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Trustees Meeting
Thursday 14 May 2026 @ 7.30pm
held at Gargunnock Community Centre

1. Present:

Trustees: Nathan Anderton (Chair), Jill Patrick, Gill Bell, Stuart Ogg, Mairi Jackson, Gavin Fleming, Steve Barnet,

Apologies: John Steele, Geoff Peart, Lois Simpson, Crawford Gordon

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of potential interest were noted.

3. Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 12 March 2026

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 12 March 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 actions ongoing

Store room to be cleaned out. (LS via user group)
Additional trustee required (All)
Review of membership list to remove those who have left the village. (MJ with help from other trustees)
Arrange for a supplier/plumber to install a new dishwasher. (JP to follow up)
Follow up with Cycling UK regarding insurance of bikes (JS to follow up)

5. Secretary's Report

Community Centre fire check required by end of May

Action: *GB to check with Lee Masson*

Equipment from Community Centre to be loaned:

- Table tennis table to Kippen.
- Table and chairs being loaned to local person for 13June 2026

New valuation received from Stirling Council remains at £30k

No response from SSE regarding permission to trim trees.

Treasurers Report

GF presented an update on the March and April 2026 accounts highlighting the movement of funds, the major movement in funds has been the receipt of the annual maintenance Wind Farm funding for the Community Centre. Cash balance at the end of April was £73k compared with £67k at the end of February. Overall, there has been robust sales in terms of bookings and regular income from office lets.

Gavin noted that two further subscriptions had been taken out.

He informed the meeting that Jackie had now migrated all invoices to Xero from Hallmaster and the process is now working more efficiently. She is also happy with the way it is working. In particular the new process is helping identify unpaid invoices and is proving easier for users. In future all payments will be via BACS.

GF reported that SB efforts now meat the Trust was now receiving the Smart Export Guarantee with £139 received for the first quarter. Steve was thanked for his diligence and perseverance to achieve this outcome.

6. Community Centre Report

Douglas Johnston's correspondence regarding the proposed capital works was discussed and it was agreed that the Trust should go ahead although it was noted no quote for the roof works had been received.

It was agreed that NA, GF and SO would act as a sub group to ensure these works were progressed as soon as feasible and that efforts should be made to see whether the external funding could be secured to help cover some of the costs of these works.

Action: *Sub group to research possible sources of external funding e.g. Wolfson plus others. GF to contact Anne Knox for ideas regarding possible sources.*

SO reported that the application to CSET for funding for the boiler replacement had been successful, other sources are being pursued.

7. Windfarm Panel

The meeting considered and endorsed the decisions made by the Windfarm Fund Panel at its meeting on 4 May 2026. These included:
GWF 5-26 Additional funds for McLaren Cart £254.29 Approved
GWF 7-26 Youth Bursary for internship in Tanzania £300 Approved
GWF 8-26 Gargunnock Primary School p7 Trip to Loch Faskally £400 Approved
GWF 10-26 Support for Gala 2026 £1,466 Approved
GWF 11-26 Litter pickers £65 Approved
GWF 9-26 Fountain restoration £3,084 Not approved seeking further information

The Panel agreed to set up a sub group to consider the Trust's proposal to establish a strategic fund with Windfarm monies to provide funds for larger land longer term impact projects. It was suggested that it might be more efficient for GP to join the sub group.

Action: *SO to inform Windfarm Administrator.*

8. Projects

Website

Generally getting positive feedback about the new site.

Cycle path

GP email noted that at the recent Cycle Stirling meeting it was reported the Council were reviewing the approach given the responses that they had from communities e.g. they may now not prioritise existing 'quiet' roads over new infrastructure. Clearly this will have cost implications. Another round of community meetings is proposed. Geoff will be meeting Aaliya and chair of Cyle Stirling to clarify the situation regarding the Kings Highway and the Gargunnock link once the Council has the consultant's report. No date set for follow up meeting.

Local Place Plan

NA noted he had the meeting with the Community Council chair plus other community Councillors to discuss the projects in the Local Place Plan and how these would be taken forward. It was agreed that a table would be attached to the end of Trust minutes showing how the main projects were being progressed and how the Trust was contributing. (See appendix)

Stirling Council's Local Development Plan

The Council is consulting on the Local Development Plan. Geoff noted he had forwarded the site option to Trustees and highlighted the proposed new strategic option which would change Gargunnock's status from 'No growth' to 'Sustainable growth'.

The Community Council will be formally consulted and the Trust should take a view, timescale is unclear.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Trust's original submission to the Community Council regarding the Local Place Plan still holds and is supportive of the planning proposals as long as certain conditions were attached to any permission regarding phasing, housing tenure/size mix reflecting the needs of the community, the necessary infrastructure works being developed and the developer invests in the installation of physical activity related facilities e.g. a 'pump track', within the development.

Action: *NA to draft response to the Community Council and share with GP and SO*

Windfarm developments

GP explained he had attended the Cairnoch Hill windfarm presentation in Fintry with Tom McEwan. Eurowind are sympathetic to any benefit arrangement which suits the local community. Community Council representatives had also met the Fintry community to discuss community ownership. The report of these discussions had been circulated to trustees.

Bike Library

JS had sent a report which indicated that further promotion will be undertaken in the next Bugle and on the Facebook page and a reminder to be sent to those who joined last year about rejoining.

Pump Track

Outlined in his report JS noted he had spoken to Ian Denvir, a Stirling Council Community Development Officer. He had pointed John to various Council contacts to discuss asset transfer and obtaining funding etc. as well as a contact in Killin to discuss their recently built track. John hopes to find funding to cover the cost of getting a design developed. (circa £13k).

John explained that Ashley had helped prepare an image of what the pump track could look like. He would like to consult the community to gauge the level of support to help funding applications and get letters of support from the school, Community Council and Trust.

Once John has support from the school, Community Council and Trust, he will research potential funding for the design. Following that a 'drop-in' session will be arranged to obtain views.

Bite and Blether

JP noted that following approval by the Trust the most recent Bite and Blether receipts were donated to Strathcarron Hospice. She was pleased to report that the May Bite and Blether had raised over £600 which she had already taken to Strathcarron. The Trust expressed its thanks to Jill, all the volunteer contributors and to all those who came along for making this Bite and Blether such a great success and for their generous donations.

Newsletter (Bugle)

MJ reported that Emma and Kimberley had now taken over and were working on the next edition of the Bugle.

9. AOB

GF raised the idea of showing some of the World Cup matches in the Community Centre. While the idea was considered worthwhile, it would need a volunteer to run it. Also, it was acknowledged that the pub would be looking to attract paying customers to view matches.

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10. Dates of next meeting

27 August 2026 (Garden Room)

Dates for future meetings in 2026

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

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Appendix: Projects in Local Place Plan and progress update for Trust

Projects identified in Local Place Plan	Proposed lead partners in Local Place Plan	Timescale in Local Place plan	GCT Status
Playpark and youth facilities upgrade	GCC, Stirling Council, GCT	Short (1–3 yrs)	
Pavillion Refurbishment, sports facility improvement	Gargunnock FC, GCC, GCT	Short (1–3 yrs)	**GCT has contacted sportscotland, requires FC to bring forward proposal**
Road safety interventions (traffic calming, inappropriate parking, A811 junction upgrade)	Stirling Council, Police Scotland, GCC	Short-Medium (1-5 yrs**)**	
Glebe Park biodiversity & community orchard	GCT	Short-Medium (1-5 yrs)	**Glebe Park well established, 10- year anniversary in 2027. Volunteers continue to maintain and develop the Park**
Community Resilience Plan	GCC and Stirling Council	Short (1-3 yrs)	**Draft Local Resilience Plan produced by GCT and passed to GCC**
Co-working and Enterprise hub	**GCT, GCC**	Medium (3-5 yrs)	**GCT currently provides office and business space at Community Centre and Drop In Centre for 5 businesses.**
Heritage & Archive Project	GCT, GCC, Local Historian, Gargunnock Primary School	Medium (3–5 yrs)	**GCT taken ownership of the McLaren Cart, a historical artifact, recently renovated using Windfarm Funding and now housed at pub**
Transport and active travel upgrades (bus reliability, safer walking/cycling via Kings Highway and improved core path access)	Stirling Council, transport providers, GCC, GCT	Short–Long (1–10 yrs)	**GCT beeches path upgraded completed, continuing to work with Council on Gargunnock to Stirling path and connection with King's Highway project. Recent community consultations leading to rethink. Pump trach project being developed.**
Expanded community events programme (Gala, Bite & Blether, youth activities, Flower Show support)	GCC, GCT, Gala Committee & local groups	On-going	**Recent GCT activities include a clubs and activities promotion event, defibrillator / first aid training, monthly Bite and Blether social cafes, etc.**