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Trustees Meeting
Thursday 12 March2026 @ 7.30pm
held at Gargunnock Community Centre

1. Present:

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

Apologies: Mairi Jackson

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of potential interest were noted.

***3. Minutes of Meeting on* Thursday 29 January 2026**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29 January 2026 were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

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

Previous action ongoing

Store room to be cleaned out. (LS via user group)
Additional trustee required (All)
Develop new residents' welcome pack, in part need now satisfied by new website. (SO)
Review of membership list to remove those who have left the village. (MJ)
Arrange for a supplier/plumber to install a new dishwasher. (JP)

5. Secretary's Report

Issue of Community Centre being left dirty was again raised in a communication with the Trust. Despite a detailed discussion it was not possible to identify the organisation who had left the dirty floor. Cleaning fee charged for anyone leaving the Centre after use will be raised from £40 to £100.

Communication from SSE regarding tree pruning near cables.

Action *GB to confirm with SSE that the Trust has no objections.*

Following communication with the Council the Trust now has to register Bite and Blether as a 'food business'.

Action: *GB/JP to complete and submit forms.*

Treasurers Report

GF presented an update on the January and February 2026 accounts highlighting the movement of funds and in particular some of the higher costs incurred over this period. These included significant energy costs for pellets and electricity. A new tariff has been agreed so the Trust is no longer on the emergency tariff. SB believes that the tariff situation has now been resolved. There have also been repairs and maintenance for the roof and boiler repairs.

GF noted the cash position at the end of February this was virtually the same as it was at the start of the year at £67k.

GF noted that he is meeting the auditor next week to finalise the accounts, Jackie has reconciled the bookings and invoices for last year and card payments will be stopped altogether with BACS being used for all transactions in the future.

GF explained the changes in volunteer expenses with the changeover of the Bugle editor and the change in roles for bookings administration. The proposed changes were all agreed.

With the various personnel changes there was a query about replenishing the period products in the telephone box, something that Debbie had previously arranged. NA agreed to follow up.

Action: *NA To contact Debbie about replenishment of period products in telephone box.*

Following the further discussion regarding bike insurance it was agreed that JS would follow up with Cycling UK to see whether, through them the bikes can be insured.

Action: *JS to follow up with Cycling UK to see whether bikes can be insured through them or possible other means.*

6. Community Centre Report

LS reported that a new WhatsApp user group has been set up which will help communication and now includes 18 contacts.

CG noted the issue with the ceiling in the Garden Room which had been identified during the redecoration process. SO to follow up with Douglas.

Action*: SO to inform Douglas about the Garden Room ceiling to be picked up in future capital works.*

Regarding the replacement boiler it was noted:

- This was a priority project
- Possible funding from CSET
- Other sources need to be found in addition to Trust's own funding and possibly support from Windfarm Fund.

GF suggested that the Sinking Fund should be renamed repairs and maintenance which better reflects its use. This was endorsed.

In response to Jackie's queries regarding the use of Community Centre, it was agreed that:

- The cleaning fee for those users who fail to clean after use or elect to have it cleaned the cost will be £100
- Jackie to inform Trust if cleaning is required
- The charge for an overnight stay is £150 and any organisation arranging this type of event

will be responsible for appropriate supervision, risk assessment, etc.

Action: *NA to speak to Bobby MacAllister regarding the proposal to install metal hand rails at steps*.

To help encourage users to clean up after use various suggestions were put forward:

- new signs would be put up to show where the cleaning cupboard
- Signs to show where chairs/tables are to be stored
- 'hygiene' form to be sent to users to identify any issues that users found when using the Centre.

Action *LS agreed to produce and display signs indicating where items are stored.*

7. Windfarm Panel

The meeting considered and endorsed the decisions made by the Windfarm Fund Panel at its meeting on 2 March 2026. These included:
GWF 1-26 SWI Bus Hire to Dumfries House £500
GWF 2-"^ Flower Show Schedules and Rosettes £500
GWF 3-26 Windfarm Administration £1,344.16
GWF 4-26 Community Centre Sinking Fund £5,208.07
GWF 5-26 Trust and Farmers Club McLaren Cart £1,400
GWF 6-26 Youth Bursary Application for Archaeology Field Trip to Orkney £300

The Gargunnock Cart project was discussed in detail given the issue of insurance raised by the Panel. The cart is to be housed under cover in the pub car park once it has been refurbished. After discussion it was agreed to discuss the issue of insurance with the pub at the appropriate time, noting that as the cart is unique it is unlikely that it could be replaced on a like for like basis. Additionally, it will require signs on it saying anyone using it do so at their own risk. GF explained that the cart is being picked up and brought to Gargunnock at the weekend.

Windfarm Panel and Applicant Guidelines. The proposals from the Windfarm Panel to update these documents to account for the youth bursary award and recent experiences regarding eligibility were approved.

Action: *SO to inform Windfarm Administrator.*

Large projects paper produced by GP was discussed. Following the discussion the following were agreed:

- That there should be a mechanism to build up funds initially up to two years' worth of the annual allocation to support 'significant' projects.
- The type of projects which will be supported will be those which are capital projects which have a significant and lasting legacy on the village
- Allow the Panel alongside the Trust to determine what the criteria should be in particular to define the term 'significant projects'

GP thanked everyone for their inputs to the paper.

Action: *GP to update the paper and send to Jackie for the next Panel meeting.*

8. Projects

Defibrillator training

This has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon with 15 people having said they would attend. It was agreed that a donation should be made to the Trossachs Search and Rescue organisation for

delivering the course.

***Action**: GB to follow up and arrange donation*.

Website

Generally getting positive feedback about the new site.

Cycle Hire project

Further promotion will be undertaken in the Spring.

Cycle Route project

Several trustees attended Stirling Council's Drop-In session on Tuesday. Due to the numbers that attended the session became more of a presentation and discussion rather than individual one-to-one discussions.

Overall, the Trust felt that the options presented were disappointing. Several points of concern were raised about the two options presented by the Council's contractor. After a lengthy discussion GP agreed to draft a response to the Council on behalf of the Trust setting out the key points raised in the discussion as well as those in Alison and Fergus Younger's email. This would then be shared with the Community Council before being submitted to the Council.

Newsletter (Bugle)

It was noted that Emma Hay will take over from the next edition.

9. AOB

NA updated the meeting regarding the meeting with the Community Council Chair.

JS noted the work being undertaken on the idea of a pump track in the village. While, he noted that not all trustees supported the proposal he felt that an outline design would help explain to the village what it might look like. This would then help gauge the reaction before taking any further action.

10. Dates of next meeting

14 May 2026 (Garden Room)

Dates for future meetings in 2026

27 August 2026 (Garden Room)
29 October 2026 (Garden Room)
26 November 2026 AGM (Garden Room)

Meeting closed at 9.45pm