



The Falkland Society

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Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting

Held in the Craig Room, Falkland Church, and online via Zoom, 11 February 2026

The AGM began at 8:15 p.m., following a lecture by John Fletcher on 'Reediehill Deer Farm – past, present and future'.

Present:

- Peter Burman – Chair
- Ross Burgess – Secretary
- Robeena Dhar – Treasurer
- Alan Graham – Chair of Publications Committee & Acting Archivist
- Robin Bell – Committee Member
- John Fletcher – Committee Member
- Marietta Crichton Stuart – Committee Member (by Zoom)
- About 6 further members and supporters in the room and 9 on Zoom.

Papers:

The following documents were handed out to all present: they had all been previously put on the Society website, and links to them were included in the reminder, circulated in advance by MailChimp:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes of the previous AGM](#)
- [Chair's Annual Report](#)
- [Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025](#)
- [Publications Sub-Committee report](#)
- [Archivist's Report](#)
- [Biographies of Committee and Sub-Committee members](#)

Welcome, Apologies and Minutes of last AGM

Peter Burman, Chair, welcomed members and supporters to the AGM.

There were no apologies.

John Smith proposed that the minutes of the last AGM (14 May 2025) be adopted. This was seconded by John Fletcher and approved by the meeting.

Annual Report for 2025

Peter Burman reminded the meeting that the Society are a registered charity which aims to promote knowledge and understanding of the archaeological, architectural, ecological, historic and artistic heritage, past and present of Falkland, and its wider context in Fife and Scotland. He summarised the Annual Report, and thanked his fellow Committee members for their good work throughout the year.

The meeting agreed to adopt the Annual Report, which is also to be forwarded to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Accounts for 2025

Robeena Dhar presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. She noted that the accounts are in a stable condition. There had been exceptional expenditure during the year, mainly related to the installation of Broadband in the church, but this had been covered by a donation from a member and a grant from the Falkland War Memorial Trust. Total income from the year (mainly made up of membership subscriptions and donations) was £2,073 and expenditure £1,179, leaving a healthy surplus for the year. For 2026 we expect increased expenditure connected with printing of the Society's publications.

Publications Report

Alan Graham reported that work has continued on the new Guide to Falkland. Ross Burgess has been taking the lead on this, with our new Sub-Committee member, Elizabeth Jackson, providing very useful design suggestions. The Victorian volume was well advanced, with more information coming to light. The proposed WWI book had been put on hold.

Archive Report

Alan Graham reported that he had reviewed the content of the Society's archive, and had been investigating other relevant archives, both nationally and locally, including Muchty Heritage.

John Smith proposed that we adopt Alan's two reports. It was seconded by Robeena Dhar and approved by the meeting.

Questions to Committee and Office Bearers

John Smith asked whether there was a valuation of the Society's stock of books. Peter Burman replied that we could look into this, but the books should be regarded as a resource for making the Society better known, not just as stock for sale.

Brenda Graham asked whether we could hold afternoon meetings from time to time. Peter Burman replied that we should not rule anything out. No time of day would suit everyone. We should think about having social events: Brunton House and Reediehill were suggested as venues.

Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The existing Committee and Office Bearers all offered themselves for re-election, and committed themselves in principle to serve until the next AGM in March 2027, with the proviso that Peter Burman and Ross Burgess would stand down on 31 August 2026. This was agreed by the meeting, and the Committee and Office Bearers were duly re-elected *en bloc*.¹

Peter Burman, Chair, Ross Burgess, Secretary

¹ Strictly speaking, according to the Constitution, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer plus two further Committee members, were elected, with two further Committee members regarded as co-opted.