Scottish Section draft minutes 2025
For 42st AGM Sunday 9th November 2025
Meeting Commenced at 11:50am

1. **Welcome address:** Secretary Inus Le Roux welcomed all members present. He thanks them for travelling to the AGM and mentioned it's he's first time hosting the AGM and will try and do the best he can.

2. **Apologies were received from:** Hamish Easton

3. **Members Present:** 33 counted by Bruce Lepley and Nigel Macdonald.

4. **Approval of the 2024 AGM draft minutes:** The minutes was accepted unanimously and there were no matters arising. Approved: Marjorie Burnett & Judy Lepley

- **Treasurer's Report & Accounts for 2024 – 2025:**

Scottish Treasurer Report – November 2025

I'd like to thank the Scottish Committee for coopting me as treasurer, following My Father's (our previous treasurer) sudden catastrophic illness and resulting death on the 18th of February.

Unfortunately, preceding February 2025 there is one discrepancy in the Scottish Section accounts, which is for the Portsoy event in January of 2025 to the extent of £200.00. No receipt was provided, and the organiser has withheld almost all information regarding the event, On Monday the 6th of October 2025, I received an email from Portsoy Sail loft confirming there were 14 attendees at the January event, at an assumed £10 off for two nights accommodation, that totals £140 leaving £60 unaccounted for.

Aside this, administering the accounts has been very simple, and I'm happy to carry on with this task for the section, certainly for the next year, maybe longer.

It is my understanding that as a section we require approximately £1500 as a cushion to operate from annually. At time of writing, we have 204 full members multiplied by £5 capitation, gives us £1020 income annually, and so we really need at least 96 more members to maintain our finances. We currently hold £5740.64 of Club funds in the Section account and so at the current member level without any increase in costs we have enough funds to survive for approximately least 10 years.

Going forward – I am absolutely happy and very keen to financially support any event that the section holds. But I would stipulate, that this would be for ways of publicising the events and giving back to the members by way of, merchandise, entertainment, raffle prizes, competitions, or other activities. I am here to act in the best interests of this Club as a whole not just this section, and the focus at the moment is increasing membership, so we don't have to save as much money to continue running. So, with that in mind, by boosting our events we can make them more attractive, more fun, and bring in more members. Another benefit of more members, is lower membership subs.

Bruce Lepley.

Additional Comments from Bruce Lepley:

My rough maths work out that we can, with the current membership maintain for 10 years, that's pretty healthy. Going forward, I'm absolutely happy and very keen to financially support any event that the section holds.

But I would stipulate that that support needs to be in a way of the money is used to publicize

the event. It's to make it more attractive to members. It's to make it a better thing. Stickers, lanyards, badges, key rings, commemorative stuff, something like that, rather than just paying for a meal or money off accommodation or something.

Main focus, going forward is that we need to increase membership. And if you saw in the magazine earlier this year, the National treasurer has said that he will give you five pounds back off your full membership. If you sign somebody else up, you just need to email him.

Your 45 pounds becomes £40, it's up to you guys to build the membership. We do shows, we go all over the place, and we do lots of things, and it's signing people up here, there and everywhere. But if we want the club to keep going and get bigger, then we need you guys to actually step up and do something, because if all 204 members all go out and get a member, that 408 members. If every section did that, we could actually start reducing the membership cost. So, the membership of the club would become cheaper. You'd be getting better value for money.

Eric Burnett: Thinks it's good that the section has a good cash flow but also says it should not be used to subsidize events.

Ian Macloed: Ask about the extra cost per member for the National 75th Rally, Bruce explained at the National AGM member voted to hold a national rally and to make it a big event and that each section could potentially give some of their capitation money towards it, as national funds is not looking that great.

Matter arising from this:

Alan Myles: Spoke out that he was not happy of how one member from the Aberdeen area has been treated after he has setup and organised many events for the club, after this member was ask to produce a receipt for money that he received for an event. Bruce respectfully tried to explain that he was merely asking for a receipt to keep the accounts up to date, at this point Alan declared he was still unhappy and said he no longer wishes to be part of the club and walk out the room. Inus then pointed out there is multiple emails between this person, Bruce and Inus. They are quite rude and un-called for and we decided to be respectful and not read the persons rude emails to the members. All we politely tdried to achieve was show how the money was spent.

Bruce Lepley: suggested as the section is wealthy we should give all of 2026 capitation money to the Nation rally to make it better. To put this to a vote or hands to see who would support it.

Preposed: Judy Lepley, 2nd Inus Le Roux. Unanimously

Comment from the floor: (Nigel?) Pointed out at the last AGM members did agree to give £200 to the above person to go towards the event. But felt it needs to be noted that as a Club and for the records any organisation would expect a receipt and felt that the correct action to enquire about the money spent was taken.

The BMW Club, Scottish Section Statement of accounts for

year ending 30th September 2025

This year's accounts are presented as follows: (Last year's figures shown in Red)

	2024/5	2023/4
Opening Balance:	£6,161.63	£3,097.50
Income:	£ 896.30	£ 600.46

Total	£7,057.93	£6,697.96
Expenditure:	£1,317.29	£ 536.33
Closing Balance:	£5,740.64	£6,161.63

Income

Member capitation Fees:	£ 922.30	£852
Return of VAT from 18/19	n/a	£ 70.85
Equipment sales	n/a	£2,005.94
VAT	n/a	£ 386.67
Membership prize	£ 45.00	n/a
Glen Nevis	n/a	£ 285
Total	**£ 967.30**	**£3,213.79**

Expenditure

AGM	£ 513.55	£ 0
Trailer insurance:	n/a	£ 0
Trailer store	n/a	£ 0
Committee subs	£ 85.00	£ 35.00
Cultybraggan	n/a	£ 0
Glen Nevis	n/a	£ 363.00
Portsoy	£ 200.00	£ 10.10
Equipment (Chairs, Stickers, Gas etc.)	£ 38.32	£ 56.89
Natter Nights	£ 50.00	n/a
Postage/stationery	£ 66.20	£ 71.34
Scottish MCN	£ 238.33	n/a

MB Gift	£ 35.00	n/a
Account Service charge	£ 34.00	n/a
MOY	£ 56.89	n/a
VAT	n/a	£ 9.48
Total	**£1,317.29**	**£ 536.33**

Any VAT calculations this year will be undertaken by the National Treasurer

Latest Bank Balance (28 OCT 25)	£5,740.64
Cash in hand	£ 0
Total	**£5,740.64**

5. **Adoption of Accounts:** Proposed by Andy Young, 2nd Eric Burnett, Unanimously

- **Matters Arising from Accounts & Treasurer's Report:**

None

6. **Reports:**

Secretary /Membership Secretary/ NC Rep Report 2025

It's been a busy but fun year with a sad start, as Jim and Marjorie always welcomed a phone call from me when I needed advice and guidance but with Jim's passing it changed somewhat, but I was still very grateful for the continuing support from Judy, Bruce and Marjorie and some members here and there that pointed out things that I wasn't aware off, thank you to everyone that kept me right.

For the year off 2025 the current full members are 205 and associates 42 a slight drop of around 10 from last year but since the mass email went out the renewals has already started rolling in. Currently communication is still mainly through email and also WhatsApp.

I thought it's also worth reporting some social news as I was in the background of some event's, a BIG thanks to Judy for her hotel events that remains very popular. Another thanks to Nigel and Ron keeping people busy in their areas, Billy for he's events.

And I hope the members is aware of the smaller groups such as Duncan that keeps us busy in the Highlands and Hamish in and around Aberdeen/Perth area. Big thanks to them keeping the members busy in more remote areas!

And please remember there's a great website, thanks Marek, Facebook, and some WhatsApp groups for information and events happing sometimes at short notice.
Inus Le Roux

Matters arising from this report:

None, but a member from the floor Nigel did ask about the future of the Scottish section in regards to trips aboard etc. Inus responded that it will be great to have trips maybe to Europe but at the time was finding he's feet as a lot has changed such as new committee members coming on board. But that there will be plans in the future.

Scottish Social Report 2025

This year has seen quite a full calendar of events. There has been a mix of camping, bunkhouse and hotel weekends. Some have been very well attended, whilst others less so.

The Rob Roy hotel weekends continue to be very popular, drawing large numbers as did the Nethy Bridge hotel weekend. The camping weekends, other than the Ken Bridge weekend have seen very small numbers of campers. There was a good turnout for the Town Yetholm weekend, though many of the attendees were in B&Bs. The Portsoy weekends were also good events, many thanks to Billy and Mandy for arranging them. The January one having a good turnout.

I wish my successor all the best.
Jason Goodwill

Scottish Webmaster report

So good afternoon, everyone. It's great to see you all again and to look on another year of full rise adventures and good times together. As your Web Master, I've been keeping our Scottish section website up to date and making sure it reflects the great spirit of our club. Over the past year, I've tried to capture our trips, meetings and memorable moments with photos and stories, not only by my own but also with great support from our members, especially our photo paparazzi. Many thanks. Jana, yes, each of it shows what our section is about, friendship, enthusiasm and shared passion for our BMWs. I'd like to thank everyone who sent me photos or information. It really helps keep the website active and interesting. And I'd like to remind you that if anyone has news events or pictures from your own rise, please just let me know. I'll be very happy to add them to the website for the next year. I plan to make a few updates. We already started building a page named history about how it all started here in Scotland again, any stories photos will be very much appreciated. For those who would be interested, there will be a page showing our members with their favourite machines. So please keep sending your pictures and ideas. They make all the difference. You can find out how to contact me on our website, and thank you all again for your support. It's a real pleasure to maintain the site for such an active and friendly club.

Matters arising from reports:

Inus mention that is great working with Marek, he always responds very quickly and is very dependable. Also, that we are thinking of adding a document section to the website to upload minutes etc.

Judy mention what a great help Marek is and that it was great someone took on the roll and that he has made a great improvement to the website.

- **Election of officers & ordinary Committee Members.**

The rules of the BMW Club do not allow for an against vote, so even 1 vote can see someone duly elected to a role if no one else is standing for that post.

For last few years we have voted to accept the committee in post to be re-elected en bloc. However, on this occasion there will be a change so individual voting is required.

Treasurer: Bruce Lepley: Bruce Lepley Officially voted in after being temporary treasurer.
Proposed by Marjorie Burnett and 2nd by Ron Gow, Votes was unanimous.

Secretary/ Membership Secretary/ National Committee Rep: Inus Le Roux
No other nominations and was willing to continue.

Social secretary: Jason Goodwill stood down nominations received is **Ian McLeod**
Proposed by Nigel MacDonald and 2nd by Ron Gow Votes was unanimous.

Webmaster: Marek Ruzicka
No other nominations and he was happy to continue.

Ordinary Committee Members: Andy Young
No other nominations and he was happy to continue.

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- **Draft Dairy of Events 2026**

Inus pointed out there's already a fare few items in the dairy, but as there's is a change (Social secretary) we will make it available as soon as everyone involved has checked it over. Please check the calendar online.

- **A.O.C.B.**

Member of the Year: Inus pointed out that he did not know there's a "member of the year" shield until Hamish contacted him to return the shield from the previous year. Well now I now. So, with no further wait the member of the year was announced as Duncan Colburn. He was presented with the shield and a bottle of whiskey that we hope will suite he's taste.

Everyone in the room was also reminded of some items that members have brought with them for sale just outside the meeting room, please go and have a look.

Inus mentioned about adding a documents section to the website for AGM notes etc.

- **Date and Venue of next year'a AGM**

Rob Roy hotel 8th November 2026, 11:30 for 12 o clock start.

Meeting declared closed at: 12:53