

Board of Trustees Meeting

Location: Bunachton Room, Farr Hall and online at GMeet:
<https://meet.google.com/wpf-vugu-nbq>

Date: 23rd April 2026

Time: 19.30 – 21:00

Present: Hilary Lacroix (HL), Elna Harvey (EH), Kirstin Macdonald (KM), Sophia Headrick (SH)
Susan MacLennan (SM), Mike Danson (MD), Megan Bee (MB) Iain Campbell (IC) online.

Apologies: Seonaidh Mackenzie

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

2. Minutes from previous meeting 26th April 2026 (19:35-19:35)

Minutes approved.

3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda (19:35-20:00)

a. SCBF response (MB)

Awaiting response from SCBF but dependent on Ruth returning from holiday.

Polly Chapman from DTAS and Carol Masheter have worked together to draft an agenda for our meeting with SCBF. Aiming towards creating an Memorandum of Understanding between SDC and SCBF.

MD outlined the background of this for the benefit of the new trustees.

MD to circulate the proposed agenda from Polly and Carol with the board.

b. Funding applications (MD) Awaiting to hear back from two SSE regional funds. MD explained that it's normal for to wait a long time to hear back from applications.

c. Social media. Happy for SH to go ahead and start up new accounts for Instagram and Tiktok and to manage the facebook page.

4. Ryan Bell SSE joined online to discuss SSE transmission fund and share presentation for the Aberarder and Corriegarth Fund.

Regional Fund (for multiple communities) open across the network area. vs Local Fund

£1 million for Local fund.

Consultation May- June 2026 to discuss the area and the structure of the fund.

Potential for a Decision making Panel made up of local residents depending on what the consultation feedback is.

Community Councillors can be engaged in the consultation process but not any decision making process.

Discussion about how to reach as many members of the community as possible at the right time.

Ryan emailed presentation for further discussion and more questions.

A Newsletter would still be a great way to keep everyone informed.

Getting the survey out ASAP with our key messages about what could be progressed. SSE happy to take our feedback about how to best do this.

5. New applications and recruitment of members

No new members.

6. Treasurer's Report

Balance £9745.21

Bòrd na Gàidhlig - £3375 (half the money given over two years for Gaelic lessons)

£700 from Highland council for Gaelic Classes.

Total ring fenced- £4075

Available Cash in the Bank £5670.21

7. Sub-committees

1. Housing - HL has recruited a wide group of members to the sub committee. The next step is to get a date for the first meeting of the group.
2. Active travel- Nothing to update.
3. Social and health care- Thinking about a Saturday Community Cafe. Once a term? Mens shed- with volunteer handy men who would help locals.
4. Culture and heritage (MD)
5. Others? - Film - Elna proposing a documentary film/ social night for June 14th.
6. Pump track- Ian Robinson interested in taking the lead on this. MD to make contact.

After School care has been handed on to the Farr Primary Parent Council to submit funding before the Summer.

8. Business Plan draft

This still needs reviewed by the board.

9. AOCB (please let Chair know before meeting)

10. **DONM** 21.05.2026, 18.06.2026, 20.08.2026

