



Glasgow
Local Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4th floor, Victoria Chambers, 142 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2RQ

2.00PM Saturday 23rd May 2026

Welcome

Colin Brunton opened the meeting and thanked all for coming. Venue Fire Procedures were covered and included in the meeting pack.

Apologies

Pamela Stockdale
Lillias Maclachan
James McGonigle
Christine Darroch
Irene Finnie
Annette Welsh

Approval of 2025 Minutes

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were included in the meeting pack and accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

Adopted by: Frances Jones

Seconded by: Gordon McIntosh

Treasurer's Report

The Income & Expenditure statement had been prepared by Patricia Costa following the format given by Coeliac UK and was distributed at the meeting. Patricia informed members that the books are available if anyone wishes to see them. The report covered the year 2025

COELIAC UK - GLASGOW GROUP		
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025		
INCOME	£	Notes
DONATIONS - ASK THE EXPERT 15/03/2025	40.00	
DONATIONS - CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG 13/04/2025	150.14	
DONATIONS - AGM 14/06/2025	44.00	
DONATIONS - GENERAL	30.00	
MADURAI 08/02/2025	460.00	+ £60 paid in 2024 (Total paid in £520.00)
SARTI 08/11/2025	284.00	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,008.14</u>	
EXPENDITURE		
MADURAI 08/02/2025	520.00	
ASK THE EXPERT 15/03/2025	317.72	
CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG 13/04/2025	699.28	+ £100 hall deposit paid 2024
HALL HIRE - AGM 14/06/2025	262.50	
SARTI 08/11/2025	283.43	
POSTAGE	108.78	
BANK HSBC FEES	35.00	HSBC removed bank fees permanently from August onwards
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2,226.71</u>	
OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01 JANUARY 2025	2,117.07	
INCOME FOR THE YEAR	1,008.14	
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	<u>2,226.71</u>	
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	<u>898.50</u>	
Current Balance £368.34		

There were no questions.

Adopted by: Annemarie Long

Seconded by: Nigel Wunsch

Group Organiser's Report

Elinor Cooper presented the report for the activities since the last AGM.

Throughout 2025, we opted to try a few new things with the group. The first of these was in January 2025, where, after skipping our usual Children's Christmas Party, we decided to have a little Christmas celebration for the grown-ups, meeting for a small celebration at The Lismore.

The Madurai hosted us for a delicious meal in February, with a delicious meal we were glad to repeat this again this year.

In March, we were glad to revive an old favourite, with the Ask the Expert event hosted at the HDS venue. The experts provided some great advice, and this was followed by a delicious bring-and-try cake selection.

2025 marked our first Children's Easter Party, taking place of the usual Christmas Party. It was a great event, and very well received.

The first half of the year was capped off with the AGM in June.

In lieu of our typical Newly Diagnosed session, this year we opted to try something a little different and we hosted three café drop-in sessions across Glasgow at Silverburn, Gallowgate and Anniesland. These were an informal opportunity for newly diagnosed members to ask questions. We hope to continue these in the coming years.

For the longer diagnosed, we hosted a meal at Sarti in November, which was a delicious affair, and marked out final event of 2025.

Beyond the scheduled events, members of our committee also supported Coeliac UK's gluten free event at the Biscuit Factory in Edinburgh in July and attended a session hosted at Holyrood in November to raise awareness of coeliac disease and the gaps in diagnosis.

The events are dependent on committee members, so without additional committee members the group cannot run a full calendar of events.

Election of office bearers and other committee members

Michelle Fullerton, Anne Horsburgh – Standing Down. Colin thanked both for all their help and support.

Colin Brunton (Secretary) - Standing Down.

The existing committee have offered to remain on the committee and seek re-election:-

Group Treasurer - Patricia Costa

Group Organizer - Elinor Cooper

Committee members - Annemarie Long & Richard Maguire

Adopted by: Frances Jones

Seconded by: Gail Brunton

Election of New Committee Members:-

Group Secretary – None – (post is currently vacant)

New committee member – Kimberley Slorach

New committee member – Michael Gorman

No other attendees expressed an interest to join the committee.

Adopted by: Gail Brunton

Seconded by: Annemarie Long

Any Other Business

There was a discussion regarding the current bank balance, the cost of hiring suitable venues for events such as the AGM or Ask The Expert had increased significantly over recent years and the annual Children's event was a significant cost with very little being received in donations from the parents attending the event.

There is a potential opportunity for a new venue with the Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church which has a kitchen that can be included with hall hire, there is the possibility of a charity discounted rate for the Glasgow Local Group. This would allow events such as cooking demonstrations or the Burns Supper to return to syllabus.

It was commented that the number of members attending the long standing annual "Fish & Chips / Afternoon Tea" event had reduced significantly over recent years. It was suggested that not all members were wanting a full two / three course meal out and perhaps a "one" course or tapas type meal out may generate more interest.

It was also suggested that some "mid-week" events should be looked into as the weekends were a busy time for many members.

There was a discussion about the "Drop in" events and perhaps an "A5" flyer would be beneficial to put up at these location as many people with Coeliac disease may not be members of Coeliac UK and the flyers could promote the event locally.

AGM closed at 15:55

Refreshments were enjoyed by all those attending.