



HALKIRK DISTRICT BENEFIT FUND

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Halkirk District Benefit Fund AGM 2024

Thursday 18th September 2025 Ross Institute Halkirk 7.00pm

1. Welcome and apologies.

Kathrin Haltiner (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all present, following browsing of the various stalls around the Hall. Many thanks to those who had taken part in this. With a membership of 100 the quorum is 10. With 19 people present the AGM is quorate.

Apologies from the Board: Lisa Kennedy and Morris Mackenzie. Apologies from the membership: Ken Nicol, Sadie Kevill, Trish Bremner.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held in September 2024 were adopted as a true record. They can be viewed online: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/halkirk-district-benefit-fund>

3. Chair report

Kathrin stated that there were some things that were going or had gone well and some thing that were going less well. The transition to Foundation Scotland took some time to complete but is now going well. The introduction of an annual membership has been beneficial as a large number of members have changes address or moved out of the area and were no longer in touch. Dealing with the RBS has been difficult and has involved a lot of phonecalls and trips to the bank, at present no resolution has been found and there is still money sitting in this bank. The Development Officer has make significant headway with a number of projects, unfortunately he has recently handed in his notice so a new solution to keeping these projects on track is required.

4. Financial report

The annual accounts for 23/24, which are the subject of this AGM, were presented. Available online <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/SC281781/filing-history> they show grants of £93,501 over 17 grants to groups plus individuals.

The newsletter, distributed throughout the hall, is for the period 24/25 which will be the subject of the next AGM. It shows grants of £204,722 over 15 grants to groups plus 19 individuals. The Board will work with the Accountant to finalise this accounting period.

We are now in the financial period of 25/26 which so far has seen grants of £136,875 over 12 grants to groups plus 7 individuals. Some activity you are likely to see in Halkirk District over the coming months: the Halkirk Young Farmers will have new branded uniforms; Girl Guides have been awarded a three-year grant to fund the Christmas pantomime trip to save having to apply annually; calligraphy workshops have started in Spittal Hall and a demo of the work can be seen at the back of the hall; getting the minibus out and about more by offering MIDAS training for any local volunteers; portaloos are available through Halkirk Highland Games if needed for any other activity, and finally the Halkirk Village Council have raised the full sum required for work to start on the Church Street Play Park.

5. Election of Office bearers

Gordy Levack will have to stand down as his time in office is due to end according to the articles.

Other board members will remain (Kathrin Haltiner, Iain Mackenzie, Morris Mackenzie, Kerry Spiers, Lisa Kennedy, Robert Macleod).

New Board member: Sonja Sinclair. Thank you Sonja for joining.

6. Appointment of Accountants

Reid and Fraser to continue as the accountants.

7. Date of Future Meetings

The new Board will arrange to meet shortly. The next AGM will likely be held in September 2026.

Questions from Members:

None

With no other business discussed the meeting was closed.