



**Trustees Meeting
Thursday 30 October @ 7.30pm
held at Gargunnock Community Centre**

1. Present:

Trustees: Nathan Anderton (Chair), Jill Patrick, Gill Bell, Crawford Gordon, Stuart Ogg, John Steele, Gavin Fleming, Geoff Peart, Lois Simpson

Apologies: Mairi Jackson, Steve Barnet

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of potential interest were noted.

It was agreed that the order of agenda items would be changed to accommodate GF's availability.

3. Treasurers Report

GF presented an update on the financial position of the Trust and Windfarm Fund. There is around £42.5k available in the Windfarm Fund albeit this year's allocation is expected to be fully committed given the increase in projects which have been funded. GF explained the detail in the accounts concluding that the cash balance position remains fairly stable with a modest increase in rent from bike hires.

Brief discussion on the scope of the Trust's insurance following the request regarding cover for the new year fireworks. It is understood that this covers the Community Centre buildings and curtilage.

Action: SO to inform Windfarm Panel administrator.

Further discussion focused on the recent meeting involving the Trust and Windfarm Panel Chair and Administrator. This looked at the importance of securing some of the Windfarm funds for larger, longer term legacy projects. Subsequently, contact has been made with Foundation Scotland to identify possible options within the context of the MoU between the Trust and Foundation Scotland. In the same context, the current status of the proposed extension to the Earlsburn Windfarm and the potential community benefit arising from it have also been raised with Foundation Scotland. GP noted he has been keeping in touch with Nadara regarding their proposals.

NA noted the proposed meeting between the chairs of the Trust, Windfarm Panel and Community Council. One item for discussion could be the larger projects identified in the Local Place Plan and how these might be funded.
Other financial matters discussed:

Action: GF to purchase new heaters once electrical work complete.

Path works on Charlies Loan requires hire of a small digger which Alan Nicol can drive. This was agreed so work can progress.

It was noted that the invoice for drainage works had been commissioned by Lee.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 28 August 2025

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 28 August 2025 were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising and follow up actions from previous meetings (only those still to be actioned are noted)

Matters arising

On-going Actions:

Additional trustee required (To be picked up again at AGM) (All)
Develop new residents' welcome pack (will now await launch of updated website). (SO)
Follow up to the issue of the field next to the Drop-In Centre (Awaiting response from Gala Committee. (GF)
Postcode issue regarding feed in tariff for Community Centre outstanding (SB/GF)

6. Secretary's Report

GB noted the need to obtain insurance cover for defibrillators.

Action: CG to follow up with GB.

Fire certificate and public liability certificates to be posted on Community Centre noticeboard.

Action: CG to follow up with Lee regarding updated fire certificate.

GB noted the University of Third Age is visiting Gargunnock on 12 November at 2pm when Douglas Johnston will provide a presentation to them. Others are welcome to attend.

7. Community Centre Report

CG noted the need to replace the doorstep at the entrance to the Garden Room.

Action: SO to arrange

Various complaints/comments received regarding the cleanliness of the Community Centre floor and the state which some users are leaving it in for the next user to clean up. There were also issues with equipment being left out which should be put away by users. Additionally, other comments concerned the lack of toilet rolls, paper towels, plastic bin bags, etc.

Action: NA to prepare text for posters to be placed on all doors reminding all users to clean up after use and to email caretaker re: importance of replenishing supplies.

8. Projects

Website

Updated website should go live next week after meeting with sub group and developer next Friday. The Trust recorded its thanks to the Community Council for initiating the update and particular thanks to Jackie Campbell for managing the details ensuring that all aspects were covered and John McLaren for producing the new maps.

Cycle Hire

JS reported that a few more people have signed up and hiring is going well.

Local Place Plan

GP noted that the Trust's submission on the Local Place Plan had now been included as an appendix to the final version of the Plan.

Cycle Route project

GP explained that he had been in touch with the Council although there had been no feedback from Transport Scotland since the Council's bid had been submitted in February. Going forward it will be necessary to reduce the specifications of the path to make it more affordable. In the absence of support via the Council the Trust may require funding to secure a contractor to restart negotiations and obtain the support of the consultants who were involved initially. Further meeting with Council is to be held next week.

It was agreed that the Trust needed to find a way of making the project 'shovel ready' in case funding does become available.

GP pointed out that the position of rural areas was now more positive with the acknowledgement that the Council should be looking at partnering with local Trusts. He agreed to feedback to the AGM.

Telephone Box

The Trust expressed its thanks to Rowena Barnet and Roddy Chambers for painting the crowns, and making and installing the shelves respectively. These works now effectively complete this project.

9. AGM

Scheduled for 27 November.

Action: JP will arrange refreshments and SO to prepare poster for Facebook page/noticeboard and draft presentation for Chair. It was proposed that the presentation should be shared.

10. AOB

There was no other competent business.

11. Dates of future meetings

Thursday 27 November (Garden Room) – AGM

Dates for 2026

29 January 2026 (Garden Room)
12 March 2026 (Garden Room)
14 May 2026 (Garden Room)
27 August 2026 (Garden Room)
29 October 2026 (Garden Room)
26 November 2026 AGM (Garden Room)

Meeting closed at 9.20pm