



## Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

### SDC Board Meeting

**Date: 22nd January 2026 7.30pm**

**Present: Mike Danson (MD), Elna Harvey (EH), Megan Bee (minutes) (MB), Iain Campbell (IC), Seonaidh Mackenzie (SM), Hilary Lacroix (HL), Sophia Headrick observing (SH)**

**Apologies: Seonaidh Mackenzie (SM), Susan MacLennan (SM)**

**1. Welcome and apologies (19:30-19:35)** Welcome to Sophia Headrick; observing meeting as potential new trustee.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting (19:35-19:40)** Approved

**3. Matters arising (19:40-19:55)**

1. **Response to SCBF.** Board Members are happy with the document drafted by MB. Just minor adjustments to see more emphasis on the procedures of Mediation Scotland and highlighting the need for SCBF to have a clear funding strategy in light of CAP and LPP. MB to send off tomorrow as SCBF AGM on Monday.
2. **Local Place Plan**  
Looking for photos from anyone in Strathnairn. Moving towards a redraft version, which will be up soon to be viewed.
3. **2025 AGM Minutes-** Share final AGM minutes with Iain. (MB)
4. **Housing group-** Draft text sent round regarding housing and the need to recruit a new housing group. Board happy with the wording, maybe some visuals from Seonaidh ) MD to contact
5. **Seachdain na Gàidhlig /World Gaelic Week-** A number of small events lined up for this. Minimal spend due to left over funding. Enthusiasm noted from the Community Cafe for Gaelic week and hoped for more advertising around the Strath. Maggie highlighted that there is ring-fenced Gaelic money from SCBF for Gaelic Tuition. Noted how helpful Maggie has been in support of Gaelic week hall bookings etc.

**4. New applications and recruitment of members (19:55-20:00)** No new members recruited. SH to join as member. IC to highlight membership to friends that are new to the Strath.

**5. Treasurer's Report and handover arrangements (20:00-20:10)** No update, still waiting on access to the banking. Mobile phone has been cancelled. IC to arrange another meeting with Paul. IC and MB to sign on as signatories.

**6. AGM and Annual Report (20:10-20:20)**

Early feb call out for nomination for trustees. If fewer than 12 trustees , no need for elections.

Annual report required 15 days before the AGM with accounts. We do not need an auditor. Any competent person can look at the books.

MD will draft Annual report and circulate. Proposed AGM date 30th March with AGM minutes from last year to go out the month before.

**7. Funding applications – Strengthening Communities, Acorns to Trees, Regional Community Development Fund, Sustainable Development Fund ... (20:20-20:25)**

MD continues to put in some proposals. Some under SDC and some under the Heritage Association. Under the different bodies for different reasons.

Application to Regional Community DF for heritage association for CDO's to work across neighbouring trusts.

Applied to SSE renewables for 2 part time CDO's. Building on feedback that CDO's can end up isolated. Very competitive funds.

MD to contact DTAS regarding Resilience and Recovery fund. Could fund a CDO and other forms of support such as trustees training. If anyone is interested in any training then have a look on the SCVO, DTAS and HTSI websites for more information.

**8. Sub-committees updates (20:25-20:35)**

Active Travel- need an update from Paul and a new trustee to join that sub committee. MB happy to liaise with Paul and become new trustee contact for the sub committee.

Housing sub committee- Call is going out for members to set up a local group with a broad base of experiences.

**9. AOCB (please let Chair know before meeting) (20:35-20:40)**

SH enquiry as to how she can support the board in fulfilling gaps.

Discussion about environmental and sustainability issues being a gap.

More support with Social Media and website also required. SH offered support with this.

**Next Meeting 19th February 7:45pm Bunacton Room, Farr Hall MB to book.**