



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Strathnairn Development Company (SDC)
Board Meeting 20th November 2025

Date: 20 November 2025, 7.30pm
Location: Google Meet

Present: Mike Danson (MD), Elna Harvey (EH), Megan Bee (minutes) (MB), Iain Campbell (IC), Seonaidh Mackenzie (SM)

Apologies: Hilary Lacroix (HC) Joined at the end

1. Welcome and apologies (19:30-19:35)

2. Minutes of last meeting 9th October (19:35-19:45)

PR completed the minutes, he is currently unwell and so we haven't seen them yet.

3. Matters arising: adding new trustees/annual report to OSCR, Training/legal responsibilities for trustees/skills matrix, Funding applications, AGM Minutes, response to SCBF (19:45-20:00)

Some hold up with the bank processing SM details for the charity account.

Annual report to OSCR- just to remind us to put in the annual report for the coming year but not for a while yet (MD)

Reminder for new trustees to complete a Skills Matrix (MD) before we look at recruiting more trustees next year.

Funding applications- Meetings set up with HIE who approach MD. Deadlines coming for some applications but plenty time and MD will work on them.

Correspondance from Neil Dawson needs shared with all trustees before response to SCBF finalised.

AGM minutes- MB to check in with Raghnaid Sandilands (outgoing secretary) to check on latest version of the AGM minutes and share these with all trustees.

4. New applications and recruitment of members (20:00-20:05)

Isla has handed in her resignation from the board.

No new members

5. Treasurer's Report (20:05-20:15)

Static at the moment. MD checked on bank account. IC getting a handover from Paul Robinson (outgoing Treasurer) next week.

6. Local Place Plan (20:15:20:30)

Noted by MD and MB that lots of effort put in by Beth and Justyna for this.

MD passed on youth engagement material as gathered by SDC to use in the Place Plan to Beth Rose. We need to decide how to engage with the Local Place Plan when it is published.

MD makes the point that The Place Plan is about land use and land management rather than what people want in terms of activities. Community Groups have not been approached directly to comment but they have lifted existing information from websites.

SM hoping to look at the Strathnairn Place Plan in more detail but comments that Kinlochleven have taken 2 years to work on theirs. MD Comments that Stratherrick spent thousands on a Place Plan

Discussion that it is good that the Place Plan has been started but hard to get engagement at the best of times, never mind with the hall out of action.

MB thinks that Jillian MacLennan has been approached to do GIS mapping.

MD contact Justyna regarding SDC to get an update on progress

MD has contacted Community Housing Trust twice through their online portal with no response so far. CHT based in Inverness so if no response.

MB wonders Would engagement increase if the community had more information about who owns what in Strathnairn?

7. Website (20:30-20:35)

Content needs updated. SM offering to have a look. He has plenty footage and video to add interest.

MB reminded that updated Bios needed for the website.

8. Sub-committees updates (20:35-20:40)

MD Queried about the timescale of the Hall opening- Implications for planning events.

Active Travel- no update.

AGM and Annual report (20:40-20:45)

MD stated that Phil Mackintosh requested a date for the next AGM. MD informed early spring.

HL states that Hall committee requesting AGM minutes. MD stated that these are not normally given out until approved and not approved until the next AGM, and they are circulated two weeks beforehand. HL/MD to let the hall committee know this.

9. AOCB (please let Chair know before meeting) (20:45-20:50)

HL wondering if we could introduce more face to face meetings with plenty notice to arrange.

DONM - 18th December- In Person Meeting 7:30pm