

PITLOCHRY TOWN HALL

Annual General Meeting Minutes

23 March 2026 at 1900 hrs in Pitlochry Town Hall

1. Attendance

PKC Councillors: Provost McDade and Councillor Duff

PTH Board: Duncan Tannahill (Chair) (DT), Leslie Gill (LG), John Poulisse (JP), Carol Robertson (CR), Alasdair Robertson (AR), Kate Thompson (KT), Susan Campbell (SC)

PTH Members: approx. 40

2. Apologies

PTH Members: 11

3. Chair's Report

- DT shared PTH's key developments including:
 - i. PTH Charity formed December 2024
 - ii. Building surveyed
 - iii. Management Agreement with PKC commenced July 25
 - iv. Board formed with four Trustees (DT, SC, JP and AR) plus KT as Secretary and LG and Councillor Williamson providing additional support
 - v. Carol Robertson appointed as Operations Manager
 - vi. Community Asset Transfer (CAT) to take ownership in progress
- DT thanked those involved to date:
 - i. Trustees and CR
 - ii. PCAT for their early support including securing critical grant funding
 - iii. Funders (more details in Treasurer's Report)
 - iv. DTAS – Development Trusts Association Scotland
 - v. COSS - Community Ownership Support Service

- vi. Community Enterprise
- vii. PKC and the team actively working with us to progress the CAT
- viii. The community and members for ongoing support and encouragement
- ix. Volunteers – painters, builders, cleaners, tea makers, bakers, etc.
- x. PTH customers, project partners and stakeholders for their support and confidence in the project

2. Treasurer's Report

- JP shared the surplus generated at £7,203 at year end and cash on hand today of restricted funds and for designated projects at almost £34,000
- JP listed grant funders:
 - i. Advanced Community Assets Fund (PKC)
 - ii. Scottish Land Fund
 - iii. Gannochy Trust
 - iv. Andie Millar's Trust
 - v. Warm Welcome Fund
 - vi. Pitlochry Common Good Fund
 - vii. CAT surveillance
 - viii. Basil Death Trust
 - ix. Total to date: £59,000
- JP also noted receipt of a number of kind individual donations worth approx. £6,000
- JP acknowledged that saving PTH for the community is a viable project, but there is much hard work still ahead
- Annual Report (ending December 31, 2025) approved by show of hands
- Athol Accounting Ltd (Jim Haluch) approved as Examiner for 2026 by unanimous show of hands

3. Update on activity and progress towards securing the Town Hall for the community

- DT shared key results:
 - i. Massive clean-up in PTH
 - ii. Two rooms decorated and Lesser Hall's floor restored
 - iii. Lower level refurbishment near completion and tenant to be sought
 - iv. Fibre broadband installed
 - v. New website developed and launched by CR
 - vi. Social media profile developed and actively managed by CR
 - vii. Approx. 300 members recruited to PTH
 - viii. PTH Lottery launched with 70 members subscribed in just 6 weeks
 - ix. Over 70 bookings and events delivered from July to December 2025
 - x. External works in progress by PKC to ensure the building is wind and watertight

4. Update on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application

- DT shared the work to date and news of upcoming submission:
 - i. Over 350 pages plus 5-year Business Plan and pack of appendices
 - ii. Application to be formally submitted next week (end of Mar 2026)
- DT explained the purchase of building as well as process to release Common Good status from PKC to PTH charity
- Anticipated transfer date will be late 2027 or early 2028

5. 2026 annual plan key objectives

- DT shared the following four major aims:
 - i. **Income generating activity (booking, event, tenants) and new customers/partner projects to secure a small reserve fund.** Community focused, low cost/free events will be held, but income generation to save PTH is critical at this

formative stage. Increased lottery participation and donations also important.

- ii. **Progressing Community Asset Transfer application with PKC**
- iii. **Recruitment of Trustees and volunteers.** New trustees with property or sales and marketing experience would be ideal. More volunteers to assist with events, cleaning, refurbishment, etc. will be essential to the sustainability of PTH. Signup sheets distributed.
- iv. **Developing longer terms plans for the building and its use.** Working on property plans and grant applications for long-term development once PTH owns the building.

6. Election of Trustees

- KT noted the Interim Board retires at AGM and read out the nomination for Trustees
- Members by show of hands approved and elected the five nominees (Alasdair Robertson, Duncan Tannahill, John Poulisse, Susan Campbell and Kate Thompson) en block
- KT explained Trustees will appoint Office Bearers at the next Board meeting per the constitution
- KT reiterated the Board will seek to co-opt additional Trustees during the year to expand and grow the Board's skill set

7. AOB

- DT referred attendees to PCAT's information table with details of Pitlochry's bid to become *UK Town of Culture for 2028* as well as the Lottery and Volunteer/Trustee information tables
- DT thanked everyone who helped at and attended the AGM.

8. Next AGM – March 2027 – date to be confirmed