

Pluscarden District Community Association

Scotland · Charity number SC040836

Details

Known as	Pluscarden Village Hall
Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2009-09-14
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Pluscarden Village Hall Pluscarden Elgin Moray IV30 8TZ
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The Charity provides a Village Hall as a centre for the local community and a focus for community life. This is done by running various events and making the hall available for hire by local groups and individuals

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: (a) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of (hereinafter referred to as the neighbourhood) without distinction of sex or race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local Authorities, Voluntary Organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. (b) to secure the establishment, maintenance and management of a Community Centre (hereinafter called 'the hall') for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects, or any of them in co-operation with the Committees of other active and recognised Voluntary Organisations in Pluscarden and its environs.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Moray
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£13,261	£13,137	-	0
2024-08-31	£9,158	£6,050	-	0
2023-08-31	£8,798	£3,984	-	0
2022-08-31	£3,850	£10,223	-	0
2021-08-31	£721	£2,665	-	0
2020-08-31	£11,637	£2,439	-	0

Accounts

**PLUSCARDEN DISTRICT COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

**ALSO KNOWN AS
PLUSCARDEN VILLAGE Hall**

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC040836

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

Pluscarden District Community Association, also known as Pluscarden Village Hall

Charity No

SC040836

Address

Pluscarden Hall, Pluscarden, Elgin, Moray IV30 8TZ

Trustees

Chairperson

Fiona Mitchell

Lyndsay Smailes

Margaret Davidson

Rita Sim

Ewen Riddick

Mairi McDavitt

Linda Bhattacharjee

Christopher Court

Catherine Hommel

Secretary

Treasurer

(resigned 27 May 2026)

(resigned 17 November 2025)

(resigned 17 November 2025)

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

Pluscarden District Community Association ("the Charity") is an unincorporated association which was granted charitable status by OSCR on 14 September 2009. It is governed by its constitution adopted on 30 July 2009.

Appointment of Trustees

The members of the Charity's committee are its Trustees. The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting. It consists of five members and up to a further five members can be co-opted by the committee.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for all aspects of the running of Pluscarden Hall ("the Hall"). They are responsible for raising funds to maintain the structure and facilities of the Hall to allow it to be available for use by the local community. The Trustees meet as a committee on an approximately monthly basis or as required for forthcoming events.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable purposes

In summary, the Charity's aim is to promote the benefit of the local community, to advance education and to make the Hall available in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the local community.

Activities

Activities vary from year to year. They usually include fundraising events such as themed suppers, pantomime, quiz nights, coffee mornings, soup and sweet events and a Christmas community gathering. The Hall is also hired out to the local populace for any social gatherings, with the permission of the Trustees.

Chairperson's Review

The year to the end of August 2025 was an eventful period for the Hall. The committee met nearly every month. In addition to regular activities including health and safety reviews and policy updates, the committee dealt with the following key topics and events:

Funding initiatives

External funding was obtained to cover most of the legal costs required for the transformation of the Hall Charity into a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Further funding was granted for extensive Hall renovations that include maintenance of the Hall's wooden floor, replacement of rotten external woodwork and external painting.

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Work on transforming the Hall charity into a SCIO progressed with the instruction of external lawyers who advised on the new SCIO constitution.

Community Garden

The community garden, established as a section of the Charity, continued to grow. It consists principally of a polytunnel, a greenhouse and outside ground near the Hall, and is living up to its objective of creating a shared community space to organically grow fruit and vegetables. External funding enabled the purchase of various tools, soil, seeds and plants as well as a small garden shed.

Hall clean-up and improvements

Numerous local volunteers helped tidy up and maintain the Hall and its grounds on the occasion of a two-day Spring clean effort. A new wooden wishing well with a blackboard was manufactured and donated by a member of the local community. Also, the Hall received two whisky barrel planters as a donation. These activities and additions significantly improved the exterior appearance of the Hall.

Events

Regular soup and sweet events as well as coffee mornings have become a popular community fixture, also contributing to Hall funds. A pantomime and a charity dinner were also successfully organised during the year. Numerous private events were held on a hire basis, raising additional income for the Hall.

Financial Review

The balance of funds held at the close of the year was £12,208.54. This represents a surplus of £123.91 during the year and is more than sufficient to carry the Hall through another year.

The total income during the period amounted to £13,260.68, up from £9,158.07 in the preceding financial year, mainly driven by increased hire revenue. Events once again contributed a significant amount to Hall funds including income from coffee mornings, soup and sweet events and a Christmas Pantomime. A special dinner was organised to raise money for the Highland Hospice and a total amount of £968 from the event was paid to that charity. External grant funding of £1,300 was received from Moray Cares which was spent on outdoor maintenance and improvements for the Hall. In addition, an amount of £1,994.99 was received from Rothes II Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund towards the establishment of a Community Garden.

Total expenditure for the year of £13,136.77 was significantly higher than in 2024 (£6,050.72) but included the donation to the Highland Hospice, and the items funded by the grant income mentioned above. The main driver of the remaining increase in costs was the unplanned high “catch-up” electricity charges due to bills in previous years being based on estimates of usage that proved to be too low.

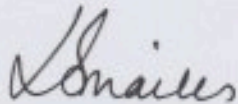
Reserves Policy

The anticipated normal running costs of power and heating, insurance and other day to day costs are now estimated at about £6,000 per annum. There are sufficient reserves to cover this for the coming year which continues to be the preferred policy of the Trustees.

Plans for Future Periods

Key plans for the year 2025/26 include committee succession planning (recruiting new office holders and additional members), completing the transformation of the Hall's legal structure into a SCIO and implementing safety upgrade measures (exterior lighting, shed repair, new outside Hall noticeboard and replacement of water heaters in toilets) together with the corresponding external funding application for these upgrading measures.

Approved by the Trustees on 25th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Lyndsay Smailes
Treasurer

Pluscarden District Community Association

August 24-25

	2025	2024	Notes / Description
Items			
Hall Hire	5,324.51	3,122.48	Regular Clubs, NEOS, Excited
Events	3,663.52	4,469.66	Harvest Festival, Panto, Lotto, Coffee Mornings
Funding	3,294.99		Wind Farm, Moray Care Grant
Highland Hospice	968.00		Donations recieved for Highland Hospice
Interest	9.66		
Cash income	-	1,565.93	Cash incoming better catagorised this year. Last years split between hire & events.
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR	13,260.68	9,158.07	
Payments Out			
Electricity	6,553.09	2,266.20	Underpaid in 2024 therefore had to overpay this year due to estimates.
Hall Insurance	720.87	671.65	Increase per inflation
Expendables	168.84	52.64	Cleaning products, sanitary goods, event items.
Equipment	356.94	1,811.34	Theatre Production/ Lighting and Misc Equipment
Fees/Licenses/Certificates	300.40	330.27	Fire Certificates, Fees, MFCHA, Council, Stripe
Maintenance (general upgrading of property)	2,073.64	918.62	Chimney Sweeps, Odds and Ends, fire alarms, cleaning, wasps, cigarette bin, grit bin Ed Parry, pest control. Offset by Moray Care Grant
Community Garden	1,994.99		Purchases for Community Garden made accessible from Wind Farm
Highland Hospice	968.00		Donations sent to Highland Hospice
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	13,136.77	6,050.72	
Surplus/ Deficit for the year	123.91	3,107.35	
Statement of Balances			
Opening Bank Balance	11,084.63	5,898.28	
Opening Savings Bank Balance	750.00 -		
Opening Cash Balance	250.00	3,079.35	
Closing Bank and Cash Balance	10,802.38	11,084.63	
Closing Savings Account	759.66	750.00	
Closing Cash Balance	646.50	250.00	

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