



Annual General Meeting

19/09/25 via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

1. David Ross
2. David Watt
3. Kathleen O'Neill
4. Khara MacPhail
5. Kirsten Millar
6. Michael Pierre Johnson
7. Muriel MacKaveney
8. Seymour Adams
9. Ina Olahan
10. Iain Johnson
11. Moira Chapman
12. Meik Zwamborn
13. Deirdre McKenna
14. Gatian Kamga Foussouo
15. Àdhamh Ó Broin
16. Hannah Clinch
17. Giles Perring
18. Glen
19. Jill Bowis, Argyll and Bute Museum and Heritage Representative
20. Liz Hunter
21. Luke Winter
22. Jocelyn Misquitta

Apolgoies

1. Councillor Luna Martin (CHARTS trustee)
2. Ruth Wishart (CHARTS trustee)
3. Rosemary Power (CHARTS trustee)
4. Arlene Cullum Economic Development, Argyll Bute Council
5. Touring network
6. Jen Skinner, Screen Argyll
7. Alison Diamond, Argyll Estates
8. Alice Stillman
9. Karen Dick, Creative Scotland



1. Introduction

Seymour Adams (CHARTS Director) welcomed all attendees and introduced CHARTS board members, Dr Michael Pierre Johnson (Vice-Chair), Liz Hunter and David Watt. All staff were invited to introduce themselves.

Seymour Adams requested that questions be kept to the end of the AGM or added to the chat.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 12th September 2024

The minutes were proposed by Michael Pierre Johnson, seconded by Liz Hunter, and adopted.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Financial Report and Annual Accounts

David Watt introduced and talked to the accounts with a statement of financial activities, prepared by David Ross of Mackay & Co. A link was also provided to the Accounts – also available on the CHARTS website.

For the year under review, CHARTS secured £83,211 of unrestricted income, £94,880 in restricted income, total income for the year - £178,091. Unrestricted and restricted expenditure exceeded income secured, leading to a combined deficit for the year of £16,046 to be carried forward.

On behalf of the board, David thanked Argyll and Bute Council for the £75k grant 25/26 and Arlene Cullum from the Argyll and Bute Council Economic Development team for helping CHARTS to maintain that positive relationship.

Creative Scotland's Multi-Year Development Fund, 25/26 - £76k / makes up the other 50% of CHARTS' unrestricted funding for this year.

The board recorded thanks to the staff team, CHARTS Director Kathleen O'Neill, and Kirsten Millar, Public Relations Manager, specifically for contribution to the Creative Scotland Multi year funding bid 25/26.

Gratitude was also expressed to CHARTS Chair Seymour Adams, who dedicated significant time to supporting development, 2024-to date.



David summarised the confirmed unrestricted funding to date including:

- Museums Galleries Scotland, through liveArgyll to continue our Creative Minds programme.
- Stafford Trust - Campbeltown Museum to continue our Keeping it Creel programme.
- Foras na Gaelige and Bord na Gaidhlig - Ceanglan – Irish/Scottish Gaelic Residencies programme.
- Bòrd na Gàidhlig - supporting Gaelic across Argyll and the Isles until September 2025.
- The University of Ulster and the School of Innovation and Technology at the Glasgow School of Art (AHRC) - for our Future Islands, Islands speakers.
- Creative Scotland, through Argyll and Bute Council - to deliver the VACMA Awards programme.
- LiveArgyll, through Service Level Agreement – to facilitate development of the Campbeltown Museum

David noted that governance and management systems has also been enhanced to ensure excellence in the management of all finances:

The Finance and Risk Committee scrutinises the Budget for 2025-26, monitors and reviews progress on a quarterly basis, before reporting to the Board.

Financial management has been strengthened with additional capacity through external finance expertise, with a new Head of Operations and Finance (p/t) and Finance and Administration Assistant now recruited.

2023/24 Financial Position

CHARTS accounts were proposed by David Watt, seconded by Michael Pierre Johnson, and adopted.

5. Projects/Programme Review

Dr Michael Pierre Johnson gave a presentation summarising the Annual Review 2023 - 2024. Noting a great deal of work has occurred, all set within an increasingly challenging climate for heritage culture arts within Argyll and the Isles.

<https://www.chartsargyllandisles.org/projects-and-showcases/annual-review-2024-2025/>

6. Members Engagement Review

Kirsten Millar summarised the way services to members had been delivered over the past year and invited increased engagement from members.

7. Election and Re-election of Trustees

- Re-election of Chair: Chair – Seymour Adams - proposed by Michael Pierre Johnson, seconded by Liz Hunter.
- Vice Chair – Michael Pierre Johnson proposed by Seymour Adams, seconded by Liz Hunter.

Dr Michael Pierre Johnson and Cllr Luna Martin stayed as *ex officio* trustees under para 55 of the constitution.

All other trustees stood down and were re-elected as follows

- David Watt
- Liz Hunter
- Rosemary Power
- Ruth Wishart

Proposed by Michael Pierre Johnson – seconded by Seymour Adams

8. Questions and Answers from the Floor

Questions were invited and taken from the floor. This included enquiry regarding the Steering Group review.

Response

Executive Director, Kathleen O'Neill, noted that the review was ongoing and expected to be completed by November 2025. Kathleen noted that member support has continued, including through Islands development supported by Jen Skinner and Mary Morrison and through Gaelic arts membership support. Kirsten Millar and Muriel MacKaveney have also worked to support both organisations and individual members throughout the review period.

Seymour Adams noted that the Steering Group is not mentioned in the CHARTS Constitution.

9. **AOCB** - There being no other business, Seymour Adams closed the meeting.