

Minute of the Annual General Meeting of the Pots and Fords Association held at the Bothy on Monday 16 February 2026

Present: John Walker, and 8 members of the Pots and Fords Association.

1. Welcome to the Annual Meeting.

The President welcomed members to the rearranged meeting. He advised that sadly former President and Vice President John Stephen had recently passed away. Paul Adderton confirmed that a card and flowers had been sent to the family.

2. Apologies

Alastair Hume MBE

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 13 January 2025

The Minutes were approved on the motion of Paul Adderton, seconded by David Knowles.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Subscriptions and Fees

Annual Subscription. It was agreed no change to the existing annual Pots and Fords Subscription (£15).

Daily permit for Association members to fish the Pots and Fords. It was agreed no change to the existing daily permit fee (£3).

6. Election of Office Bearers

Paul Adderton proposed John Walker as President again. This was seconded by David Knowles.

John Walker proposed David Knowles as Vice President. This was seconded by Murray Hourston.

Being no further nominations John Walker and David Knowles were elected.

There were no other nominations for the post/s of Secretary. Paul Toseland duly took on the post again.

Management Committee members. The following were proposed and agreed upon:

John Walker

David Knowles
Alastair Hume MBE
Alexander Skakle
Murray Hourston

7. Governance Arrangements- Length of ADAA membership criteria

The following amendment (as **bold**) was approved:

Membership Criteria of Pots and Fords Association

An Aberdeen and District Angling Association member for at least **three** years.

In addition, any adult member of the Association may be accompanied by up to 2 children under 12 years of age who may fish within the rules without joining.

9. Waiting List.

The Secretary reported there were two Association members currently on this, ----- & ----- . David Knowles proposed both be offered Pots & Fords membership. This was seconded by John Walker.

9. AOCB

Paul Adderton gave an update on the Bothy purchase of land, the proposed refurbishment works scheduled for May 2026, and the external funding received.

He also confirmed the flood protection doors had been tested for the first time since they were purchased in 2024 & had worked well.

Paul Toseland reported that a page has been created on the ADAA website about the bothy: [The bothy our headquarters - Aberdeen & District Angling Association](#)

David Knowles gave an update on the scouring works at the Bridge of Dee.

Murray Hourston gave an update on 2025 catch returns.

Paul Adderton gave an update on seals.

Being No further business John Walker closed the meeting.