

Club Gaidhlig Obar Dheathain

Scotland · Charity number SC036938

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2005-09-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	9 Birch Road Inverurie AB51 6AR
Website	www.aberdeengaelicclub.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the promotion of equality and diversity', 'any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes'

What the charity does: To promote the learning and support the use of Gaelic throughout Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Gaelic language and conversation classes Coffee afternoons to give people with an interest in Gaelic an opportunity to meet and converse in the language Guided walks / talks / other events

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: To advance the education of the Gaelic community of Aberdeen and environs in respect of their history, culture and language through the medium of their own language, i.e Gaelic.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,550	£18,330	-	2
2024-03-31	£19,818	£22,995	-	2
2023-03-31	£13,701	£10,475	-	1
2022-03-31	£14,655	£14,940	-	1
2021-03-31	£14,387	£7,554	-	1

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Periodstart date				Periodend date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	24

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Club Gàidhlig Obar Dheathain
Other names charity is known by	Aberdeen Gaelic Club
Registered charity number	SC036938
Charity's principal address	Rubha Hùnais
	9 Birch Road
	Inverurie
	Postcode AB51 6AR

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Cooper	Chair		Committee at AGM
2	Pauline Larmour	Vice-Chair		Committee at AGM
3	Rhiannon Ledwell	Secretary		Committee at AGM
	Alasdair Barron	Class Co-Ordinator		Committee at AGM
5	Aileen Taylor	Treasurer		Committee at AGM
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/a	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All trustees are appointed at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To promote the learning and support the use of Gaelic throughout Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Gaelic language and conversation classes
- Coffee afternoons to give people with an interest in Gaelic an opportunity to meet and converse in the language
- Guided walks / talks / other events

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The 2024 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 4th May in the Boy's Brigade Hall, Crimon Place, Aberdeen. Eight were in attendance. Graham Cooper was elected as Chairperson, Pauline Larmour as Vice-chair, Aileen Taylor remained in office as Treasurer, Rhiannon Ledwell was elected as Secretary, and Ally Barron remained in Office as Club Administrator.

Suzanne Robertson and Alister Clark volunteered to join the committee. Adele Long and Anne Thirkell indicated their wish to step down from the committee.

Aileen Taylor, the Club's Treasurer has kept meticulous records of the Club's Finances for the year which she will summarise in the Treasurer's Report.

Over the year, the committee met on Zoom on four occasions after the AGM (24th October, 12th December, 20th February and 3rd April) and there was effective communication between the Office-bearers and Committee Members in the intervals between these meetings.

The Club's teaching activities were maintained over the course of the year, with weekday evening classes at nine levels to be run from September to June, and Saturday classes on a less frequent basis. This most recent spring term, 83 learners are attending weekday tutorials on Zoom and 9 attend a Saturday class for more advanced conversation. Plans for the term due to begin in September 2025 are presently being drafted.

At the Royal National Mòd in Oban in October, Mairead NicIomhair, one of our tutors, was given the award 'Gaelic Ambassador of the Year' jointly with the late Fionnlagh MacLeòid. At the beginning of 2025, our Club Administrator, Ally Barron, indicated that he wished to resign from his position. Suzanne Robertson was appointed as his replacement and Ally and Suzanne worked together in a handover of responsibilities over the months of February and March. The Club held two Saturday Coffee Afternoons (Srùbagan) over the year. The first preceded the AGM in the Boys Brigade Hall on the 4th May, the second took place at the MacRobert Building at the University of Aberdeen on the 5th of October. Over the summer of 2024, the Boy's Brigade Hall was put on the market for sale and will no longer be available to the Club as a venue.

The Club Committee has continued to explore the possibilities for future Saturday Coffee Afternoons. The hiatus in availability of a city centre venue has given the Committee the opportunity to review how such events should be held in the future, bearing in mind the stipulations of recent changes to the legislation on Health and Safety and Risk Assessment. Over the year, the Club members enjoyed networking with the ocal Fèis, Comann nam Pàrant, the Gaelic education department at Hazlehead Academy, and the University of Aberdeen and its Celtic Society.

Two committee members, Carola MacCallum and Graham Cooper, played an active role in events at Aberdeen University during Seachdain na Gàidhlig. Carola taught a Song Workshop and an Introduction to the Clarsach; Graham taught a Gaelic Writing Workshop and gave a short talk on his recent writing projects.

The Club noted with sadness the death of two of its stalwart supporters: Molly Atkinson in October 2024 and Màiri Steele in December. Molly Atkinson had requested that the Lord's Prayer in Gaelic be said at her funeral service.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All funds are carried over to the next financial year.

Details of any deficit

N/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/a

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Aileen Taylor

Full name(s)

Aileen Taylor

Position (e.g. Chair)

Treasurer

Date

02-01-25

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	100				100	-
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	88				88	120
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	20,363				20,363	19,698
					-	
A1 Sub total	20,550	-	-	-	20,550	19,818
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,550	-	-	-	20,550	19,818
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	18,330				18,330	22,125
Grants and donations					-	750
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	120
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	18,330	-	-	-	18,330	22,995
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,330	-	-	-	18,330	22,995
Net receipts / (payments)	2,221	-	-	-	2,221	(3,177)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,221	-	-	-	2,221	(3,177)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	13,148				13,148	16,325
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,221				2,221	(3,177)
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	15,369	-	-	-	15,369	13,148
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		T total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		T total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		T total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name+H36

Date of approval

Aileen Taylor	Aileen Taylor	05 October 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of

funds (may be stated on analysis of fund worksheets)

Funds are raised mainly through running Gaelic language and conversation classes as well as fundraising events to promote the learning and support the use of Gaelic language.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

Authority under which paid

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Our chairperson was paid £990 as class tutor during the period. Our treasurer was paid £1113 for her role, and an additional £3150 as a class tutor during the period.

AT	4,263
AB	990

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

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C4b Trustee expenses - details

N/a	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
N/a			

C6 Other information

N/a

Additional analysis (1)
Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2 Grants

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations Legacies Grants Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Club Gaidhlig Obar Dheathain
Registered Charity Number: SC036938**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 below

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
- 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.

Two trustees are now carrying out paid roles within the organisation. The trustees are aware that their constitution needs to be updated to reflect this change and are currently taking steps to do this.

Signature: *Jacquie Milne*

Date: 17 March 2026

Name: Jacquie Milne

Designation: AVA Finance & Administration Manager

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