



Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers

Scottish Section

1. Minutes of 26th Annual General Meeting, covering Calendar Year 2025, held on 4th June 2026 at 5pm at the Glen Ord Distillery, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire IV6 7UJ

2. Chair's Welcome.

The Chair, Angela Brown, called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

3. Present and Apologies - Members Present:

Angela Brown
Niki Charleston
Ken Duncan
David Hannah
Jade Sandever
Stephen Donald
Fergus Clark
Ben O'Gorman
Richard Wong
Cameron Batey
Steven Rowley
Dean McDonald
Rijo Joseph
Ella Hammond
Duncan Kellock
Douglas Murray
Scott Fraser
Pauline Ogilvie

Members' Apologies:

Neil MacGregor
Dawn Maskell
Alan Barclay
Stuart Maxwell
Struan Reid

4. Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held on 29th May at Glenlivet Distillery, Ballindalloch.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

With no matters arising, the minutes, proposed by David Hannah and seconded by Niki Charleston, were unanimously accepted.

6. Chair's Report for Year 2025

The Chair, Angela Brown, gave her 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. She commented upon the success of the format of the Annual Dinner in the previous October which was superb and again offered her 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 £7,527. Secretary Ken Duncan was singled out for his continuing and careful service; however very special commendation was reserved for Niki Charleston who as Dinner Secretary had made such a fabulous Annual Dinner possible, to the tumultuous applause of all present. Thanks were given also to Callum Barker of Highland Grain, Scott Fraser of Glen Ord Maltings and Pauline Ogilvie of Glen Ord Distillery for their kind offices in making the day's visits and especially the AGM possible in such refined surroundings as the Singleton of Glen Ord Private Boardroom.

7. Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st December 2025

As highlighted last year, all the CIBD bank accounts have now been integrated into a single bank account. This has been reflected in the Xero accounting system which is now used across all the sections for invoicing and bill payment. One of the benefits of this move has been that invoices can now be paid using a credit card directly rather than having to contact Curlew Street to do so over the phone. There have been some teething issues, mainly that a number of the contacts that were recorded in the Scottish section version of Xero were lost in the transition so many apologies to the people I had to contact to ask them for addresses and accounting emails again!

The Executive Summary gives an overall picture for 2025 with an opening balance at the start of the year of £19,359.01 and a closing balance of £16,745.85, a loss throughout the year of £2,613.16. This loss was driven by us heavily subsidising the Study tour to France and the Sustainability Day. The majority of attendees to the French study tour was awarded a grant which meant that our income for this event was £200 and the expenses were £5,391.04, a loss of £5,191.04. The Sustainability Seminar income was £325 and expenses were £3,349.90, a loss of £3,024.90. The 2026 Study Tour will be taking place in Scotland again; we are anticipating that this will be a much easier event for people to attend. We are also reviewing the attendee costs for the Sustainability Day 2026.

The Annual Dinner took place on Friday 3rd October at the Doubletree by Hilton in Glasgow with 600 attending tickets which was a record for us! Cash for Kids was our charity partner this year, and excelled in providing us with a video to show on the night which was extremely successful at raising donations from our guests - £7,527 was raised for the charity. As always, we have been incredibly fortunate with the support we receive from our sponsors – Proof-8, BSPS, AB Biotek, Fermentis by Lesaffre, Briggs of Burton, Diversey, IDEA Ltd & DP-S Group all sponsoring the 2025 dinner. We also received beer donations from 71 Brewing, Bellfield, Fyne Ale, Williams Brothers, Innis & Gunn, Tennents Caledonian and the Chair's Dram was provided by Douglas Laing. Overall, we made a profit of £12,137.45 from the 2025 dinner.

The 2026 dinner will also be held in Glasgow at the Doubletree Hilton on Friday 2nd October – bookings are open for the dinner and we have over 320 booked already. We have continued to hold the dinner at the same venue in Glasgow for a number of years; the service that the hotel offers is exceptional (there are not a lot of hotels who let you come in with a number of casks and some plastic sheeting to prevent too much damage to their carpet!) and there are a very small number of venues who can handle this number of guests. The

Edinburgh options would be less central than the Doubletree Hilton as many of the city centre venues do not have the capacity to handle the event size.

Thank you to the continued hardwork of the entire committee who keep the Scottish Section so busy and to all our section members for their support.

Niki Charleston, Treasurer, May 2026

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following officers were elected for a one-year tenure unanimously:

OFFICE	NOMINATION	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Secretary	Ken Duncan	Angela Brown	Chris Thomson
Treasurer and Dinner Secretary	Niki Charleston	Duncan Kellock	Laura Barber

* The Chair & Vice-Chair were each elected for a two-year tenure at 2025 AGM

9. Election of Ordinary Committee Members

The following committee members were elected unanimously:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY	TENURE
Struan Reid	Matt Gordon	Sally McGarry	To AGM 2029
Ben O’Gorman	Niki Charleston	Fergus Clark	To AGM 2029

10. Any Other Competent Business

David Hannah put it forward that Angela Brown deserved thanks for selflessly supporting the Section’s events over the course of the year.

Dean McDonald noted that it should be minuted how much support and hard work the Scottish Section had given towards the very successful WDSC2026.

Ken Duncan added that the Section had given out grants totalling £4,388 to 12 students to attend WDSC2026 with a further £2,104 awaiting a HQ Finance Dept decision for one Heriot-Watt student to present at ASBCxCIBD in Seattle in later in the summer.

At 6.00 pm the Chair, Angela Brown, thanked all for their attendance and called the AGM to a close.

11. Date of 2027 AGM

To be advised.