



## **2025 AGM minutes**

### **7:00pm 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The 2025 Peebles Cycling Club AGM was held in the Buchan Room of the Tontine Hotel, Peebles.

Claire Cameron, Chair, welcomed the attendees. These were, Kathy Gilchrist, Sandy Gilchrist, John Miroslaw, Andrew Isherwood, Ruth Isherwood, Kevin Chalmers, Paul Jardine, Amy Ferry, Judyta Kajstura, Roy Richardson, Ewan Gowrie, John Ferry, Kenneth Davidson, Alison Jack, Hannah Steele, Tom Harrison, Garth Pearson, Stuart Gillies, Rik Turton, Nic Page, Clare Taylor, John Hodgson, Sean Mitchell, Milan Misak, Fee Hodkiss, Bruce McGoram, Jo Topalian.

Apologies were received from: Colin Semple, Bob Soutter, Keith Jardine, Fiona Watt, Richard Scott, Iain Duguid, Rod Mitchell.

### **Agreement of the minutes of the 2024 AGM**

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Rik Turton, seconded by Garth Pearson.

### **CHAIR REMARKS Claire Cameron:**

A written report (below) has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting:-

#### **Chairperson's Report – Peebles Cycling Club AGM (November 2025)**

“It has been an absolute pleasure to take on the role of Chair this year and a heartfelt thank you to all the members for your trust and support you have shown me in this role. Following in the footsteps of Garth, who accomplished so much during his tenure as Chair and graciously stayed on the committee for another year, has been a hard act to follow. Peebles Cycling Club continues to thrive thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our members. Quite simply, the club would not survive without the amazing individuals who give their time and energy to keep our activities running smoothly. Your commitment ensures that we can offer a wide range of opportunities for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

It's all down to our volunteers who take on many roles to ensure we can still function as a club and to offer our members a variety of offerings. We are grateful for volunteers who continue to coordinate the events calendar, oversee funding and managing our finances, and ensure the wellbeing of both junior and senior members. They handle relationships with Scottish Cycling and other regulatory bodies, manage memberships, and liaise with kit suppliers. Our volunteers give their time to marshal at roadside or trail locations to keep riders safe, arrange venue bookings, take care of insurance and risk assessments for events. They contribute countless hours to build a framework that allows the club to flourish.

As always, we welcome enthusiastic volunteers to support our events and activities, and we're continually on the lookout for those keen to get involved. Your participation is invaluable in ensuring

the success and smooth operation of your club. If you are interested in getting involved, please do come forward and take part. Your support is greatly appreciated and there are plenty of us here to help you!

The club has experienced another exceptionally active period, hosting a variety of events designed to engage a variety for our members. After successfully winning the Cycling Weekly's Club of the Year 2024, this reflects the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. Here is a list of some of these club activities;

### **Club Activities: December 2024 – November 2025**

This year has been packed with a variety of events and initiatives that reflect the strength and spirit of our cycling community:

- **Weekly Club Social Rides**

Our regular road have remained the backbone of the club. Thank you to all of our ride organisers who plan routes and ensure safety on the road and trails.

- **Youth Development Programme - renamed as 'Trail Collective'**

We've seen fantastic growth in our youth sessions, introducing more young riders to the sport. Special thanks to all our Youth MTB leaders and parents' helpers who make these sessions possible. PCC has been supporting 4 leaders to undertake the British Cycling MTB Level 2 award and assessments to continue the future of our youth programme. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Colin Hutchison and Scott Wardlaw for their exceptional leadership of our junior section and for their dedication and hard work have been pivotal in nurturing our young. They step down to allow others to take the lead and we recognise the invaluable contributions of our new leaders who have volunteered to lead the youth section now renamed as the 'Trail Collective' and we look forward to building on the strong foundations with our young members.

- **PCC Time Trial**

We are grateful to our Time Trial Organiser – Kevin Chalmers, and all our marshals and timekeepers, Bill Hunter, Stuart Gillies, and John Miroslaw, who regularly make a commitment every year from April through to September to run our weekly club Time Trial with various routes.

Well done to our Time Trial 2025 Winners and everyone who took part in our Time Trails for 2025. Great effort all round! We are looking forward to hosting the awards ceremony at our Christmas Social event to announce the winners.

<b>Club Championship</b>	Finlay Wyatt
<b>Ladies Trophy</b>	Judyta Kajstura
<b>Points Trophy</b>	Alison Jack
<b>Age Category (Vets)</b>	Paul Jardine
<b>Vets Trophy</b>	Roy Richardson
<b>BAR</b>	Adam Dunajko
<b>Tour of Peeblesshire</b>	Andrew Cox

### **Events and Socials**

- Sir Chris Hoy **Velodrome track visit** - December 2024. A unique opportunity for members to experience riding on an Olympic-standard indoor track. The visit included an introduction to track cycling techniques, safety briefing, and supervised sessions on the velodrome. We hope to rearrange another session in 2026.
- **Christmas Social Ride and Time Trial award ceremony** – December 2024. Our festive group ride followed by a celebratory gathering where the winners of the annual time trial were recognised. The event combined social cycling with a chance to honour achievements and enjoy seasonal refreshments.
- The **Table Top Sale** in March 2025 at the Drill Hall. A community event where members could buy, sell, or swap cycling gear and accessories. It encouraged sustainability and gave everyone a chance to pick up bargains while supporting club funds.
- **End of Summer Social ride and lunch**: September 2025. A relaxed fun ride with road and gravel, marking the close of the summer season, followed by a sociable lunch at a The Park Hotel. Perfect for reflecting on the season's highlights and strengthening club camaraderie.
- **Roadside Repair Workshop** : April 2025. A practical, hands-on session with our club volunteers teaching essential skills such as fixing punctures, adjusting brakes, fixing chains and basic bike maintenance. Designed to boost confidence for riders to repair their bikes whilst out cycling.
- **Woman's social rides** including non-members – April – September 2025. The success of our woman's social rides continued for a second year, aimed at encouraging more women into cycling with the club. These are open to non-members, with sessions focused on inclusivity, building confidence, and creating a supportive environment.
- **Winter turbo sessions** were organised on Zwift. Indoor training sessions held virtually during the colder months. Members connected via Zwift for structured workouts, keeping fitness levels up and maintaining social interaction despite the weather.
- **Cycling Pilates Sessions**: October – April 2025. These weekly classes are proving very popular for our members as they are tailored for cyclists, focusing on core strength, flexibility, and injury prevention. These sessions complemented riding by improving posture and overall conditioning.

### **Race Participation and Support**

Members represented the club in local and national events, from time trials, cyclo-cross, to mountain bike races. Congratulations to everyone who competed and thank you to those who volunteered as marshals and organisers. Here are some of our members below that we are aware of, and looking ahead, it would be great to hear for 2026 more of our members successes to celebrate and for recognition of your achievements.

- Dr Karena Hanley MTB Orienteering season success with Silver in the World Masters Series in Denmark, and various medals at the World Masters in Spain.
- Fergus Pearson - 1<sup>st</sup> Overall at the Glentress 7, Joanne Merritt and Roy Richardson also successful in podium positions for their categories.
- Hill Climb Winners - Judyta Kajstura and Feargus Pearson
- Zofia Lisowski – Tour of the Meldons Time Trial Female category
- Louis Thornley – Tour of the Borders first finisher

### **Community Engagement**

PCC members have volunteered to take part in two community sessions with the community trust

Path maintenance volunteers to help with the clearing and tidying of Peebles, Cardrona local multi-use paths.

### **PCC Charity Donations**

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated cycling gear, and to Ewan for coordinating the collections and arranging delivery to support the Malawi Cycling Teams with cycling kit through shipment by the BannaBox Trust.

We are proud to support the Scottish Air Ambulance Charity as our chosen charity for 2025. Their vital service provides life-saving emergency care across Scotland, often in the most remote and challenging locations. By backing this charity, we aim to help ensure rapid response and critical support for those in need.

### **Scottish Cycling Funding Initiative**

PCC received a funding application as part of the Women and Girls Direct Support fund to launch a new chapter for our youth MTB section to encourage more girls 8yr -16 yr into the club. Partnering with Dirt School and Alpine Bikes Glentress to deliver coached girls only sessions with bike hire, these sessions opened up opportunities to some girls new to mountain biking. The sessions were well attended with great feedback, many who would be keen to continue their cycling journey with the club.

### **Acknowledgements**

A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who continually support the club and I am unable to name every individual in this report, but you are appreciated for your support:

- **Our Volunteers** – ride leaders, social ride organisers, event organisers, and our committee members. Your efforts keep the wheels turning and the backbone of this club.
- **Our Members** – for your enthusiasm, support, and participation in all aspects of the club.
- **Our Committee members** – to help maintain and lead the club
- All the parents and adults who have committed time to their young people representing PCC at various races
- Kevin, Bill, Stuart, John and all the marshals for the Time Trial
- Chris & the team for organising and running of our Annual Tweed Valley Sportive
- Al, Ricky and Scott F for the Road Race
- Hannah and Ruth for the Women's Social rides
- Jenny Routley for upkeeping of our PCC web pages
- Judyta for our PCC Pilates sessions
- Bill & Margaret Brown for continuing to look after the container full of all our kit
- Congratulations to Hannah for successfully passing her MTB Level 2 Trail leader award and taking the lead to organise more gravel rides for the club.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we move into 2026, we aim to:

- Expand youth development opportunities with coaching with extra qualified leaders
- Increase participation and volunteers in club rides and events.
- Recruit new volunteers to lead and organise the Road Races
- Organise our first Woman's Road Race 2026

Here's to an amazing 2026 filled with lots of thrilling cycling adventures for our club members! Looking forward to catching up on the road or out on the trails."

## Club Person of the year 2025

The Club Person of the Year was presented to a person who has organised and led rides for many years. Her work promoting women's cycling has helped the club recruit more women riders, giving them confidence both on and off the road. 2025 recipient of the Club Person of the Year is Ruth Isherwood.

## PCC AGM 2025 SECRETARY'S REMARKS John Miroslaw

"I want to thank to all the committee for their help this year. This year we had 7 committee meetings for the 8 committee members who have done a great job. I particularly want to thank those members who are standing down now after several years of sterling service to the club. New blood on the committee is always very welcome. We have had a very active year with many members organising events and helping out.

As in previous years, we are affiliated to: -

- Cycling Time Trials, giving all members eligibility to ride their events.
- Scottish Cycling, providing insurance and support for the clubs activities.
- ClubSport Tweeddale, which gives the club and members access to grants.

Members can sign up now for 2026 membership, you do not have to wait until January 2026, subscription rates are as 2025:

- **Adults £25**
- **Under 18s £10**
- **Family £50**
- **Trail Collective £35**

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP

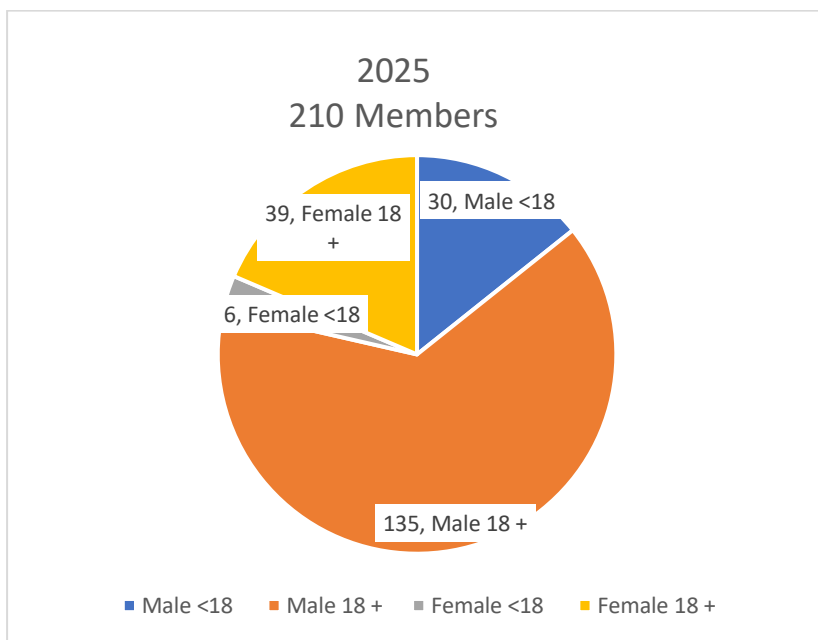
Membership as of Oct 30, 2025

Membership	Male	Female	TOTAL
Under 18	30	6	<b>36</b>
Senior	135	39	<b>174</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>210</b>

The main change of note this year is the continued decline in the number of younger female members, we have only 2/3rds of the number that we had last year.

Membership in previous years:

2024 216  
2023 222  
2022 186  
2021 271  
2020 174  
2019 188



## PCC Treasurer's Report – 2025

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Date	Bank of Scotland	PayPal	Balance
31/10/24	£22,974.60		£22,974.60
31/10/25	£21,965.50	£517.65	£22,483.15
Adjustments*			-£650.00

\*Tweed Valley Sportive expenses and 2025 Charity Donation paid in November

The Clubs accounts have been compiled from club records and bank statements and sent to our Accountant Anne Candlish FCPA, 41 Eastgate, Peebles for review. These were returned for 2025 accounts with no anomalies. This year's accounts have been submitted to Anne for assessment. The mandate for operating on the account is held by Roy Richardson, Claire Cameron and John Miroslaw.

### Income

This financial year the Club's net income totalled £5794.56, compared with £7202 in 2024.

- Membership was £3716.01
- Road Race net contribution of £91.00
- Tweed Valley Sportive net contribution of £1648.34
- Scottish Cycling net Funding of £339.21

### Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2025 was £6936.01, compared to £6321 in 2024\*

- Mountain Bike Leader Training £2325.00 (\*£1505 on 2024 training)
- Committee Meetings £212.69
- Socials & Events £1004.77

- TTs £622.55
- Pilates £541.00
- Memberships and Affiliations £30.00
- Charity Donations £535.00
- Other (including new PCC bottles) £1665.00

## Summary

Income this year from memberships and the club sportive was down approximately 20% in total. At the same time expenditure increased by around 10%. Taken together, that has resulted in a deficit of £1141.45. However, £1505 of the total spent on MTB leader training was for training carried out in early 2024. When this is taken into account, the club has run a surplus of £363.55 in 2025. The closing balance on 31 October 2025 was £22,483.15, leaving the club in a healthy financial position for 2026. As such, the committee has decided to keep membership fees at the same level as 2024.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. "

Roy Richardson, Treasurer 16/11/25

## Proposal of events for 2025

It was proposed that a similar programme of events to 2025 be held in 2026.

Ride and social events 2024	Date / Meet Remember to check social media for updates
Swap shop / table sale of cycling kit / parts / general outdoor kit	March
First Aid Course	February
Roadside repairs and maintenance session	End of April
Tweed-Duro Gravel	
Road Race	May
Bike packing trip	TBC
Social cycle weekend trip away to Aviemore/Braemar/Lake District	later in the year.
Tweed Valley Sportive	TBC
Summer social event	TBC
100 mile ride	TBC
Runner V Bike with Moorfoot Runners (or relay race)	TBC
Hill Climb	TBC
AGM	November

A suggestion was made that the club have a "Gravel" away weekend, perhaps in norther England. It was noted that we have not yet submitted a tentative date to Scottish Cycling for our open and ladies road races and that organisers have not yet been decided.

## Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

## Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The Office bearers for 2025 were elected.: -

Chair: - Claire Cameron      Proposed by Garth Pearson, seconded by Kevin Chalmers  
 Secretary: - John Miroslaw      Proposed by Rik Turton, seconded by Roy Richardson

Treasurer: - Roy Richardson      Proposed by Andrew Isherwood, seconded by Paul Jardine  
Welfare Officer: - Alison Jack      Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Stuart Gillies

Other Committee Members appointed: -

Kevin Chalmers

Rik Turton

Hannah Steel

John Hodgson

Tom Harrison

## **Nominations for Honorary Life Members.**

There were no nominations of Honorary Life Members.

## **Other Business**

The committee has been considering whether the club should change its status to become a registered charity or an SCIO. The advantages and disadvantages will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

## **Post meeting talks**

Sandy Gilchrist, as President of Scottish Cycling gave the meeting a look at what he has been involved with over the first year of his presidency.

Ewan Gowrie and Kenny Davidson described some of the highlights of their trip across Azerbaijan and Georgia, crossing from the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea.

John Ferry outlined his recent ride from Alnwick to Alicante.

Sean Mitchell let us know how the Trail Collective was working and what it does.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee for all the work they had done over the year.

John Miroslaw

Secretary