

Cosmics Hillbashers' 33rd Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday 22 November 2025 at Airyhall Community Centre

The meeting commenced at 18.20

1. Secretary's Welcome

With the post of Chair being currently vacant the meeting was chaired by Linda Smith (Secretary) who thanked those in attendance for coming along and noted the good turnout. Anita Hamilton kindly volunteered to assist with taking notes for the minutes.

The club constitution requires an AGM to be held during November/December. At which:

- (i) The audited accounts for the period to 31st October be presented.
- (ii) The new committee shall be elected
- (iii) Any other business will be conducted

29 members attended the meeting:

Linda H Smith (Secretary)	Graeme Cumming (Treasurer)	Gillian Clunas (Runs Co-ordinator)	Rob Jobling (Membership Secretary)	Annaelle Harris Logie (Social Media)
Richard Lang (Committee member)	David Taylor (Committee Member)	Ian Hamilton	Mark Stockton	James Whyte
Nicola Edward	Tina McLeod	Jim Currie	Maria Davis	Shayne Lilith-Moon
Rory Macpherson	Linda J Smith	Veronique Oldham	Andy Chapman	Gary Gutteridge
Pippa Samphier	Iain Campbell	Anita Hamilton	Marie Thomson	Lyndsay McEwan
Alan Cormack	Ewen Rennie	Colin Larmour	Kat Lancaster	

2. Apologies

Rod Campbell (Welfare Officer)	Jason Williamson (Committee Member)	Andrea Drummond	Fiona McDonald	Dennis McDonald
Lesley Marshall	Lynn Smith	Malcolm Stone	Mike Stone	Sue Taylor
Rob Irvine				

3. Approval of Minutes of 2024 AGM

- Proposed Ewen Rennie
- Seconded Anita Hamilton

4. Cosmic Championship

(a) 2025 Results and presentation of awards

Thanks to Sue Taylor for sorting out the scoring and results of the championship. Sue's full report is included at Appendix A.

11 Cosmics completed the required 5 races (out of 10) for the championship. Two runners, Jason Williamson and Rory MacPherson did an amazing 9 out of 10 races.

Richard Lang presented the Championship shields to the Men's champion Iain Campbell, the Ladies champion Veronique Oldham and the various Age Group awards.

A small memento, designed and produced by Annaelle Harris-Logie was presented to all the completers.

(b) Discussion of 2026 races/scoring

A discussion took place with multiple members expressing their views around the very low uptake of the championship and the way forward.

Issues around low uptake included too many races, locations/timing across the year, other commitments/injuries, low number of participants was off putting, reluctance to travel for short races.

Suggestions included a similar model to Scottish Hill Racing (SHR) – long and standard championships, aiming for a better distribution across the year, a need to support local races, inclusion of Fetteresso Forest Marathon, reducing the number of races.

Decisions:

Reduce the number of races to 4 from 7, mainly local races:

Proposed: Linda H Smith
Seconded: Ewen Rennie

Committee to put together a survey monkey for members to select races:

Proposed: David Taylor
Seconded: Linda H Smith

5. Treasurer's Report

The full report prepared by Graeme Cumming (Treasurer) is included at Appendix B.

Graeme Cumming presented the accounts. The income from races provides the surplus, with no races the club would just about break even.

The 1st Aid course held last year used £1474, a one off expenditure funded by the previous years' profits. There is approximately £6.5K in the bank.

There was a discussion around the disparity in entry fees for races, but races themselves are different - Clachnaben is a big race costing £17, Cairn William is a local race costing £2.

Graeme Cumming stated that generating a profit is important but it's not just about that – the aim is to run races across the area. Doing more would require investing in more equipment and promotion.

Should there be a minimum charge? Big disparities in charges but each race is different such as use of race timing, post race food etc

Agreed that there should be further discussion by the committee in conjunction with race organisers.

6. Charitable donations

The purchase of a defibrillator has been discussed previously and was again suggested.

Following discussion, including a report of a recent case by Shayne Lithith-Moon, this was accepted by members as a very good idea.

Proposed: Anna Harris-Logie
Seconded Linda H Smith

7. Membership Secretary's Report

The full report presented by Rob Jobling is included at Appendix C.

16 new members is good but we still have a drop of 4. With an average age of 52, age distribution is a problem.

Ewen Rennie advised that historically it's losing oil people.

If members are not signed up by April – Rob contacts individually so can try to get information on why people may not be renewing.

7a. Member's motion – Anita Hamilton; proposal for a clause in the membership sign up where people consent (or otherwise) to use of photos of themselves.

Should we make sure that people don't mind their photos being included in weekly reports – as we may be transferring to the website?

Anna Harris Logie thinks this is already part of the sign up - is it in the privacy notice? – Rob Jobling to check.

8. Secretary's Report

Presented by Linda H Smith, full report is included at Appendix D.

The main points were that:

- There is a great range of diversity in the activities being undertaken by members across the club
- The achievements of Veronique Oldham, Alan Cormack, Elaine Murdoch and Chelsea Cook were highlighted, while the activities of 60 members in all were mentioned in the report
- Group activities are great for team spirit – we should do more of these
- Omitted from the report – Sue Taylor was thanked for her work on the website
- We are looking for ideas from members on what they want to do going forward

9. Website/Social Media Report

Presented by Anna Harris Logie, full report is included at Appendix E.

Anna presented very encouraging statistics from the Social media.

Previously the social media and website roles were merged but this became too much for one person, lately Anita and Sue have been assisting.

Google was not showing up Cosmics very easily.

Anna advised it is a good celebration of the club seeing what everyone has been up to.

Also she has been trying to make more accessible to people.

Richard Lang stated that the work Anna and Anita have done has been really good.

9a. Member's Motion – Linda H Smith (Secretary); proposal to amend the role description of Web-site co-ordinator to Social Media Co-ordinator and establish a small team to assist the co-ordinator. Team members can be other committee members or co-opted non-committee members. As there is too much social media work for one person an informal team is already sharing the work.

Anna Harris Logie advised that the above is not a current reflection of the committee roles and that 2 roles already exist following an amendment to the constitution at the 2024 AGM, although this could not be established definitively on the night and will need to be checked.

Notwithstanding this, the meeting agreed that a small team of people was needed to carry out the work (and possibly deputies).

10. Discussion of Club kit, including procurement

Rob Jobling brought along the box of existing kit which had been held by Elaine Murdoch.

It has been proposed that Stuart Ritchie who created kit for his own business might take this and the committee role on. Unfortunately he was not at the meeting to confirm.

Possibly a kit option can be presented with Membership renewal, and an order made twice a year.

11. Agree membership fees for following year

Following a discussion it was decided that membership fees should be increased primarily to fund the purchase of a defibrillator.

Full membership – increase to £25.

Proposed: Richard Lang
Seconded: Gillian Clunas

Confirmed by a show of hands

Second Claim – increase to £20.

Proposed: Iain Campbell
Seconded: Rory MacPherson

Student/unwaged to remain unchanged.

Proposed: Gillian Clunas
Seconded: Anita Hamilton

12. Training and social runs

(a) 2025 report

Presented by Gillian Clunas, full report is included at Appendix F.

Huge thanks to Ewen Rennie for coaching the Tuesday sessions often turning out in very inclement weather. Richard Lang presented Ewen with a thank you gift from the club (a voucher for Ben Reid Garden Centre).

(b) Discussion of 2026 programme

Going forward and for 2026, we need a volunteer to organise the moonlit/head torch runs and to host the mince pie competition – please let us know.

Ewen confirmed that Spond is good so he can cancel if there is not enough interest. There are some issues around admin rights.

The fundraiser organised by Anna was really good, members seem to like these sorts of multi participant events. Whatsapp was really good – participants could choose to chat, or not.

Gillian proposed another event of this type which could be to raise money – looking out for ideas, suggestions include:

Pentland Skyline in March – can do bits, including an away day if people are up for that.

A joint event with Grampian orienteers – we have quite a few orienteers

Dee/Don/Spey relay Banchory to Aviemore – Louise Provan's suggestion – with legs of various lengths.

Runs with Jog Scotland Kintore (JSK) and Inch Trail Running Club (ITRC) have been really good – with many now second claim members of Cosmics. These will continue with ITRC only for now, but we could look at involving another club.

The summer is not successful due to many people not being around so fixed training events are not worth setting up. Following the responses to the survey we will trial a summer Whatsapp group to initiate club runs.

Ewen will continue to organise sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, first Tuesday is Krunce and the 3rd Thursday is a Summer Series race.

Also suggestion of the possibility of a guest club that we run with every couple of months

13. Cosmic Organised races

(a) Discussion/Appointment of new Krunce representative(s)

Jason Williamson provided some statistics for the 2025 Krunce races – included at Appendix G.

Jason is standing down as Cosmics' Krunce lead. Linda H Smith (Secretary) and Tina McLeod have volunteered to take on this role.

Proposed: Gillian Clunas
Seconded: Anita Hamilton

(b) 2025 race reports/issues –

El Brimick, Clachnaben, Mither Tap – no particular issues

Krunce – some members raised issues around the 18.30 start time

Balmedie Beach Race (Summer Series) – Fiona McDonald provided some feedback:

This year we had 36 runners (including 8 Cosmics). Charged £2 each so £72 taken. I bought 60 extra canes for £20 & didn't spend much on prizes (£11.50.including watermelon)
Actually made a profit of £40.50 this year but maybe I should do slightly better prizes next year?
First male: Hamish Battle First female: Kelly Vine-Jones

(c) 2026 races – dates and any issues

El Brimick – on track, already open for entries.

Scottish Hill Racing (SHR) are asking for dates for their calendar – sooner the better.

Care to be taken with timing of Clachnaben – if possible to avoid clashes with Balmoral races and Easter.

Problem is timing of races already registered with SHR.

Advance entry or enter on night – depends on size of race.

Advertising – Anna may be able to continue to produce posters for races.

Graeme Cumming suggested to add to attraction – advertise a prize for a course record – possibly a charity donation.

Prospective volunteer race organisers could shadow current organisers for resilience.

(d) Summer series

Used to be 3rd Thursday of each month.

Fiona McDonald happy to organise Balmedie Beach race again and planning on 18 June 2026.

Fiona McDonald advised that Marie Entwistle and Roz from Deeside Runners are planning to reinstate the Scolty Hill Race. 3rd/4th Thursday in April suggested as date but not confirmed.

This will give us 4 races for the summer series so we should be able to reinstate the Summer Series prizes next year. Fiona has the series trophy for the 1st female and will track down the male one. Might be good if we could get a decent prize for the series to encourage more people to enter.

13a. Member's motion – Anita Hamilton; proposal for a teaching session on Webscorer, also open to the other Krunce clubs Inch and Garioch.

Lyndsay McEwan advised she would be prepared to do this – can input to other clubs, Alan Cormack suggested looking into using the golf club.

14. Co-ordination of First Aid cover – this has been previously raised in committee by Anna and duties provided. Also raised by Alan Cormack after receiving AGM email.

Role to be added to committee:

Proposer: Anna Harris Logie
Seconder: Gillian Clunas

15. Welfare Officer Report

A report was provided by Rod Campbell and is included at Appendix H. As Rod was unable to attend the meeting a summary was provided by Linda H Smith (Secretary).

16. Members Motion – Alan Cormack; - proposal for a new role for the club running kit “as I have been storing and distributing the Gazebo, hot water urns, the canes and the race box etc. I propose the new role would also replenish the race box supplies.”

Role to be added to the committee:

Proposed: Alan Cormack
Seconded: Anna Harris Logie

17. Election of new office bearers and committee members

First of all the issue of the vacant Chair position was addressed. Linda H Smith (Secretary) had asked Richard Lang if he was willing to take up the role and he agreed. No other nominations were received.

Richard Lang to take up the role of Chair:

Proposed: Linda H Smith (Secretary)
Seconded: Gillian Clunas

The following had indicated that they were willing to continue in their roles and no other nominations were received:

Linda H Smith (Secretary)
Graeme Cumming (Treasurer)
Rob Jobling (Membership Secretary)
Gillian Clunas (Runs Co-ordinator)
Rod Campbell (Welfare Officer)

Proposed: Anna Harris Logie
Seconded: Iain Campbell

Social Media secretary Annaelle Harris Logie is retiring from the committee. Sue Taylor has offered to continue to run the website but doesn't wish to be on the committee. Lyndsay McEwan has expressed an interest in this role and is therefore proposed as web site coordinator. Anita Hamilton has been posting the weekly Facebook report and was proposed as Social Media coordinator, therefore there will be a team of 3 to share the work.

Proposed: Gillian Clunas
Seconded: Linda h Smith (Secretary)

Jason Williamson is stepping down as Team Captain. Fiona McDonald was proposed by Anita Hamilton as a possible replacement. Linda H Smith (Secretary) is to contact Fiona.

Stuart Ritchie was proposed as kit (clothing) co-ordinator. Stuart was not at the meeting to confirm and Anna Harris Logie undertook to contact him.

Anna Harris Logie volunteered to take up the new role as First Aid co-ordinator and Alan Cormack volunteered for the new role of Race Kit co-ordinator:

Proposed: Gillian Clunas
Seconded: Rory MacPherson

David Taylor is stepping down as an ordinary committee member. Tina McLeod has expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Tina McLeod to join the committee as an ordinary member:

Proposed: Gillian Clunas
Seconded: Linda J Smith

18. London Marathon ballot

Names were entered into the draw and the winning ticket was that of Kat Lancaster, drawn by Ewen Rennie.

19. AOCB

Various expressions of thanks were received for the work of the committee including from Fiona McDonald and Anita Hamilton proposed a vote of thanks.

An email from Andrea Drummond thanking Cosmics for organizing the joint runs with JSK and for the warm welcome was read out. These sentiments were echoed at the meeting by Maria Davis and Kat Lancaster.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.37.

We then went on to enjoy a fantastic meal prepared by Alan Cormack and Lyndsay McEwan which was gratefully received by all members. A resounding thank you to Alan and Lyndsay for all of their work.