

KILCHRENAN VILLAGE HALL SCIO

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Present: Brian Burnett (Chair), Peter Gray (Treasurer), Flora Winter, Lindsay McGowan (Minutes), Rhona Knox, Janice MacEachen, Jamie Beamish, Michele Backhouse

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 21st May 2026
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5. Treasurer's Report - Peter
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Apologies for absence
Gwen McInnes

Declarations of Interest

Brian: Kilchrenan and Dalavich Christian Fellowship Treasurer, AKCH Board member and Treasurer.

Flora: Bridge Club member, Art Club member

Rhona: Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council member

Minutes of the Last Meeting – 15th July 2026

Proposed by Rhona and seconded by Michele.

Matters Arising

None.

Treasurer's Report- Peter

A full Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Key points noted were as follows:

- Cash at 12 September stood at £19,215.81, a reduction of approximately £5,513 compared with May. However, £6,753.92 is due from the Green Power capital grant for Phase 1 of the driveway/fencing project; once received, the cash position would be approximately £1,241 higher than the May comparison point.
- Fiscal year-to-date income is £7,736 against fixed expenses of £7,341, giving a positive net position of £395.

- Events account for 53% of income and hall rentals 33%; together these provide approximately 86% of total income. The 50:50 Club contributes a further 9%.
- Events have generated approximately £4,137 net income year to date. The Pre-Loved Sale remains the largest individual earner, and almost all events have broken even or generated a surplus. The only loss-making event was Hoolie in the Hall, which lost £587.
- Insurance is the largest fixed expense. Together, insurance, electricity and the heating loan account for nearly half of fixed costs. External painting of the Hall (£2,531) was noted as a one-off expense.
- The Board discussed keeping administration proportionate to the needs of a small charity, including whether QuickBooks remains necessary and reviewing the cleaning budget, in the same way we no longer paying for the hall booking system since simpler administration is sufficient.

Report from Property and Maintenance- Jamie

- **Driveway**
 - The driveway works are complete. The fencing remains outstanding and Jamie is chasing MacKenzie Steel. It was noted that the fencing project must be completed and paid for by January 2027.
- **Tree and bamboo maintenance**
 - While a chipper is available, the trees and bamboo at the side of the Hall should be cut back. The fence in this area also requires repair, which is expected to be covered by the remaining fencing grant.
 - Mark has offered to take the trees down free of charge. Additional funding will need to be sourced for a chipper.
- **Outdoor lighting for parking lay-by**
 - Jamie and Peter will install a floodlight on the back of hall to cheaply address parking lay-by lighting for nighttime events.

Events Feedback

Refer to the Events Report for full details of events held since the previous meeting. A varied programme has continued to bring together local residents and visitors, while building KVH's reputation beyond Kilchrenan. People are now regularly travelling from Taynuilt, Connel, Dalavich and Oban to attend events.

- **Recent events and activities**
 - The monthly Library continues to be very popular and well attended. Flora requested that two additional tables be purchased as the current supply is becoming insufficient. Rhona will advertise the table tennis table for sale to free up storage space.
 - Community clean-up days have transformed the Kilchrenan field and prepared it for wider use. Remaining MyParkScotland funding will be used to create a chipped picnic/seating area. SSEN has donated large wooden poles and the Woodland Trust will provide native trees and hedging.
 - The Go Wild Loch Awe Outdoor Kids Club ran three sessions across July and August using the field, Hall and garden. Attendance was lower than anticipated at around 5–15 children per session, but feedback was extremely positive and there was strong support for running it again next summer. Much of the equipment and programme material can be reused.

- Music from Near & Far was the second sold-out Touring Network-supported gig. The main learning was to focus future gigs on one strong professional act and keep the overall performance length tighter.
- The Sueños Semillas dance theatre workshop and performance attracted a small but engaged audience and was considered a useful way to broaden the Hall's cultural programme and build future connections.
- Kilchrenan Games Day was very well attended, with strong use of the field for races and games, followed by the BBQ and duck race at the Hall.
- **Upcoming events**
 - Macmillan Coffee Morning – Saturday 26 September.
 - October Quiz – Saturday 24 October.
 - Shona Cowie and Neil have agreed to come on Friday 30 October for an evening of storytelling and music. The Board will also consider an open mic session afterwards.
 - Kilchrenan Does Christmas – Saturday 21 November. Lindsay will locate the previous stallholder list so potential stallholders can be contacted and will circulate the Canva poster links.
 - St Andrew's Dance with the Nicolson Band and catering by Clare – Saturday 28 November.
 - A Merry Little Singalong – Sunday afternoon, 20 December.

Lindsay will add all agreed events to the website and Facebook.

Funding

The Board reviewed the funding update included with the Events Report. Key points were:

- The first £1,000 of Touring Network support has now been fully used for Anemara, Music from Near & Far and Sueños Semillas. A new membership has been paid, opening access to a further £1,000 of performer support.
- £714 of the £1,500 MyParkScotland award remains and will be used for the chipped picnic/seating area at the community field.
- The Woodland Trust application for native trees and hedging was successful, with delivery expected in early November.
- The Go Wild Loch Awe Kids Club was fully supported through £1,045 of local funding from Green Power, Awesome Energy and Taynuilt Community Council after the Scottish Children's Lottery application was unsuccessful.
- An Awards for All application of approximately £5,000–£10,000 is being considered for a shed, shelter and seating for the Kilchrenan Outdoor Community Space. If unsuccessful, a Green Power main grant application may be considered in January 2027.
- Applications remain pending with the Matthew Good Foundation (£5,000 towards operating costs), Hugo Burge Foundation (£8,000 for the culture programme) and The Weir Charitable Trust (£17,700 for the culture programme), with outcomes expected by the end of 2026.
- The Green Power driveway/fencing capital grant remains active. £6,753.92 is currently awaited as reimbursement for Phase 1 expenditure, with further grant funding remaining for completion of the project.

Risk Assessment and Health and Safety

There has been no update from Ivan. It was suggested that John from the Kilchrenan Inn could be approached, given his previous experience as a firefighter.

AOB

- **Resilience**

Chris Cowley and Finlay McFee would like to hand over responsibility for community resilience as they are leaving the Community Council. Chris will provide a handover to Rhona, who will then establish a new resilience team through the Community Council. It was agreed that the Village Hall is likely to be the most appropriate location for a generator and that this should be discussed with the Community Council.

The current generator is not capable of powering the Hall heating, but it can support sockets and lighting. Together with the gas hob, this would provide useful resilience during power outages or severe weather. The Community Council is likely to hold a resilience meeting to understand community needs; KVH should attend and discuss the possibility of the Hall taking responsibility for the generator.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2026, 7pm