

Annual General Meeting

Dundee Contemporary Arts and Online (via zoom)

29th November 2025

Minutes of the AGM – DRAFT

Apologies were noted from :

- Fiona Bennet
- Pete Crane

Attendees list included at the end of these minutes.

President, Anne Butler welcomed everyone present and opened the AGM.

(a) Roll call and appointment of tellers.

CEO and Company Secretary, Stuart Younie, confirmed that proceedings would follow the formal AGM agenda as required under the Articles of Association. Voting was conducted by poll, including advance votes submitted by members.

Tellers appointed: Charmaine Duthie and Helen Gestwicki.

(b) The approval of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any subsequent EGM

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were made available in advance via the website.

No amendments were received.

Voting outcome: 2,507 in favour; 4 against; 1,688 abstentions.

The minutes were approved without amendment.

(c) The receipt of such reports as the Board may consider appropriate to bring before the AGM for approval or information

The Annual Report had been circulated in advance and was presented to the meeting.

No questions or comments were raised, and the report was received and noted.

(d) The receipt of the Company's annual accounts and reports

It was noted that Fiona Bennett, Treasurer and Director of Finance, was unable to attend the meeting in person; however, a pre-recorded presentation summarising the financial position had been provided to members.

Financial statements were prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards and oversight was provided by the Finance and Risk Advisory Board. The organisation reported a year-end surplus of £27,175, compared with a budgeted deficit of approximately £50,000, representing a stronger than expected financial outcome. This positive variance was primarily attributed to staff vacancies during the financial year and higher-than-anticipated membership income. It was emphasised that these contributing factors include non-recurring elements, and therefore caution should be taken when interpreting this surplus as a long-term trend.

Within income, membership income remained the largest single source of revenue. SportScotland grant funding accounted for approximately 35% of total income, consistent with the previous year. Additional income streams included events, donations, and merchandise sales.

In Expenditure, key cost areas included office and administrative costs, public liability insurance (rising from 17% to 19% of total expenditure) and programme delivery costs.

Inflation and insurance cost increases were highlighted as ongoing financial pressures, but the Board remains focused on achieving long-term financial sustainability, balancing cost control with delivery of member benefits.

Following the presentation, members were invited to raise questions; however, no questions were received either from attendees present or online.

(e) The fixing of members' annual subscriptions

- An increase of 3.8% in annual subscriptions was proposed to reflect inflation and rising costs.

Voting outcome: 4,113 in favour; 80 against; 42 abstentions.

The increase was approved.

- A proposal to introduce personal accident insurance for club members (£1 per member) was also presented.

Voting outcome: 2,755 in favour; 1,335 against; 131 abstentions.

The proposal was approved.

The insurance will be implemented from 1 January, with associated fee changes effective from 1 April.

A concern was raised by a club representative regarding not receiving voting communication; this was noted for follow-up.

A query regarding eligibility for members over age 80 was raised and will be clarified separately.

(f) The election of the Board members

It was confirmed that all existing Board members remained eligible to continue in their roles.

Fiona Bennett (Treasurer and Director of Finance) formally stepped down at the conclusion of the AGM, having offered to support transition arrangements for her successor.

(g) The consideration of and taking of decisions on any duly notified proposals for the adoption of any new Policies or the amendment or revocation of any existing policies

No policy proposals were submitted for consideration.

(h) Any other competent business

No additional business was submitted.

The AGM was brought to a close.

Acknowledgements:

Key partners and funders:	
▪ sportscotland ▪ Glenmore Lodge, National Outdoor Training Centre ▪ Mountain Training Scotland ▪ Scottish Mountaineering Trust ▪ St John Scotland ▪ Braemar Mountain Rescue ▪ Scottish Mountain Rescue ▪ Association of Mountaineering Instructors (AMI) ▪ Scottish Avalanche Information Service (SAIS) ▪ Met Office ▪ Mountain Weather Information Service (MWIS) ▪ Police Scotland ▪ British Mountain Guides ▪ Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland	▪ The BMC, Mountaineering Ireland & Ramblers Scotland ▪ Tiso, Cotswold Outdoor & Craigdon Mountain Sports ▪ The Munro Society ▪ Urban Uprising, Able 2 Adventure & Common Wheel ▪ Climbers Against Cancer ▪ Children First ▪ Association of British Climbing Walls Training Trust ▪ Scottish Climbing Wall Network ▪ Association of British Climbing Walls ▪ NICAS ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland ▪ Connect Communications

Supporters & volunteers	ClimbScotland competition sponsors
John Irving Colin McAdam Tony Brown	• Scottish Climbing Walls who hosted our events • DMM

Sophie Bosi Niel Ross Andrew Flockton Anna Fraser Eilidh Scobbie Dave Gordon Strathfarrar padlock volunteers: Alan Bird, Gary Butler, Bob Hemingway and Martyn Willows	• Edelrid/Red Chilli • Highland Outdoor Adventures
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- Contributors to Scottish Mountaineer magazine
- Volunteer instructors at student training weekends
- The many parents and Squad members who have volunteered and helped out at climbing competitions and academies
- Social media supporters and all our followers!

Attendees:

In Person

Name	Club / Organisation
Adam Cosci	University of Stirling Mountaineering Club
Alan Dunn	
Alex Mitchell	Braes o' Fife Mountaineering Club
Alfie Ingram	Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club
Alice Simons	
Alison Robertson	
Andrew Hay	Cioch Mountaineering Club
Andrew Walker	
Brian Purves	Cairngorm Club
Colin Matheson	
Craig Gudmundsson	Perth Mountaineering Club
David Gibson	
Douglas Kerrison	Scottish Paraclimbing Club
Elizabeth Kay	
Emma Littledike	
Greig Laird	
Heinke Pulhorn	Dundee Mountain Club
James Barcroft	Cioch Mountaineering Club
James Donaldson	Dundee Mountain Club
James Trolland	
John Anderson	
John Duthie	
John Tavendale	Grampian Club
Kenneth Wright	Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club
Mahri Lascelles	Ceres Hillwalking Club

Mari Junkkari	Cioch MC
Mark Aitken	
Mary Ainsworth	Ceres Hillwalking Club
Neil Morrison	SMC
Paulina Plociniczak	Dundee Mountain Club
Richard Gatehouse	Desperadoes MC
Ruth Taylor	Dundee Mountain Club
Sam Tilston	
Shan Bhavani	
Stephen Ferguson	
Stuart Duncan	
Tim Simons	
Ulrike Damerow	Edinburgh Ski Touring Club
Yasmin Rosay	
Nick Pearce	Grampian Club
Bob Reid	Dundee Mountain Club

Online

Trevor Collins
 Pete Crane
 Anna Dobie
 Graham Duncan
 Anne Gilchrist
 Stuart Gray
 Jane Grimley
 Dominic Haunschmidt
 Graham Horn
 David Johnson
 Tony Kinghorn
 Martha KOERNER
 Roger Murray
 Laura Nava
 John Pate
 Stan Pearson
 Carol Pudsey
 Gordon Riddler
 Colin Smith
 Alan Stanfield
 Donald Thomas
 Helen Todd