

**Scottish Section Draft Minutes 2025 –
42nd AGM, Sunday 9th November 2025**

Meeting commenced at 11:50 am

1. Welcome address: Secretary Inus Le Roux welcomed all members present. He thanked them for travelling to the AGM and mentioned that it was his first time hosting the AGM and that he would try to do the best he could.
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 were accepted unanimously, and there were no matters arising. Approved: Marjorie Burnett & Judy Lepley
5. **Treasurer's Report & Accounts for 2024–2025:**

Scottish Treasurer's Report – November 2025

I'd like to thank the Scottish Committee for co-opting me as Treasurer, following my father's (our previous Treasurer's) sudden catastrophic illness and resulting death on the 18th of February.

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

Aside from 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 £1,500 as a cushion to operate annually. At the time of writing, we have 204 full members. Multiplied by £5 capitation, this gives us £1,020 income annually, and so we really need at least 96 more members to maintain our finances. We currently hold £5,740.64 of Club funds in the Section account, and so, at the current member level and without any increase in costs, we have enough funds to survive for approximately 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 the support needs to be in a way that the money is used to publicise the event, make it more attractive to members, and make it a better experience. Stickers, lanyards, badges, key rings, commemorative stuff, something like that, rather than just paying for a meal or money off accommodation or something.

The 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 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 about 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's 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 good cash flow but also says it should not be used to subsidise events.

Ian MacLeod: Asked about the extra cost per member for the National 75th Rally. Bruce explained that, at the National AGM, members 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 are not looking that great.

Matter arising from this:

Alan Myles: Spoke out that he was not happy with how one member from the Aberdeen area had been treated after he had set up and organised many events for the club, after this member was asked 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 that he was still unhappy and said he no longer wished to be part of the club and walked out of the room. Inus then pointed out that there were multiple emails between this person, Bruce and Inus. They were quite rude and uncalled for, and we decided to be respectful and not read the person's rude emails to the members. All we politely tried to establish was how the money was spent.

Bruce Lepley suggested that, as the section is wealthy, we should give all of the 2026 capitation money to the National Rally to make it better, and proposed putting this to a vote by show of hands to see who would support it.

Proposed by Judy Lepley, seconded by Inus Le Roux. Unanimous.

Comment from the floor: (Nigel?) Pointed out that at the last AGM, members did agree to give £200 to the above person to go towards the event. But felt it needed 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	<u>£ 9.48</u>
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	£ <u>0</u>
Total	£5,740.64

6. Adoption of Accounts: Proposed by Andy Young, seconded by Eric Burnett. Unanimous.
7. 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. 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 who pointed out things that I wasn't aware of. Thank you to everyone that kept me right.

For the year of 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 have 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 events. A BIG thanks to Judy for her hotel events, which remain very popular. Another thanks to Nigel and Ron for keeping people busy in their areas, and to Billy for his events.

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

And please remember there's a great website, thanks to Marek, Facebook, and some WhatsApp groups for information and events happening 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 abroad, etc. Inus responded that it would be great to have trips, maybe to Europe, but at the time he was finding his feet as a lot had changed, such as new committee members coming on board. But 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 had 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 back on another year of full-on adventures and good times together. As your Webmaster, 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 me but also with great support from our members, especially our photo paparazzi. Many thanks, Jana. Yes, each of these shows what our section is about: friendship, enthusiasm and a 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 rides, 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 have already started building a page named 'History' about how it all started here in Scotland. Again, any stories or 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 mentioned that it 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 mentioned what a great help Marek is and that it was great that someone took on the role and that he has made a great improvement to the website.

9. Election of Officers & Ordinary Committee Members

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

For the 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 – officially voted in after being temporary Treasurer.

Proposed by Marjorie Burnett and seconded by Ron Gow. Votes were unanimous.

Secretary / Membership Secretary / National Committee Rep: Inus Le Roux

No other nominations and he was willing to continue.

Social Secretary: Jason Goodwill stood down; nominations received for Ian McLeod.

Proposed by Nigel MacDonald and seconded by Ron Gow. Votes were unanimous.

Webmaster: Marek Ruzicka

No other nominations and he was happy to continue.

Ordinary Committee Member: Andy Young

No other nominations and he was happy to continue.

10. Draft Diary of Events 2026

Inus pointed out that there are already a fair few items in the diary, but as there is a change (Social Secretary), we will make it available as soon as everyone involved has checked it over. Please check the calendar online.

11. A.O.C.B.

Member of the Year: Inus pointed out that he did not know there was a "Member of the Year" shield until Hamish contacted him to return the shield from the previous year. Well, now I know. 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 whisky that we hope will suit his taste.

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

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

12. Date and Venue of next year's AGM

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

Meeting declared closed at 12:53.