

## PPCDT Trustees and Trust Members Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12th March 2026 – 7pm Auld School Community Centre

Janette Gates - Trustee  
Marie McNulty - Trustee

Nicky Spinks - Resident  
Ann Berry - Trustee

Joe Rigby - Trustee  
David Walker - Trustee

**Welcome:** AB opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

**Apologies:** Neil Gates, Morag Campbell, Jimmy Stewart, Jean Wyllie

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Approval of minutes dated February 2026:** The minutes were proposed by David and seconded by Ann.

All agreed that Nicky can be co-opted as a Trustee.

### Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda:

The following actions were discussed:

CARRIED FORWARD ACTIONS	OWNER	Status
Bins for field	Marie	Two waste agreements to be will be combined into one. <b>Completed.</b>
Marie to go through items needing storage in IT room and agree solution with Neil.	Marie / Neil	<b>Completed.</b>
David/Amy to identify what is needed for Indoor Bowling and submit a small grant claim.	David / Amy	<b>Complete.</b> David has sourced a trophy and raised £40 which will be added to the bowls club running total. DW will send details of the trophy and Ann will order. <b>ACTION: David</b>
Marie to write to our MP regarding the paramedic provision in this area and the role of first responders.	Marie	Trustees discussed linking up with other CCs in the area and agreed that the ambulance provision is not acceptable. We need to offer more training on the defibrillator. Nicky suggested wilderness first aid. It was agreed to write to the NHS Director. <b>ACTION: Marie</b>
Amy to get another insurance quote.	Amy	It was agreed to wait until renewal date in October. Amy will speak to other providers from August. <b>Complete.</b>

Ann/Marie to arrange a small gift and note for each household around New Year, linking in with resilience communication.	Ann / Marie	Carry forward
Amy to look into policies necessary for the Changing Places application.	Amy	Carry forward
Marie to find out who Barrhill's insurer is.	Marie	Carry forward
Neil to replace the taps in the men's WC and cosy space.	Neil	Complete
Neil to get a quote to change the roofs on the roadside notice boards.	Neil	Dean is not able to quote at the moment but we will try again in late spring. <b>Complete.</b>
Neil to send links to Ann for a new water urn, floor cleaner for the phase 3 corridor and strimmer for the field.	Neil	Items have been purchased. <b>Complete.</b>
Janette to source items to spend the remaining Nature Day and Resilience funds.	Janette	Items have been purchased. <b>Complete.</b>
Marie to speak to Anne Gerard about spending the funds remaining for fitness equipment.	Marie	Items have been purchased. <b>Complete.</b>
Janette to advise David Hall that some Trustees will be attending the PPCC meeting to discuss Knockodhar.	Janette	<b>Complete</b>
Janette to ask Morag about guitarist for AGM.	Janette	<b>Complete.</b> Guitarist is not available.
Janette to feed back to Foundation Scotland on Trustees' ideas for use of the PPCF.	Janette	<b>Complete.</b> Awaiting response from Foundation Scotland.
Janette to feed back to Howard that PPCDT would be prepared to administer CCA funds from	Janette	<b>Complete</b>

the Arecleoch windfarm extension.		
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### **Auld School**

Neil sent the following update:

- The installer carried out the pre-installation site visit and confirmed there were no issues. Trustees discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the two options for siting of the 3 batteries and agreed they should be internally mounted on the end wall of the IT room above the CCTV cabinet. On the recommendation of the installers, Trustees agreed that the EV charger should be located to the right of the nursery door (looking from outside). The installer has applied for G99 permissions from the grid, which takes approximately 6 weeks, and will let us know when they have a response. For installation, they will require sole access to the building for 7-10 days but can work around important functions. Neil to inform the installer of the chosen location for batteries and the EV charger. **ACTION: Neil.** It was confirmed that EV charging will not be free.
- SPEN have advised that the power to the Auld School will be turned off for 4-6 hours in approximately 6 weeks for maintenance. They will give 2 weeks' notice of this.
- At the request of the fitness group, more accessible hooks have been fitted to the main door.
- Amy advised that Foundation Scotland want assurance that the roof is structurally sound to take the solar panels before releasing the funding. Amy to raise with Neil. **ACTION: Amy**

### **Nursery Building**

- Amy is looking into development funding for the Nursery to cover professional fees for the proposed conversion to accommodation. Amy has contacted SPEN, who suggested two options: the grass roots fund for development of feasibility work up to £10,000, which can support early stage projects, and round 2 of the local fund, which offers between £10,000 and £500,000. The deadline for round two is 5pm on 8th May and Amy suggests we apply for the grass roots fund for professional fees and permissions and apply to the PPCF for the actual build costs. Trustees discussed the shortlist of architects and selected 3 who Amy will approach to quote. **ACTION: Amy.**

### **Changes Places Toilet**

- Amy has completed the first monthly funding report to Inspiring Scotland, but we have had limited communication otherwise. We are still waiting for a firmed up budget and costs for the extra toilet(s) and we expect that funding to come from the PPCF.

### **Events Committee**

- No update at present. Joe advised we need to get cross-pieces fixed for the marquee. Joe will go through the box. **ACTION: Joe.**

### **Nature Day**

- Planned for 25th July 2026. Janette gave an update on the proposed programme, which includes Qi Gong, Yoga, presentations and guided walks by GSAB, BTO and Exhibit Scotland on subjects such as foraging, gardening for nature and birds. VR headsets will also be

available. Janette is hoping to get Rural to run the tea/coffee/cake stand.

#### **AGM**

- Trustees had previously agreed to hold this at the end of June to coincide with the Old Skool night. Unfortunately the guitarists are not available to attend so Trustees discussed finding another act. Ann is asking Chris Campbell for suggestions. **ACTION: Ann.** Amy will check notification for the members. **ACTION: Amy**

#### **Project Officer Update**

- In addition to points raised under previous sections, Amy advised she has added information about the Knockodhar wind farm meeting to the website and uploaded PPCC meeting minutes. She has also sent updated information about the Trust's activities to the Connect SA website.
- Additional funding for caretaker and cleaner costs is now needed as only 2 months costs are remaining. Marie advised that Trustees should consider increasing the hourly rate for both the caretaker and cleaner as they are currently low now compared to the increased National Minimum Wage and Real Living Wage levels. Trustees agreed new rates for the caretaker and cleaner. Amy will submit a funding application for two-years. **ACTION: Amy**

#### **Finance and Funding**

- Ann advised total funds in the bank are £102,280.72, of which £97,357.29 is restricted, £4,923.43 is unrestricted and there is £100 cash float. Ann reviewed the finances relating to the build with Amy today. In 2024, Westgale mistakenly sent two invoices which were both paid and we were subsequently reimbursed £26,939.38. This has now become unrestricted funding, along with some funding left from the PPCF (£2593.29) and from RCGF (£273). Ann suggested, as we do not currently have a reserve fund and it has been advised that we should, the Trust should put 6-months funding into reserves. Trustees agreed to this.
- Total income from the Old Skool nights is £2,132.37. New grants have been received for the Valley Gardening Club - £450 from Barrhill CC and £250 from PPCC.
- Trustees discussed the Indoor Bowls club applying to PPCC for hall hire costs. David is asking attendees for a voluntary contribution of £2 per person with £1 going towards winnings. Ann will record this in a spreadsheet so it is ringfenced to the Bowls Club.

#### **Knockodhar Windfarm**

- Marie gave Trustees an update on discussions with PPCC regarding our approach to the wind farm. All residents have been invited to the meeting planned for Tuesday 17th March. The presentation slides and objection letter template produced by Janette and Nicky will be shared before Tuesday. David Hall will chair the meeting and the purpose is to make residents aware of the impact of the wind farm and let them know how to object. REG Power will be holding a drop-in consultation on 19th March.

#### **AOB**

- Nothing raised.

<b>ACTION SUMMARY</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
Neil to inform the solar installer of our chosen location for the EV charger and batteries.	Neil
Amy to ask Neil to arrange for the solar installer to confirm the roof is sound.	Amy
Amy to approach the 3 shortlisted architects for a quote.	Amy
Joe to collect the marquee cross-pieces that need fixing from the container.	Joe
Ann to ask Chris Campbell for any recommendations for an act for the AGM	Ann
Amy to check the timeframe for notification of AGM to the members.	Amy
Amy to submit the funding application for 2-years of cleaner and caretaker costs.	Amy