

SUMMER SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS-EDINBURGH

formerly GARDENS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025
IN FAIRMILEHEAD PARISH CHURCH HALL, FROGSTON ROAD WEST, EDINBURGH**

Present: Margaret Burns (Chair)
Ishbel Clark (Treasurer)
Yvonne Munro (Committee Member)
Rae Ballantyne (Committee Member)

Welcome

The Chair welcomed 57 dancers and apologies were received, as noted below. A list of attendees is available.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Judy, Lesley Beggs, Malcolm Morrison, Bobby Burns and Cathleen Mair.

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 27 August 2024 were taken as read, approved by Joan Tyler and seconded by Sarah Muirhead. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairperson's Report

**The Chair expressed pleasure that the session had been very successful with usually 8 sets of dancers each week. It was encouraging that most of the dancers were from local clubs. She thanked the musicians for the wonderful music each week. She also thanked John Nuttall for all the work he did on the website, Michael McGarvie for looking after the Facebook page, and the committee for their support.
A copy is available on request.**

Treasurer's Report

Our finances are in a healthy position but, as it is not the intention of the group to make a profit, we shouldn't be holding such a high balance and, having looked at ways to reduce it, we propose the following:

- 1. As well as having a musician on the last, i.e Annual Meeting night, of the session, and not charging an entry fee to dancers who attend the meeting, we will offer another free night.**
- 2. We will increase the musician's fee by £10.**
- 3. We will give the callers a 'thank you' of £20.**
- 4. We also propose giving a donation of £200 to the following charities**
Marie Curie
St Columba's Hospice Care
The British Heart Foundation
Alzheimer Scotland.

These proposals were approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Joan Pammenter and seconded by Melvin Greig.

Bands and Programmes

Everyone seemed to enjoy the programmes and all the musicians.

Dates for 2026

Summer Dancing for 2026 will begin on Tuesday 26 May and finish on 25 August which will be our Annual Meeting followed by dancing.

Any Other Competent Business

Ishbel announced that Michael McGarvie wished to resign from looking after the Facebook page and we were looking for someone to take it over.

Sarah Muirhead offered to take on this task and thanks was expressed to her.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

