

28th September 2025 @ 15.00

Minutes

1. Introduction and welcome

██████████ welcomed everyone along to the meeting and thanked Mosstodloch Scouts for the use of the building and ██████████ for the opportunity to try something new. Unfortunately, due to work commitments ██████████ was unable to do the archery.

2. Apologies for absence

█████ confirmed that █████ was unable to attend today, however █████ has asked █████ to take some notes to allow for a minute to be recorded.

Apologies, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. Governance topics

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15-09-2024

████ confirmed a couple copies going around but hope all had the chance to review minutes sent out. There was a copy on the laptop too.

Minutes approved [REDACTED]

Seconded [REDACTED]

b. District Lead \volunteer's review of Scouts in Moray

This is my first opportunity to present one of these reports, so bear with as I may jump about a bit and go back and forth.

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to all District Leaders for their dedication and commitment in supporting our young people and each other. Despite some challenges, we have succeeded in providing valuable experiences, and the young people have benefited from these activities.

Since assuming my position, I am aware that forty camps or sleepovers have taken place across the UK involving all age ranges in Moray. One of the many quirks with the new Membership system is I am unable to confirm this number with greater accuracy and aware of all the limitations and struggles we have all had.

District membership has remained consistent with last year, although we have observed growth among Explorers. Notably, this year marked the establishment of our first Squirrel Drey at Hopeman. While some remain uncertain about the Squirrels section, me included, it is hoped that numbers will increase as understanding grows through shared experiences.

The Membership system, though no longer new, continues to experience some technical issues that are being addressed. Most members now have familiarity with the system, which represents an improvement for them, although further work is needed for Managers and Supporters.

A major focus this year has been on ensuring completion of Mandatory Training required by The Scout Association. Significant emphasis was placed on completing the new Safety Training. Unfortunately, several members missed the deadline and were consequently suspended for non-completion, with some roles being terminated this week. First Response/Aid training will be the next priority, so I look forward to seeing the coming first aid courses fill up.

As of yesterday, our overall training compliance is encouraging. We have achieved 100% completion in Safeguarding; only 1% of members still need to complete Safety Training (those on the Growing Roots journey), and 16% of Leaders require First Response/Aid training.

The new system provides detailed statistics—for example, one member has not recorded completion of a First Aid course for 6,400 days, and several others for over five hundred days. Having met our Safeguarding goal, I am confident we can achieve comparable results for Safety and First Aid training especially with the conversion courses and the free offering we run in Moray.

Upon taking on this role, I aimed to visit all Sections and Groups within the year to introduce myself. While this has not yet been fully accomplished, I plan to complete visits to the remaining three Groups—one per month for the remainder of the year I think will do it.

- c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District, including the annual statement of accounts

Daffyd gave his report. And outlined expenditure for the year. He highlighted the need to ensure if paying money into account via transfer to let him know by email would be appreciated.

To a question raised it was confirmed that 29k was paid to Capitulations in 2023, 31k in 2024 and that the idea was to ensure that if something happened, we would have a baseline financially to pay capitation in full, ref 31k.

- d. Confirm the District Levi for the year, but it felt that the subscriptions to support the work of District the subscription should be set at £55.00 for the next year.

A conversation was then had in discussion on the expenditure on sections and camps, such as the costs of toilets etc to events. The lack of events or lack of communications on events to leaders and how this should be recognised in the fact that an increase for some is challenging. The question was also raised about region to which Paul and Stuart feedback.

Considerations had been given by the trustees on a Capitation Levy following the announcement from HQ.

Looking at the expenditure in previous years and the fact that we have both World Jamboree, Blair Atholl, other trips on the horizon.

Also the purchasing of new First Aid, new rifles, Archery Equipment, Look to but new crates for the climbing team as well as new Kags for the water activities and looking to put a number of leaders through the activity water permit for such as paddleboarding and water access all takes some financial input

It is noted that more exploration is being undertaken regards grant aid and Gift Aid

It is also recognised that as a District we need to put together a financial hardship fund for all to access across the district and this will be actioned in the next year.

■■■■ explained that this was in early planning and would be rolled out to the groups via their LV for input back to District.

4 Making appointments.

■■■■ handed the meeting over to the Lead Volunteer ■■■■

Note the appointment of Lord Lieutenant ■■■■ as Honorary President.

a. Appoint the District Chair

■■■■ thanked ■■■■ for his years of service as chair and the fact that he wished to resign as chair this year.

■■■■ noted that there had been no nominations advised from groups for the role of Chair. Therefore, he proposed that his nomination of ■■■■ be approved.

Seconded ■■■■

b. Appoint the District Treasurer

■■■■ confirmed there had been no nominations for the post of treasurer, however he was delighted to say that ■■■■ was willing to continue in the role.

Seconded ■■■■

■■■■ confirmed that he would ask that the Auditor ■■■■ if she was willing to continue to audit the books of the district.



Moray District Scout Council
 Scottish Charity Number SC001936

Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31st of March 2025

	2025 £ Designated	2025 £ General	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Receipts				
Capitation Income from Members		31550	31550	32881
Bank Interest		877.13	877.13	780.03
Beavers Account Repaid		2355.43	2355.43	
Donations				
Grants				
Other		10	10	400
Camp		9708.28	9708.28	7545
Badge Account				2700
Funds				
Deskford	294		294	
Interest (Scottish Widows)	626.55		626.55	554.26
World Jamboree Camp				1683
Total Receipts	920.55	44500.84	45421.39	46543.29

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	2025 £ Designated	2025 £ General	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Payments				
Capitation to SHQ and Region		31443	31443	27320
Training		1284	1284	3844.95
Equipment		1955.77	1955.77	808.20
Insurance		574.59	574.59	668
Administration		1347.02	1347.02	880.58
Explorers		264	264	
Miscellaneous		1978.61	1978.61	974.61
Christingle Expenses				283
Funds				
Camp	10435.75		10435.75	5431.55
Deskford Site	649.20		649.20	90
World Jamboree Camp				555.03
Back to Feet- 1 st Elgin Scouts				
Total Payments	11084.95	38846.99	49931.94	40855.92
Defecit for the Year			(4510.05)	

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Statement of Balances as at 31st of March 2025

	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Opening Bank Balances	105837.47	100150.10
Surplus for the Year	(4510.55)	5687.37
Closing Balance	10326.92	105837.47
Represented:		
Current Account	58719.26	63856.36
Scottish Widows Bond	42607.66	41981.11
	101326.92	105837.47

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

MORAY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity number

SC001936

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

04

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

03

2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.