funds increase such that the deficit from the previous year has now been overturned to a surplus.

Changes to the Electricity Supplier and the Solar Panels coming online have made a significant reduction in the Halls Utilities Bill. This is despite increases in Insurance and Hall maintenance.

The 100 Club provides a steady stream of income to the Hall and to the Community Fund. Recently we are encouraging members who win a prize to allow the Hall to make the payment through online bank transfers and this is working well. There should also be a minimum of funds held in this account after prizes and transfers to the Community Fund. What this minimum level should be needs consideration.

In the coming year discussion should take place to determine the minimum level of funds that need to be held in the Current Account. The Hall is essentially a non-profit charity. Funds need to be retained for contingency purposes but the minimum level of these funds needs to be considered as and when additional expenditure is required, such as Hall Maintenance of Equipment.

The Community Fund was set up to make use of some of the funds from the 100 Club. Discussion is needed to ensure that these funds are used for the benefit of the community rather than just accumulating in the account.

Colin Woodbridge
Treasurer
25.03.2026

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| 5. | Election of new Trustees/ Committee Members;
Sue Hart was elected unanimously
It was noted that Margaret Morton has resigned from the Committee |
| 6. | Election of Officers for the forthcoming year:
Current Office bearers were re-elected for another year. It was further agreed that Sue Hart will shadow Colin Woodbridge as Treasurer with a view to taking over the post in due course. |
| 7. | Any Other Business
There was none |