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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Present: Brian Burnett (Chair), Chris Goldsmith (Treasurer), Flora Winter, Lindsay McGowan (Minutes), Talia Carmichael, Alice Sherbrook, Janice MacEachen

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2. Declarations of Interest.
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5. Treasurer's Report - Chris.
6. Property and Maintenance
7. Report from Tina – Events
8. Report from the Funding Group
9. Avich and Kilchrenan Community Heritables -Chris
10. AV Equipment
11. Cupboard Organisation
12. Social Media, Web Site and Advertising
13. Risk Assessment and Health and Safety
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1. Apologies for absence

Tina Goldsmith, Rhona Knox, Angus MacLeod, Karen Taylor

2. Declarations of Interest

Brian: AKCH - Treasurer, Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council member, Kilchrenan and Dalavich Church elder and treasurer, Muckairn Church Treasurer

Chris: AKCH Board Chair and Kilchrenan & Dalavich Church Elder, MTM Hospitality Director and Shareholder

Rhona: Kilchrenan Inn employee, AKCH Board member

Tina: Kilchrenan Inn employee, AKCH Board member, MTM Hospitality Director and Shareholder

Flora: Bridge Club member, Art Club member

Karen: Kilchrenan Inn employee

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 23rd September 2025

Proposed by Lindsay and seconded by Janice.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Treasurer's Report - Chris

A full Treasurer's Report was presented based on the annual draft accounts and current management accounts. Key points included:

- Annual financial position (year to 31 October 2025): A loss of £798 after stock adjustment (previous year: £1,922 surplus). The change is explained entirely by the one-off £2,950 exterior decoration cost funded from reserves.
- Operating performance: Operating deficit of £5,522 (previous year: £2,920). Hall hire increased from £3,375 to £3,625. Running costs rose mainly due to exterior works; core recurring costs fell.
- Events: Events produced a surplus of £4,720 (previous year £5,481).
- 50:50 Club: Net surplus £1,191 (previous year £1,563).
- Cash position: Total cash at bank: £24,803 (previous year £25,726). £332 is restricted; unrestricted funds at £24,471.
- Assets: Fixed assets increased from £353,022 to £365,721 due to shed replacement, AV system and soffit replacement.
- Outlook: A managed and expected decline in reserves. The Board remains in a strong financial position with unrestricted reserves covering approximately 2.7 years of operating costs.
- Management accounts to 24 November 2025:
 - Operating deficit of £221 YTD (last year £1,105 surplus, due to the winter dance having taken place).
 - Cash at bank increased by £5,099 since September due to grant drawdowns.

The Board noted and agreed to the report and thanked Finlay and Lorraine for their accounts support.

6. Report from Property and Maintenance

• Driveway

- a. Janice noted that it would not be worthwhile spending money on the driveway repair until the council clears the drain.
- b. Janice to obtain quotes driveway contractors
- c. Lindsay to find email for council and send photos.

Janice noted that she had observed soil and rubbish behind the hall that she believes had been fly-tipped

7. Events Feedback

Events since the last Board meeting:

- Community Library
- Macmillan fundraiser
- Quiz
- "The Remembering" Samhain event and other associated activities

- Ceilidh-Fit

With the exception of Ceilidh-Fit, these were all a great success. Ceilidh-Fit was not well attended. The Board agreed it might be worthwhile trying again next year in the evening and re-branded simply as ceilidh dancing lessons.

Upcoming events:

- Kilchrenan Does Christmas (29th Nov)
- Hoolie in the Hall (6th Dec)
 - Tina to see if Gregor will do some co-promotion of the event
- Tyndrum Pottery Course (17th/ 18th and 24th/ 25th January)
 - Lindsay to check the extent of any heating that might have to be on while pots are drying.

Suggested events for 2026:

- January pop-up pub
- Bingo
- Pre-loved sale in Spring
- March Quiz

Events team to investigate what might be required in terms of licenses to show films or TV and what our obligations are should someone who hires the hall do this.

8. Report from the Funding Group

There is £255 grant funding remaining which was agreed to be used for appropriate storage, shelving etc for the AV system.

A new funding round has opened which would be suitable for the replacement fencing and/ or the driveway.

It was agreed it would be good for the hall to have its own generator and for the Community Council to store theirs elsewhere. Janice to ask the electrician about any electrical work that might have to be done.

Janice to get quotes from MacKenzie and driveway contractors

9. AKCH

Memorandum of Understanding with AKCH: A draft Memorandum of Understanding is being prepared to ensure clarity on the types of events most suitable for all venues, with the aim of complementing one another and maintaining mutual benefit. Regular and open communication between the venues will be central to this. AKCH will send the draft to KVH for review and approval.

Chris noted that both KVH and AKCH should remain clear on their constitutional purposes when agreeing the MOU.

10. AV equipment

Lindsay and Andy have exhausted all available solutions for getting the speakers working. Currently, the troubleshooting is at the last point in the process between the amp and the speakers.

David Price has agreed to help but is very busy and hasn't managed to agree a date yet. Lindsay suggested we go back to Matt Walsh from Ardfarn and pay him to come and get it working.

11. Cupboard reorganisation

Once the above is done, we need to create a little space in the cupboard so someone can stand in front of the amp and mixer to work with it and for boxes of microphones, the projector etc. The stage takes up too much room right now, but Lindsay and Janice felt that the required amount of space may be created by having a clear out of unused items.

12. Social Media, Website and Advertising

No new activities, with Facebook, leaflets, posters and the community email being used as the main promotional channels. Lindsay noted that with Facebook and emails we are reaching a saturation point and at certain points of the year, relying on them too heavily which means the interaction goes down.

13. Risk Assessment and Health and Safety

This needs to be done annually. Ivan may be open to doing this. Brian invited him to the next meeting but has not heard back. He will talk to him again.

14. Trustee Recruitment

Tina Goldsmith has resigned from the KVH board from January 2026. She remains available for ad-hoc event support. The Board wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Tina for all her hard work and promotion, including leading the energy project that means we now have a warm and energy efficient village hall.

The Board all agreed to think of people who may wish to become KVH trustees but more importantly, people who may wish to volunteer at events on an ad-hoc basis, as we are now very short on volunteers.

15. AOB

None

16. Date of Next Meeting

20th January 2025

AGM 7pm, Board meeting afterwards