

Scottish Section

- 1. Minutes of 25th Annual General Meeting, covering Calendar Year 2024, held on 29th May 2025 at 5pm at the Glenlivet Distillery, Ballindalloch, Banffshire AB37 9DB
- 2. Chair's Welcome.

The Chair, David Hannah, called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

3. Present and Apologies - Members Present:

David Hannah
Stuart Roberston
Mark Kinsman
Bari Reid
Fred Brotherton
Graeme Horne
Graham Manson
Stuart Morrison
Jane Millar
Liam Brown
Adam Proud
Alan Wright
Alan Winchester
Josh Lavers
Donald Ross
Josh Edge
Graeme Walker
Pauline Ogilvie
Dean McDonald
Laura Barber
Joe Fifield
Ken Duncan
Angela Brown
Chris Thomson

Members' Apologies:

Dawn Maskell
Stuart Watts
Stuart Maxwell
Andrew Livingstone

4. Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 8th May at Drygate Brewery, Glasgow.

The minutes were unanimously accepted.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Chair's Report - 2024

The Chair, David Hannah, gave his wholehearted thanks to the Scottish Section for such a successful year of events and especially to all the Committee Members who gave their time and enthusiasm in organising the events. He commented upon the success of the format of the Annual Dinner in the previous October which was superb and again offered his gratitude to all who had helped make it such a wonderful evening, especially in the incredibly generous fundraising for Cash for Kids with the staggering amount of £8,340. He gave mention to Chris Thomson from Chivas Brothers for laying on such a good tour of Glenlivet assisted by Alan Winchester, and for organising the use of the expansive Malt Barn for the AGM. Finally, he thanked all present for their support during his two-year tenure in this wonderful industry and wished the incoming Chair, Angela Brown, all the best for her time at the top.

7. Financial Report - 2024

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Treasurer's Report 2024

For AGM on 29th May 2025

With the transition of the Institute of Brewers and Distillers into the Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers, there were a number of changes at the end of 2024. The IBD's auditors had previously expressed concerns around the numbers of different bank accounts which were being operated for the different sections and areas of the IBD. This concern was addressed by moving to a single bank account which reflects the new name and closing all the other accounts.

Our auditors, James Brosnan and Susan McKinley had both requested to retire from the position of the Scottish Section auditors after many years of carrying out this task and our thanks to both of them for all the hard work they have done looking over the accounts and kindly pointing out to me any mistakes I'd made!

The Executive Summary gives an overall picture for 2024 with an opening balance at the start of the year of £13,493.21 and a closing balance of £16,918.12, an increase throughout the year of £3,424.91. We held several events through the year which were to an extent subsidised such as the Study tour and the Sustainability Day. These remain very popular and well attended events and will be running again in 2025.

The Annual Dinner took place on Friday 4^{th} October at the Doubletree by Hilton in Glasgow with 567 tickets sold which is the largest number of attendees we have had by far for many years! We implemented a number of changes to the dinner again this year, one of which was using a QR code to allow people to donate to the charity by their phone and also ahead of time as the link was sent out to the table leads prior to the dinner – this worked really well as £8,340 was raised from the raffle for Cash for Kids – and the Chair was invited to

Clyde Radio to present the cheque. In an attempt to increase the student numbers, we also organised a coach for the students for Heriot-Watt last year – we have decided not to do this for the 2025 dinner as quite a number of the students, strangely enough, were not keen to hang around for the coach to leave at 2am when the bar closed. Overall, we made a profit of £6,609.05 from the 2024 dinner.

The 2025 dinner will also be held in Glasgow at the Doubletree – we have locked in for a 2-year deal for this. We are continuing to look at suitable venues in Edinburgh for future dinners but as the numbers have increased, the number of options has decreased in Edinburgh. We are keen to keep the price at a level which is not excessive for attendees and hosting companies which also discounts some of the Edinburgh venues.

For 2025, there have been a few system changes with Xero which is our accounting system. In addition to the single new account (if anyone needs the new account details on headed paper, please let me know), payments can now be made using credit card using a link through Xero rather than this having to be organised through HQ.

Niki Charleston, Treasurer, May 2025

Matters Arising from the Financial Report:

There were no matters arising.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following officers were elected unanimously:

OFFICE	NOMINATION	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Chairman	Angela Brown*	David Hannah	Niki Charleston
Vice Chair	Stuart Maxwell*	Angela Brown	Ken Duncan
Secretary	Ken Duncan	Dawn Maskell	Angela Brown
Treasurer and Dinner Secretary	Niki Charleston	Ken Duncan	Sally MacGarry

^{*} Nominated for a two-year tenure at 2025 AGM

At this point Angela Brown, having been duly elected as Chair, took control of the meeting.

9. Election of Ordinary Committee Members

The following committee members were elected unanimously:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY	TENURE
Pauline Ogilvie	Niki Charleston	Matt Gordon	To AGM 2028
Laura Barber	Chris Thomson	David Hannah	To AGM 2028

10. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

At 5.30 pm the Chair, Angela Brown, thanked all for their attendance and called the AGM to a close.

11. Date of 2026 AGM

To be advised.