

Highland Good Food Partnership

Annual General Meeting 2025

Held on 20th September, at venues in Knoydart, Aviemore, Inverness, Plockton and on-line.

Present (Members' names in **bold**)

Knoydart: **Kirsty Brown, Susan Carstairs, Helen Woolston, Eleanor Forster, Brenna Anderson**; also non-members Anya Keenan, Robbie Birell, Philip Evemy, Giulia Mercudeli, Gab Mc Polin

Plockton: **Martin Sherring, Katie Andrews, Anne McLennan, James Krisp, Iain Turnbull**; also non-members Amanda Soutter, Ben Reader, Kate Tomlinson, Helena Bolingbroke.

Aviemore: **Rachel Butterworth, Caroline Stewart, Moya Macdonald**; also non-members Hannah Eaton, Fiona Kerr, Bill Sadler, Elspeth Grant

Inverness: **Gail Duff, Adam Bell, Jon Dixon, Graham Mathieson**; also non-members Kim Grant, Ryan Dziadowiec, Hein Apajainen, Sylvia Hargave, Katharine Taylor, Emily Bowie, Michael Ross, Huw Oliver, Cate Bell, Heather Badot, Prabhat Badot

On-line: **Dennis Overton, Anna Patfield, Alastair Simmons.**

Welcome

Katie Andrews, as chair of the trustees, welcomed all those attending the 2025 Highland Good Food Partnership AGM, both in person and on-line.

Minutes of 2024 AGM

The motion to accept the draft minutes of the 2024 AGM was passed unanimously.

Chair's report

Ms Andrews presented her report on the activities of the Partnership since the 2024 AGM. She particularly noted:

- The steady increase in membership over the years, to 314 at the time of the report;
- Participation in the Highland Community Waste Partnership, where HGFP worked to support composting of food waste, at community and commercial levels. The Waste Partnership ended on 31st March 2025 but composting activity has continued with funding from the Highlands & Islands Climate Hub;
- Work on Scottish food policy development, continuing to work with The Highland Council and NHS Highland to lay the ground for their Good Food Nation food plans;
- Support for local producers, in particular with the Visit Inverness Loch Ness Food & Drink Trail and the Black Isle FEAST local food festival, which led to the development of a FEAST toolkit to help other groups run their own festivals.

Accounts and treasurer's report

Adam Bell, as treasurer, presented the accounts for the year to 31st March 2025. The accounts showed a surplus of £9,828 in unrestricted funds, and a £552 on restricted funds, representing the receipt of grants in advance of spending on specific funded work. There was a surplus both in accumulated unrestricted and restricted funds at 31st March 2025, giving the Partnership cash reserves of £20,420 at 31st March.

Election of trustees

Under Highland Good Food Partnership's constitution, all trustees stand down at the AGM, but are eligible for re-election. Fred Swift was not standing for re-election, but the other existing trustees were. All trustees, namely Martin Sherring, Helen O'Keefe, Katie Andrews, Sarah Bowyer, Adam Bell, Lucinda Jeffrey and Moya Macdonald, were elected unanimously.

Any other competent business

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed.