



Summary Minute of Council of The Clydesdale Horse Society
At King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn
Friday, 25th September 2026 - 10.30am

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Council meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Society, held on 25 September 2026, confirmed that the Society remains in a sound financial and operational position. Council approved several initiatives for breeding, welfare, youth participation and future events, while reviewing membership, registrations, show arrangements and plans for the Society's 150th anniversary in 2027.

KEY DECISIONS AND UPDATES

- The minutes of the 5 June 2026 Council meeting were approved, and the 29 May 2026 Directors' minutes were noted.
- The Society agreed to purchase the Sparks breeding tool, prepare it for member use and arrange an online presentation ahead of the 2027 breeding season.
- Equine establishment numbers system is working well.
- World Clydesdale Show Dinner Dance in November was publicised. Auction prize of One Life Membership, valued at £800 would be gifted to the auction at that dance.
- Plans for the 150th anniversary include a dinner dance on 27 February 2027, a two-day show on 21-22 August 2027 and a special Winter Fair on 20 November 2027. Anniversary gifts and merchandise are also being considered.
- The financial position was accepted as sound. The report recorded £82,182 in available funds and investments valued at £284,821 as at 23 September 2026, alongside a £10,000 grant from the Gerald Fallowes Discretionary Trust.
- Membership stood at 784. The Society had registered 39 fillies, 40 colts and 3 stallions to date in 2026, and approved new members, stud prefixes and four additions to the Judges Panel - John McIntyre, Margo McIntyre, Teresa Macleod and Liam Tedcastle.



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- Preparations for the 2026 Winter Fair were well advanced, with judges, stewards, venue, sound and first aid arranged and £900 in class sponsorship secured. Further gate support is required.
- Council unanimously supported a Grassroots driving initiative for younger members, and this will be administered by Kirsty Hyslop to whom thanks is given.
- New policy requiring hard hats for all participants aged 16 or under in young handler classes was agreed in principle, with finer details to be ironed out at next council meeting.
- The Society will immediately circulate the August 2026 Welfare of Equids guidance issued by the Scottish Government without any consultation with CHS, to all members on email and repeat the information in the January 2027 newsletter.
- Sponsorship of the Clydesdale Ridden Heavy Horse class at the Scone International Horse Trials will continue. The Society will explore an additional Clydesdale class there, while retaining the Champion of Champions Final at the Winter Fair.
- At the request of the Royal Highland Show suggestions were made for potential judges of Clydesdale classes at their show in 2028.

ACTIONS AND FORTHCOMING DATES

- The Secretary will implement the Sparks tool, arrange member guidance and an online presentation, record Northern Ireland equine establishment numbers, circulate welfare guidance, and contact Scone organisers about space and timing for an additional class.
- The 2026 Winter Fair team will seek additional gate cover, consider lengthening the ring and relocate the bar away from the entrance.
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for 5 December 2026 at 10.30 am at the King Robert Hotel and via Zoom.
- The Council meeting and AGM will be held on 13 March 2027.
- Area 9's "Evening with Clyde Vets" is planned for 4 February 2027, from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at United Auctions, Stirling.