



Montrose
PORT AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL REVIEW 2024/25



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The year to March'25 has seen the Port witness another year of incredible progress and achievements, and it is also extremely satisfying to be able to acknowledge that we continue to deliver on our promises and strategies.

In last year's report I stated, "For the year ahead we have plans to increase our footprint in the town, help create more jobs, further grow our exposure to offshore wind and to continue to invest heavily in the ports infrastructure" and that is exactly what we did...

With the purchase of the Petrofac facility at the north end of the town we created what is now known as the Montrose Port Industrial Park (MPIP) and effectively doubled our footprint within the town; by attracting new tenants into the port, as well as expanding our own team, we created more jobs; with the confirmation that Montrose will become the Operations & Maintenance base for Inch Cape Wind Farm, we have significantly increased our exposure to the offshore wind sector; and (over and above the purchase of MPIP) we invested a further £1.8 million into the port's infrastructure, including the announcement of the redevelopment of Customs House (detailed later in this report).

It is testament to our Executive & Operations teams that we were able to achieve all of this while, at the same time, delivering the second highest year on record in terms of our financial performance.

Last year was also a record year in terms of recognition with the port winning numerous industry awards and accolades along with the corresponding high profile media exposure which that brings.

By its very nature, a busy port creates a challenging environment in which to operate, and I find it extremely satisfying to be able to report that our Health and Safety statistics put us at the forefront of the sector in terms of our safety performance. Given the numbers and size of vessels that visit the port this is a laudable achievement, and one of which we are extremely proud.

Continuing with the theme of setting records, this past year saw our community engagement reach new heights in terms of the number of local organisations we have engaged with, as well as the funding support we were able to commit to.

While this has been the third year in a row that we have been able to report setting new levels of performance and achievement, I would

put a cautionary note on the immediate future. We are not immune from the challenges that are currently being faced in the North Sea Oil & Gas sector and, like other ports in Scotland, this will have an impact on the level of activity in Montrose. However, with the pending ramp-up of Inch Cape, the ongoing development of MPIP, and other initiatives within the port, we remain optimistic for the future. As such, we are gearing our strategies towards ensuring that the port will continue to grow, will continue to be a major employer in the region and will continue to be at the heart of the community.

I would like, once again, to extend my thanks to the incredible team we have at the Port Authority and to our many stakeholders, not least of whom are the people of Montrose and the surrounding area.





CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Over the past year Montrose Port has accelerated its growth, delivering landmark innovations in sustainability, expanding its operational footprint, and strengthening its position at the forefront of Scotland's renewable energy sector.

A standout moment this year was the successful launch of Plug Montrose, the first industrial-scale shore power facility in Scotland. This innovative self-funded joint venture with our partners Plug Shore Power Limited, the UK arm of Plug AS, has prevented a staggering volume of emissions in its first year, and its expansion will be key to the continued decarbonisation of the port.

The financial close of Inch Cape was another milestone in our journey to becoming a leading maritime hub for sustainability and renewables. Work will now begin on the offshore wind project's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) base, which, together with the O&M base for Seagreen, will position Montrose as one of the largest O&M hubs for offshore wind in the world.

Our team remains at the heart of all operations, and it evolved this year as four new members joined, and Lynn Sayer was promoted to Chief Commercial Officer. Lynn's story with the port exemplifies the value we put in our people, and I am delighted that her expertise, knowledge

and insight continue to drive the port's commercial growth. It wasn't just our team that grew over the last year. We doubled our footprint by acquiring Montrose Port Industrial Park (MPIP), the town's former Petrofac training centre. This strategic purchase is part of our ongoing masterplanning and will help to meet the demand for infrastructure to support Scotland's expanding offshore wind sector.

I was also thrilled to see work begin on the regeneration of Montrose's Customs House, which we purchased along with the adjacent Granary Store, in 2023. This project is a symbol of our long-term commitment to our community, and will have a lasting impact in Montrose.

There was plenty to celebrate this year as we were recognised for our efforts in working towards Net Zero and our excellence in commercial operations by winning a number of prestigious awards. Being recognised by our industry peers and the wider business community is further testament to the efforts of all at Montrose Port and it meant a great deal to the team.

The port was also formally recognised in the Scottish Parliament, as a parliamentary motion marked the launch of Plug Montrose.

I was proud to personally welcome Tess White MSP to the port to present us with a copy of the motion. She was one of a number of governmental visits this year, as our strong bonds with the government remain fundamental to elevating our position as a leader in the maritime and offshore wind industries.

Finally, keeping our community at the heart of everything we do, and staying true to our values as a trust port, we donated £207,912 to impactful local causes this year, including our chosen Angus charity of the year, Guide Dogs Scotland. These contributions help those most vulnerable in our community and support the growth of Montrose and the surrounding area.

As always, none of the many achievements of the year would be possible without the efforts of our dedicated team and the insights of our Board of Non-Executive Directors. Each individual's contribution is crucial to the port's ongoing success.

The next few years will be pivotal for Montrose Port. I am truly excited about what's to come as we continue to lead the way in sustainability, refine our capabilities to support offshore wind, welcome development at MPIP and Customs House, and pursue our ambitious masterplanning projects.

2024/25 AT A GLANCE




£ **£8,833,000**
turnover

Second highest in
our history

 **555**
vessels

Visited the port this year

 **£207,912**
donated

Total donated to charities
and local sponsorships

 **2,874,094**
tonnes

Total vessel gross tonnage
for 2024/25

 **239,072T**
cargo import


Total tonnage imported in
2024/25

 **383,145T**
cargo export

Total tonnage exported in
2024/25

 **622,217T**
cargo total

Combining imports and
exports in 2024/25

 **79%**
energy clients

Total percentage of clients
for 2024/25

 **21%**
cargo clients

Total percentage of clients
for 2024/25

OUR BOARD



Peter Stuart, Chairman

Peter has been on the board since 2015, and has been chairman since 2021. He has worked in the oil and gas sector for more than 40 years, and for the last 17 years he has worked in an advisory and executive management capacity with oil and gas private equity firm SCF Partners. He is a non-executive director of Score Group Ltd, a global Valve Management and Turbine repair company headquartered in Peterhead.



Tom Brighton, Vice Chairman

Tom joined the board in 2020 and previously had a long career in the oil and gas industry, spending 36 years working for companies including Total, BG Group and Shell. He now works as a part-time independent consultant to the international energy sector, with a focus on being UK Energy Advisor for the not-for-profit trade organisation Norwegian Energy Partners. He was made vice chairman of the board in 2023.



Gill Summers

Joining the board in 2023, Gill holds a degree in Law from Edinburgh University, and founded the law firm Davies Wood Summers in 1994. She guided the firm through its growth and merger with Brodies in 2012, where she was a partner until her retirement. Specialising in corporate and commercial law for more than 35 years, she has extensive experience in share, business sales and purchases, joint ventures and start-ups and has worked closely with clients across the oil and gas, renewables, fishing, and maritime industries.



Paul Boath

Paul is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology. With a career spanning over 30 years in the offshore energy sector, Paul's ambition for Montrose Port is to assist it through the energy transition from a significant hydrocarbon base to a renewable energy port.



Eilidh Smith

Having joined our board in 2022, Eilidh is an Unlimited Master Mariner with over 15 years seagoing experience both deep sea and closer to home. With experience in the ports industry and the Port Marine Safety Code in general, Eilidh currently works as the Marine Superintendent for Interocean Marine Services.



Harry Knox

Harry has been involved in the offshore shipping industry for over 20 years. In 2021, he commenced his current role as Managing Director with Offshore Opex in Aberdeen and sat on the board of the Merchant Navy Training Board. He is also a former Chairman of the Aberdeen Maritime Branch.



Fiona Scrimgeour

Fiona is a Master Mariner having sailed deep sea with a number of different shipping lines and on a variety of different vessel types such as BP Shipping's tankers. Having come ashore in 2013 to raise her family, she currently works for BP Exploration in Aberdeen as Marine Operations Lead and joined our board in 2016.



Susan Smart

Montrose native Susan joined the board in 2022. Having retired following a 30+ year career in the upstream oil & gas industry, Susan brings a wealth of experience to the board which includes workforce development, strategic planning and stakeholder management.



Graham Penman

On the board since 2022, Graham brings more than 35 years of engineering, operations and project management experience to the role having worked in both the oil & gas and marine industries. Graham's advanced knowledge of subsea installation engineering, vessel fit-out and mobilisations aids his support to solidify Montrose's status as a port of choice for renewables, oil & gas and decommissioning.



OUR PEOPLE

Our people are key to what we do at Montrose Port Authority, and this year we demonstrated our commitment to them by making a significant leadership promotion, supporting the award of a key accreditation, and expanding our team to promote our commercial growth and strengthen our position as a key maritime hub for Scotland.



KEY LEADERSHIP PROMOTION

This year we invested in our leadership team by promoting Lynn Sayer to the position of Chief Commercial Officer.

Lynn's story with MPA exemplifies our dedication to investing in our team and developing inhouse talent. She joined the port in 2018, and we supported her pursuit of a Graduate Apprenticeship

at University of Dundee while working full time. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management in 2023.

Previously holding the position of Business & Commercial Manager, Lynn will continue to work closely with CEO Tom Hutchison, driving forward the port's strategic growth by building stronger industry relationships and leading MPA's commercial strategy. She has already made invaluable contributions to the delivery of a number of transformational projects, including the ongoing regeneration of Customs House, the construction of Seagreen's O&M base and the implementation of Plug Montrose.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to witness and contribute to the growth of Montrose Port in my time with the business so far. I'm thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead, particularly in the renewable energy sector." - Lynn Sayer



EXPANDING OUR TEAM

We welcomed four new members to our team this year, signalling our commitment to driving commercial growth at the port.

Catriona Innes joined the port as Business and Marketing Manager in February 2025 following a successful three years at Angus-based agency Due North Creatives, where she led on marketing, communications and PR strategy for clients across Scotland, including MPA.

Erin Inglis has brought a fresh perspective to the team since she joined us as Marine Coordinator, while our new finance assistant, Morgan Douglas, now plays a key role in driving efficiency in all financial operations.

Commercial Coordinator, Ben Ritchie, rounded out our new team members, bringing a wealth of experience in the marine industry from his previous role at Seletar Shipping. He supports the port and its clients to ensure smooth day-to-day operations.

NEW ACCREDITATION FOR DECARBONISATION ENGINEER

The port strengthened its green credentials this year as our Decarbonisation Engineer, Dr. Turgay Koroglu, achieved ISO 14064 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Lead Verifier accreditation.

This accreditation is an internationally recognised standard that gives organisations a structured framework for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions. Achieving this standard is a testament to Turgay's expertise in carbon reduction and places MPA at the forefront of decarbonisation efforts in Scotland.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

As a trust port, we continuously invest funds back into our local community. Committed to making an impact, we supported a range of charitable organisations and community groups this year to improve the social, environmental and economic standing of our local area.

SUPPORTING MONTROSE COMMUNITY TRUST

This year we continued our support of Montrose Community Trust (MCT) by donating £10,000 over the festive period, helping to support their Christmas appeals and bolstering their efforts in uplifting the local community through their innovative sports, education and health programmes. Our donation helped to deliver more resources for those in need, spread festive cheer across Montrose and support the most vulnerable in our community during the holidays.

We're proud to have a strong relationship with MCT, and we were delighted to be recognised for our support by their Outstanding Contribution Award. Programmes like Breakfast in the Box, which provides free community breakfasts, and the International Speaking Club, which helps people improve their English speaking skills in a safe and welcoming environment, are vital lifelines for many in our community.

CHOSEN ANGUS CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Guide Dogs Scotland received a £20,000 donation from MPA as our chosen Angus charity of the year for 2024. We visited their regional training centre in Forfar and witnessed first-hand the care and expertise that goes into raising and training these dogs. Our donation will facilitate the training of more guide dogs, and we were even lucky enough to name two puppies - Archie and Braoch - who will go on to provide vital support to those with visual impairments and sight loss.

"This significant donation will make a huge difference to Guide Dogs Scotland, helping families in Scotland affected by sight loss to receive the support they need to live full, active and independent lives."

- Kyla McVicar, Business Development Manager at Guide Dogs Scotland



DEBRA FEST

Following on from a successful event in 2023, we once again supported DEBRA FEST, a one-day music festival held in Montrose to raise funds for DEBRA, a charity that supports those living with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a rare and painful skin condition. The festival raised more than £30,000 for the second year in a row, providing funds for vital EB research, and enhancing the lives of those suffering from EB.

CHAMPIONING OUR COMMUNITY

On top of the charities we support, we also champion community initiatives in Montrose. From sponsoring Montrose Football Club, to judging the Burns Poetry competition at Southesk Primary, we're always happy to give back to our local community wherever we can.

We extended our box office sponsorship of Montrose Playhouse, the town's community cinema and arts space, which has gone from strength to strength since opening in 2021. Recognising the Playhouse's unique ability to bring our local community together, we utilised it over the festive season to spread a little extra joy - treating pupils at all six of Montrose's primary schools to a private Christmas movie screening.



OTHER ORGANISATIONS WE SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

- Montrose Bowling Club
- Montrose & District Seals
- Montrose Befriending Service
- Ferryden Primary
- St Margaret's Primary
- Southesk Primary
- Lochside Primary Early Years
- Angus Adoption & Fostering Group
- RNLI Montrose
- Maggie's Dundee
- Turning the Plastic Tide
- Scottish Fire & Rescue
- Save the Children UK
- PoppyScotland
- Montrose Football Club Men & Women's Teams



OUR PORT COMMUNITY

Everything we do at Montrose Port Authority is driven by our commitment to providing first-class service and opportunity for our port community. Our aim is to create an environment where this community can thrive, offering excellent facilities and tailored support for our tenants, port users and partners.

INTERMOOR EXPANDS OPERATIONAL FOOTPRINT

This year, global leader in life-of-field mooring solutions for the offshore energy sector, InterMoor, expanded their operations at the port, bringing its total facilities at Montrose to 39,229 square feet of warehouse and 23,866 square meters of yard space.

InterMoor's quayside site at MPA is integral to their international operations, acting as its UK chain depot and primary operational hub for mooring activities. InterMoor's lasting relationship with MPA and this recent expansion signal our commitment to advancing the energy transition, and the excellent support and services that we offer for our clients.



FIRST MARINE SOLUTIONS EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP

Offshore mooring specialist, First Marine Solutions (FMS) signed a new five-year-lease agreement with MPA, cementing their ongoing partnership with the port.

A key tenant at Montrose, FMS has operated at the port since 2016, and shares MPA's mission to drive forward the growth of offshore wind in the North Sea. Under their new lease, FMS have increased their footprint at the port, adding a new 22,000 square foot warehouse to their operations, providing more space for the provision of FMS's temporary and permanent solutions for floating offshore units in the renewables sector.



Captain Tom Hutchison, MPA CEO, with InterMoor General Manager Frank Burns on the site of their new expansion



MPA team member, Tracey Jamieson, with the RNLI Montrose fundraising team

SUPPORTING RNLI MONTROSE

We were thrilled to support our local lifeboat station, RNLI Montrose with a £5,000 donation. Based within our port, the station's team of selfless volunteers do phenomenal work saving lives at sea, and we are always keen to champion them wherever we can. Beyond financial contributions, members of our marine team volunteer in RNLI Montrose's crew, helping to save lives and educate our community on water safety.



Captain Tom Hutchison, MPA CEO, with FMS Managing Director Steven Brown

OUR PARTNERS



INVESTMENT & INNOVATION

It was a pivotal year for Montrose Port Authority as we invested heavily in our future - from the installation of groundbreaking technology and new infrastructure to support the North Sea renewables sector, to local projects that will make an impact at the heart of our community for generations to come.



562
tonnes of CO2 emissions were prevented in our first year!



Captain Tom Hutchison, MPA CEO, with Plug CEO Maria Bos

SHORE POWER

We became the first port in Scotland to provide large-scale shore power, a groundbreaking facility which allows vessels at berth to shut down their traditional diesel engines and connect to the grid, reducing their fuel consumption and preventing harmful emissions. We're proud to lead the way by embracing new technology that will have a positive impact on our environment and our community, while helping to decarbonise the marine industry.

Plug Montrose is a self-funded £1 million 50/50 joint venture between MPA and Plug Shore Power Ltd, the UK branch of Norwegian shore power specialists Plug AS. Self-funding this venture was the right thing to do for Montrose Port, as we recognise that this facility doesn't just bring us closer to our ambition of becoming Scotland's first carbon neutral port, it has tremendous benefits for both our port community and our neighbouring local community, greatly reducing air and noise pollution in the area around us.

Shore power went live at Berths 1 and 2 in April 2024, and the Magne Viking, a frequent visitor to Montrose, was the first vessel to plug in. The electrification of Berth 3 followed in February 2025, bringing us to 30% electrification across berths at the port. Plug Montrose has been a resounding success, preventing 562 tonnes of CO2 emissions in its first year, and we are looking to expand the service across more berths in the future.

MONTROSE PORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

We nearly doubled our acreage with the acquisition of Montrose Commercial Park, now Montrose Port Industrial Park (MPIP), and the adjacent former Charleton Maternity Home. The site was formerly home to Petrofac's fire safety training facility, and has raised our overall footprint from 59 to 104 acres.

The strategic purchase was in part funded by a £3.2 Scottish Enterprise grant, which was awarded in recognition of MPA's vision of sustainable growth and its position as a key hub in Scotland's offshore renewables sector.

The site is set to play a crucial role in meeting the demand for industrial space in Scotland's offshore sector, driving the nation's energy transition, while also creating new jobs and boosting both the local and national economy.



CUSTOMS HOUSE

This year, we began the restoration of Montrose's historic Customs House, which we purchased along with the nearby Granary Store, in 2023. This project will transform the building into a modern commercial space and community hub - preserving a piece of the town's maritime heritage, unlocking new economic opportunity, and providing a space for connection, education and innovation for generations to come.

Once finished, the building will house an innovative Skills Academy that will support the renewables sector in Angus by offering practical experience for those looking to work in the offshore wind industry. Together with Angus Council and Dundee & Angus College, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding, entering into a joined agreement to work together to develop the new facility.

Montrose-based firms Pert Bruce Construction and Adam & Gordon Architects were selected as contractors on the project in recognition of their extensive experience, previous successes and deep local knowledge. Following the construction of a new entrance, the building is now in a scaffold wrap while the team works towards completing the first phase of the work - ensuring the structure is wind and watertight.



Brandon Bryant and Craig Bruce from Pert Bruce Construction, Garry Adam from Adam & Gordon Architects, and Tom Hutchison, CEO of MPA.

EVENTS AND VISITS

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS

We continued to signal our position as a key hub in the offshore energy sector by welcoming international visitors to the port - including delegations of energy professionals from Turkey, the home country of our Decarbonisation Engineer, Turgay, and Singapore, to learn about Scotland's approach to offshore wind. We also strengthened ties with the Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce as their international members group visited us for an exclusive tour of the port.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Always keen to help develop local ambition, talent and entrepreneurship, we continued to share our expertise with our community this year. This included giving school pupils from across Tayside a tour of the Brint Enabler SOV, and sharing insights from our business journey with a keynote speech from our Chief Commercial Officer, Lynn, at the Tayside Transform Business Festival.



Lerwick Port Authority CEO Captain Calum Grains, Alex MacLeod, Stornoway Port Authority CEO and Tom Hutchison, MPA CEO at Up Helly Aa 2025



First Minister John Swinney, Tom Hutchison, MPA CEO and British Ports Association CEO Richard Ballantyne

INDUSTRY TIES

The port strengthened its ties with its industry peers as our CEO, Tom, spoke at the British Ports Association Conference in Portsmouth and at the Global Underwater Hub's Moorings and Anchors Conference in Edinburgh.

Tom also took part in some lighthearted trust port bonding at the volunteer-led Up Helly Aa festival in Lerwick, Shetland, which celebrates the island's history, skills and spirit. Invited by Lerwick Port Authority's Chief Executive Calum Grains, Tom teamed up with representatives from the Lerwick and Stornoway Port Authorities to don viking clothing and participate in the festival's community events, including a torchlight procession and the traditional burning of the Viking galley.

EVENTS WE ATTENDED THIS YEAR:

- WindEnergy Hamburg
- British Ports Association Conference
- Offshore Energies HSE Conference
- Subsea Expo
- Global Underwater Hub Moorings and Anchors Conference
- Scottish Renewables Supply Chain Conference
- Inch Cape Supply Chain Expo
- Transform Business Festival

PLUG MONTROSE CELEBRATION

We celebrated the launch of Plug Montrose, which made us the first port in Scotland to offer a shore power facility, with a party at Arbikie Distillery.

The event gave us time to reflect on the impact the shore power facility had already made and the opportunity to toast to the team effort that had led to the groundbreaking project's success - with representatives from our contractors and partners in attendance, including Ericht Electrical, Noran Electrical, Pert Bruce Construction, PowerCon, Here's the Plan and Scottish and Southern Electricity Network (SSEN).

We were especially delighted to champion our Norwegian joint-venture partners, Plug AS, whose innovative approach has been invaluable to the success of the project. They, along with the rest of our guests, were treated to a showcase of Scottish hospitality, with a whisky tasting and a pipe band giving the party some traditional flair.



Lathallan School Pipeband provided the musical entertainment at the celebration

RECOGNITION

There was much to celebrate at Montrose Port this year as we were recognised for our progress in sustainability, commercial impact and business operations.

COURIER BUSINESS AWARDS

We were thrilled to pick up two prizes at the Courier Business Awards, which are run in partnership by DC Thomson and Henderson Loggie. We secured both the Business of the Year and Transition to Net Zero awards at the ceremony, which is one of the biggest nights in the calendar for the North East business community.

The judges were unanimous in their Business of the Year selection, stating that MPA is “an operation that excels on every level”, and these milestone award wins recognised the quality of our business operations, as well as the steps we’re taking to move towards Net Zero through initiatives like shore power, using alternative fuels and electric vehicles.



BRITISH PORTS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

We were named SME Port of the Year 2024 at the British Ports Association (BPA) Awards. The award ceremony, held at Portsmouth’s Boathouse 7 in the Historic Dockyard, celebrated the achievements and innovations of the UK’s ports industry. It was wonderful to be recognised by our industry peers during the ceremony, which was a highlight of the year’s insightful BPA Annual Conference.



SCOTTISH GREEN ENERGY AND GREEN ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN

In further recognition of our sustainability efforts, we won the Best Practice award at the first ever Scottish Green Energy Supply Chain Awards and the Carbon Reduction Award at the Scottish Green Energy Awards, which is the biggest event of its kind in Scotland. These two awards are a testament to the work we’re doing to support Scotland’s Net Zero targets and our push for a greener future for the maritime industry.



Lynn Sayer, CCO, receiving an award at the at the Scottish Green Energy Awards

CHAMBER BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARDS

This year we also picked up the Net Zero Business award at the Dundee & Angus Chamber Business Champion Awards. We were proud to be finalists alongside other forward-thinking businesses in our region, each of which was recognised for exceptional leadership, innovation, and community impact. Winning this category was further recognition of our commitment to sustainability and our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint in line with Scotland’s Net Zero goals.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

PARLIAMENTARY MOTION

We were pleased to be formally acknowledged in the Scottish Parliament for the successful launch of our self-funded shore power facility, Plug Montrose, with a parliamentary motion delivered by Tess White MSP. The motion recognised our position as a leader among ports in the UK for our approach to sustainable operations, and the positive impact that the service has had on our local community and the offshore energy supply chain through the reduction of harmful emissions.

We're grateful to MSP White, who took the time to visit the port to present us with a framed copy of the motion, which proudly sits in our main office.



MINISTER VISITS

Engaging closely with the government is central to advancing our, and the nation's, sustainability goals. This year, we welcomed several ministers to the port, underscoring our leadership in sustainable maritime practices and our key role in the offshore wind sector.

Ministerial Visits to Montrose Port:

- John Swinney MSP and First Minister of Scotland
- Fiona Hyslop MSP and Cabinet Secretary for Transport
- Tess White MSP for North East Scotland
- Michael Marra MSP for North East Scotland
- Kirsty McNeill MP and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland
- Mairi Gougeon MSP and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
- Dave Doogan MP for Angus and Perthshire Glens





INCH CAPE UPDATE

INCH CAPE REACHES FINANCIAL CLOSE

After raising more than £3.5 billion in funding, Inch Cape reached its financial close, meaning the significant project will now move into its construction phase. An equal joint venture between Red Rock Renewables and ESB, the wind farm will consist of 72 turbines located 15km off of the Angus Coast. Inch Cape has chosen Montrose Port as the base for its offshore construction office and for its future operations and maintenance (O&M), with construction on the O&M base set to commence in the second half of 2025.

Once operational, the farm will produce up to 1.1GW of clean electricity. Helping to propel the country towards its Net Zero targets, the farm will be capable of producing enough to power around 1.7 million homes in Scotland. Together with Seagreen - the 114 turbine wind farm that also calls Montrose home for its O&M base - the two sites will position Montrose as one of the largest O&M hubs for offshore wind in the world.



72
wind
turbines



50
local jobs

long term and
skilled supported



£5 million
investment

in the O&M base



½ of all
Scottish
homes

set to be powered



Up to 1.1
GW

of clean electricity

SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Safety is paramount to all operations at Montrose Port. We undertake frequent training, follow strict protocols and maintain a proactive safety culture to ensure a safe environment for every member of our port community.

MARINE SAFETY PLAN

This year we published our Marine Safety Plan for all marine operations at Montrose Port, which we update every three years. This plan is in compliance with the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC), and commits MPA to undertake the management and regulation of marine operations in a way that safeguards the port, users of the port and the environment, whilst supporting the continuous improvement of Montrose Port Authority's marine health, safety & environmental performance.



DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

We're committed to leading the way for greener operations in the maritime industry - highlighting the proactive role ports can have in supporting national Net Zero targets, and pushing towards our goal of becoming Scotland's first carbon neutral port.

PLUG MONTROSE

Our shore power facility, Plug Montrose is leading the way for sustainable operations in the maritime industry. Preventing 562 tonnes of CO2 emissions in its first year, shore power will be pivotal to the port as we work towards our carbon neutral goal. Following the initial success of the project, shore power will be incorporated into all of the port's future quay improvement plans.



OUR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

- Plug Montrose shore power facility
- Fleet of electric vehicles
- LED floodlights
- Continued research into alternative fuels
- ISO 14001 accreditation in Environmental Management
- Port powered by green energy suppliers
- ISO 14064 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Lead Verifier Accreditation
- Adopting HVO fuels



THAT'S EQUAL TO:



Driving a car around the world **106 times**

PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE STATEMENT 2024-25

We are committed to maintaining and continuously improving safety standards in accordance with the Ports & Marine Facilities Marine Safety Code (PMSC). Our Integrated Management System (IMS) brings together Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) practices with PMSC compliance, supported by our Port Safety Plan. These combined efforts demonstrate our dedication to protecting stakeholders, safeguarding the environment, and ensuring public safety remains a top priority.

In the summer, we released an updated Marine Safety Plan to enhance our adherence to the PMSC and prioritise the safety of our staff, stakeholders, and the public in the port's daily operations.

In January 2025, we welcomed the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) for a voluntary PMSC Health Check. This comprehensive audit has placed us in a strong position ahead of the upcoming release of the latest PMSC revision.

Our utilisation of the MyCompliance software has become central to our compliance strategy. This robust system enhances our ability to monitor performance and drive continuous improvement in our safety standards. We actively engage with port users and stakeholders through regular consultation sessions and marine safety meetings, addressing both policy and operational issues to promote a culture of safety and collaboration.



Safety exercise at Montrose Port

PORT FACILITY SECURITY PLAN (PFSP)

Montrose Port Authority is fully dedicated to adhering to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and strictly implements our Port Facility Security Plan to uphold the highest security standards.

Our Port Facility Security Officer leads regular security meetings, exercises, and inspections in close collaboration with the Department for Transport and Border Force. This continued partnership guarantees that our security protocols are consistently maintained, protecting the integrity of our port operations and fostering a safe environment for all stakeholders.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

We have continued to engage our community with regular updates on our website and social media channels, delivered in collaboration with digital marketing agency Due North Creatives.

Through a range of digital media including blogs, social media posts, press, TV coverage and video content, we've worked closely with the agency, embracing the use of different digital formats to spread awareness of MPA. This has included not just our work in the maritime and renewables industry, but also how we have championed our local community and supported charity causes.

Their support was also key to our landmark Courier Business Award wins, and they also aid the port with exhibition and advertising displays that strengthen the port's reach and reputation.

WEBSITE STATS

134% increase YoY

Montrose Port Authority's Home web page views

12% increase YoY

Active users on the MPA home page



SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

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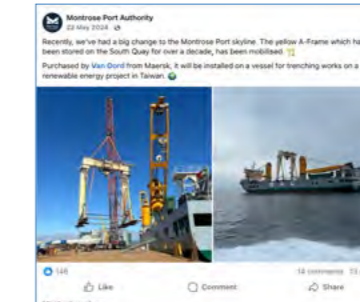
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2024/25 SUMMARY

Revenue remained steady this year, with ongoing profitability that allows us to invest in our team, our infrastructure, and our area.

Over the past 12 months we continued to champion our community by donating a record £207,912 to local causes, affirming our commitment to supporting the prosperity of our local area and the people in it.

This year has been one of the most significant in our history, and we're excited for what's next as we continue to invest in our future, uplift our community, advance our sustainability goals, and cement our place in the offshore wind industry as we pursue our ambitious growth projects at MPIP, Customs House and the quayside.

	2024-2025	2023-2024	Variance	(%)
Turnover	£8,833,092	£9,280,971	(£447,879)	(4.83%)
Cost of Sales	(£4,487,351)	(£4,636,165)	(£148,814)	(3.21%)
Gross Profit	£4,345,741	£4,644,806	(£299,065)	(6.44%)
Admin Expenses	(£2,895,378)	(£2,481,660)	(£413,718)	16.67%
Operating Profit	£1,450,363	£2,163,146	(£712,783)	(32.95%)



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