

**WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025**  
**at 8 pm in Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg**

Jim Hayes, chairman, welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting.

**1. In Attendance**

Jim Hayes (Chairman)	Jane McDowall (Treasurer and Secretary)		
Alison Murray - D&G Council Leisure & Sport		Cllr Richard Marsh	
Tom Montgomery	Keith Montgomery	Clare Burns	Helen McMiken
Douglas Dewar	Pamela Jamieson	Aylie Jamieson	Richard McElrea
Mark Taylor	Dorothy Plant	Alex Whiteside	Joanna Woszak
Irina Nastjura	Clare Haughey	Elinor Sneddon	Trevor Steed
Alex Higgins	David Kelly	Katy McGowan	Craig McGowan

**2. Apologies**

John Galloway, Jamie Nelson, Councillor Chrissie Hill, Bruce and Andrew McLean, Harley Orr, Josh Parker, Amy Vance, Gayle and Millie Colvin, Nicola and Eva Hare, Portpatrick Bowling and Tennis Club, Laura Donnan.

**3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (29th February 2024)**

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Dot Plant and seconded by Helen McMiken.

**4. Chairman's Report**

"Hello and welcome to the Annual general meeting of the Wigtownshire Sports Council, my name is Jim Hayes.

As ever it is my intention to keep my part of this as brief as possible and so I apologise in advance if I leave anybody out.

Thank you for coming along and sharing your achievements with us this evening ,

I'm looking forward to hearing about the many personal targets that have been surpassed and those that still require that extra bit of effort in the coming weeks and months, and hopefully seeing another good turnout at the awards evening in March. I know that the members of the committee are rightly delighted with the amazing progress and sporting successes of you all.

I would also like to mention and say thanks to the coaches, volunteers, first aiders, competition organisers, fundraisers, and the myriad of helpers who give their time and effort patiently in the background, not forgetting the taxi of mum and dad, granny and grandad with their motto "no trip too long, no hour too late".

Many thanks to local councillors Richard Marsh and Chrissie Hill who have been regular attenders and valued contributors to the Sports Council meetings over the past twelve months and bring along some fresh ideas. We appreciate your input, patience, local knowledge and wise words.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Murray (D&G Leisure and Sport) Jock Galloway and members of the committee for their continued service over a number of years, it is appreciated and we could not function without them.

**John's ill health, etc**

Lastly I would like you to join me in thanking our secretary and treasurer Jane who continues to work very hard to keep the Sports Council running along smoothly and keeping the rest of us right!

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Jane explained the income and expenditure figures for the year which showed just under £8,000 awarded in grants during 2024. There were no questions on the accounts and they were proposed for adoption by Helen McMiken and seconded by Mark Taylor.

## 6. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

The accountant for Wigtown Book Festival Company was proposed as independent financial examiner by Helen McMiken and seconded by Mark Taylor. There being no opposing motions the accountant was appointed as independent financial examiner.

## 7. Election of Executive Committee

Jim Hayes was proposed as chairman and John Galloway as Vice Chairman by Jane McDowall and this was seconded by Dot Plant.

Jane McDowall was proposed as secretary and treasurer by Jim Hayes and this was seconded by Alex Whiteside.

**8 Committee members:** Clare Burns, Jamie Nelson, Alex Whiteside, Helen McMiken, Dot Plant and Mark Taylor willing to stay. Jim Hayes proposed that the Executive Committee be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Jane McDowall and all present were in agreement.

Ex officio members of the committee are Alison Murray, Active Schools and Community Sport, Dumfries & Galloway Council, Councillors Chrissie Hill and Richard Marsh.

Elinor Sneddon (Stranraer Stingrays) was proposed as a committee member by Clare Haughey and this was seconded by Jane McDowall. There were no other nominations. Jim stated that anyone with an interest would be welcome to join the committee at any time.

## 9. Reports from Grant Award Recipients - Listed below.

## 10. AOCB

The Chairman thanked those who had attended and those who had submitted reports and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wigtownshire Sports Council - Grants awarded 2024

grant Recipient	Grant Award	AGM
Bravehearts ABC	Purchase of boxing equipment.	Absent
Cree Valley Karate Club	Emergency First Aid Training for two coaches.	Report
Galloway Pony Club	Travel expenses to Regional and National Championships	Absent
Merrick Mavericks ASC	Purchase of backstroke flags plus two whiteboards	Report
Port William Bowling Club	Purchase of four sets of Junior Bowls	Report
Stranraer Bowling Club	Travel Expenses World Bowls Championships in Belfast	Report
Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club	Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championship at Dumfries	Report
Millie Colvin	Expenses to compete at swimming competitions	Report
Laura Donnan	Expenses and entry fees to compete in Tetrathlons in Ireland	Absent
Eva Hare	Expenses to attend Curling National Academy in Stirling	Report
Molly Irvine-Watson	Expenses to compete at swimming competitions	Report
Aylie Jamieson	Expenses for Scottish Rugby National U16s Girls Squad	Report
Katy McGowan	Expenses to compete at mountain biking competitions	Report
Andrew McLean	Home Nations Sea Fishing competition at Dundee	Report
Bruce McLean	Home Nations Sea Fishing competition at Dundee	Report
Stepans Nastjuks	Expenses to compete at swimming competitions	Report
Finlay Nelson	Expenses to compete in swimming competitions	Absent
Harley Orr	Travel to training and games at Kilmarnock Football Club.	Report
Josh Parker	Travel expenses Powerlifting Championship in South Africa	Report
Amy Vance	Expenses for Scottish Rugby Regional Game Series	Report
George Zbiegniewski	Expenses to compete at swimming competitions	Report