

COÌSIR GHÀIDHLIG ÌLE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Charity Number SC042275

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Report of the Trustees and Management Committee
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The Trustees and Management Committee present their Report and un-audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME:	Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:	SC042275
CHARITY REGISTERED ADDRESS:	Baptist Manse, Jamieson Street, Bowmore Isle of Islay PA43 7HL
TRUSTEES:	Ron Goudie (Chair) Alice Stewart (Secretary) Andrew Burnham (Treasurer) Tracey Johnson (Music Librarian) Arlene McKerrell (Conductor) Lynn Mitchell (Deputy Conductor) Libby Morris (Gaelic Tutor) Maggie Bell Jenny Featherstone
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Stephen Bavin Croit Dobhrain Port Ellen Isle of Islay PA42 7AX
BANKERS:	Bank of Scotland Poltalloch Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8LW

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Structure, Governance and Management
Governing Document

The organisation is governed by a Constitution adopted on 27th April 2011

Structure

The Trustees act as the Management Committee who are responsible for carrying out the aims and objectives of the organisation.

The maximum permitted to serve on the Management Committee is 12. Only those who are members can be eligible for election to the Management Committee.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

Members may only elect members on to the Management Committee at Annual General Meetings. The Management Committee may, however, appoint members on to the Management Committee at any time. All members of the Management Committee must retire at the Annual General Meeting, but are then eligible for re-appointment.

Trustee Induction & Training

As new Trustees are already members of the organisation they have an interest in the Charity and how it runs, a short Induction will take place on the responsibilities of becoming a Charity Trustee.

Risk Management

Risk Management Policies have been developed. The main risks are:

- Custodianship of Funds – managed by use of Bank Accounts and relevant Accounting Policies;
- Failure to raise necessary funding- dealt with on case-by-case basis.

Organisational Structure

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Organisation's Principal Objectives & Activities

- a. To advance education through the development of Gaelic musical capabilities, skills and understanding (in particular singing) by individuals and choirs on Islay;
- b. To advance the Arts through the promotion and encouragement of high standards in musical performance, especially singing;
- c. To promote a heritage of Gaelic choral singing by developing a repertoire of traditional songs and through participating in such competitions, concerts and other appropriate events as the Choir may from time to time decide.

Main Activities

Annual Programme

The annual focal point is the choral competitions at the Royal National Mod, held each year in a different town.

Principle Funding Sources

Funds are typically raised from four sources:

- Members donations/Subscriptions: The Choir has around 40 members who each pay £200 annually;
- Sponsorship;
- Fundraising;
- Donations.

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Achievements and Performances

2025 was a good year for the choir. Our membership increased in number, and everyone enjoyed the weekly practices. We also had a number of opportunities to sing in the local community including a performance at the opening of the new hotel in Port Ellen.

Local and National Mod

The Choir performed at the Local Mod in September 2025, various members from the choir also sang in solo competitions and many others attended in the audience. The choir continue to support this local event and fully intend to compete in 2026.

The 2025 National Mod, was held in Fort William. Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle won the Sheriff MacMaster competition and came second in the Puirt à beul. Both of these results were excellent achievements. We were delighted that Louis Davey also won the Silver Pendant Competition.

Financial Review

The organisation has made a deficit of £10,860.97 (2024 was a small surplus of £836.35).

Total Funds at period end were £5,366.88 (2024 £16,197.85) all of which are General Funds.

Reserve Policy

Total General Reserves at the Year End were £5,366.88 which continue to be used to further achieve the aims of the organisation.

The Trustees aim to maintain a minimum of £2,500 in the bank to cover, for example, potential funding shortfall/enforced delay in travel to/from National Mod etc.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that short to medium term investment of funds should be held in a Current Account.

Plans for future periods

Following our success in Fort William, Choir membership is up again in the new year, and we intend to re-enter the Ladies competition at the Royal National Mod in 2026.

On behalf of the Trustees

Signed:

A. Stewart
(Secretary)

Stewart
(President)

Date:

19/2/26

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Independent Examiner's Report

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. 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.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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: Stephen Bavin

Date:

19/02/2026

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Port Ellen
Isle of Islay
PA42 7AX

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Receipts and Payments Account

For year ended 31 October 2025

		2025		2024
	General	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£
Donations	450.00	0.00	450.00	550.00
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	15,682.86
Trading Receipts	413.00	0.00	413.00	0.00
Income from Other Charitable Activities	6650	0.00	6,650.00	6,075.00
	18,513.00	0.00	18,513.00	22,307.86
<u>Payments</u>				
Expenses from Fundraising Activities	813.11	0.00	813.11	0.00
Payments Directly Relating to Charitable Activities	28,510.86	0.00	28,510.86	21,329.55
Grants & Donations Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.96
Governance	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total Expenses before Asset Purchases	29,373.97	0.00	29,373.97	21,471.51
Purchases of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses after Asset Purchases	29,373.97	0.00	29,373.97	21,471.51
Net Surplus/Deficit	-10,860.97	0.00	-10,860.97	836.35

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Statement of Balances

For year ended 31 October 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
Cash and Bank Balance at start of year	16,197.85	15,361.50
Net Surplus/Deficit	-10,860.97	836.35
Cash and Bank Balance at end of year	5,336.88	16,197.85

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
IT Equipment	0.00	0.00
CD recorder	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Other Assets</u>		
Debts due to the charity	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Other Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00

Signature *A. S. Bl*

Print ANDREW JAMES BURNHAM

Date 19/2/26

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Notes to the Accounts
As at 31 October 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Nature and purpose of funds</u>		
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00
Designated Funds	0.00	0.00
General Funds	5,336.88	16,197.85
	5,336.88	16,197.85

Trustees Renumeration

Two Trustees were renumerated this year : (2023/24 Two Trustees received a total of £1625.00)

1. Arlene McKerrel £1100.00 for her services as Conductor.
2. Libby Morris £687.50 for her service as Gaelic Reader

Trustees Expenses

The following Trustees received re-imbusement for costs incurred on behalf of the Choir

Three Trustees were re-imbursed costs of £9,098.76 (in the year 2023/24: £2267.86)

1. Alice Stewart	£384.99
2. Tracey Johnson	£70.27
3. Arlene McKerrell	£8,643.50
Total:	<u>£9,098.76</u>

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Analysis of Receipts

For year ended 31 October 2025

	General	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Donations</u>				
Islay Energy Trust	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Mactaggart Third Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,682.86
Ardbeg	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
All-Islay Fund	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Other donations	450.00	0.00	450.00	300.00
Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Subscriptions	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	5,900.00
	17,950.00	0.00	17,950.00	22,132.86
<u>Receipts from Fundraising Activities</u>				
Raffles, quizzes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Praeg Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Safari Supper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Gross Trading Receipts</u>				
Sale of choir clothing	413.00	0.00	413.00	0.00
	413.00	0.00	413.00	0.00
<u>Receipts from Other Charitable Activities</u>				
Share of travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prize money and Awards	150.00	0.00	150.00	175.00
Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	150.00	0.00	150.00	175.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	18,513.00	0.00	18,513.00	22,307.86

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Analysis of Payments

For year ended 31 October 2025

	General	2025	Total	2024
	Funds	Restricted	Funds	Total
	£	Funds	£	Funds
		£		£
<u>Expenses for Fundraising Activities</u>				
Fundraising Expenses	813.11	0.00	813.11	0.00
	813.11	0.00	813.11	0.00
<u>Payments Directly Relating to Charitable Activities</u>				
Accommodation for Islay Gathering	3,915.00	0.00	3,915.00	0.00
Coaching & Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computer hardware/software expenses	84.99	0.00	84.99	177.59
Clothing	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.70
Conductor Fees	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
Brooches	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
Gaelic reader fees	687.50	0.00	687.50	625.00
Gifts of Appreciations	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.96
Insurance	233.80	0.00	233.80	233.80
Music	797.60	0.00	797.60	551.00
Memberships and licenses	45.00	0.00	45.00	20.00
Local Mod expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
National Mod Expenses	21,113.20	0.00	21,113.20	13,899.30
Rehersals (room hire)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sundry (Refreshments, return of Mod trophies)	33.77	0.00	33.77	324.00
Office expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.95
Special events (travel expense for rehearsal days)	500.00	0.00	500.00	491.21
	28,510.86	0.00	28,510.86	21,421.51
<u>Governance</u>				
Accountant	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Total Payments	28,560.86	0.00	28,560.86	21,421.51
<u>Purchases of Fixed assets</u>				
Computer and Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	29,373.97	0.00	29,373.97	21,421.51