

PPCDT Trustees and Trust Members Meeting Minutes

Thursday 13th August 2026 – 7pm Auld School Community Centre

Janette Gates - Trustee
Marie McNulty - Trustee
David Walker - Trustee
Claire Pirrie - Resident

Joe Rigby - Trustee
Ann Berry - Trustee
Jimmy Stewart - Trustee

Morag Campbell - Events
Neil Gates - Caretaker
Roger Pirrie - Resident

Welcome: MM opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

Apologies: Jean Wyllie, Amy Dee Watson

1. **Declarations of Interest:** None
2. **Approval of minutes dated July 2026:** The minutes were proposed by Ann and seconded by Nicky.

3. Actions

The following actions were discussed:

ACTIONS	OWNER	Status
Indoor Bowling Club - funding application to PPCF and post on FB about spare bowls.	Amy / Marie	The application to PPCF has been approved. The post has gone on FB. Complete.
Marie to write to the NHS Director after the election regarding the paramedic provision in this area and the role of first responders.	Janette	Janette to forward Carol Mochan's letter to Katie Hagmann. Complete
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.
Neil and Ann to source new keys for the fire alarm.	Ann	Carry forward.
Marie to apply to PPCC for the funding for the acoustic panels.	Marie	In progress.
Neil to get quotes to replace the fencing around the field.	Neil / Amy	Amy is putting funding application to SPR and seeking advice on how

		many quotes are needed. In progress.
Neil to contact the handyman at Colmonell to get a quote to refurbish the outside noticeboards.	Neil	Neil to contact Simon Black of GHB contracts. Carry forward.
Marie to inform the insurer that we plan to keep the solar batteries inside the building.	Marie	Insurer approved the location of the batteries inside the building. Complete.
Ann to consider options for a hardstanding on the field and whether planning permission is needed.	Ann	Carry forward
Ann to look into opening a savings account with a separate bank.	Ann	Carry forward
Steve to check the generator. Trustees discussed a cage for the generator.	Steve (Nicky)	Complete
Neil to create a 'no dogs, except assistance dogs' sign for the hall.	Neil	Carry forward
Janette to reply to residents who asked to book the hall for dog training.	Janette	Complete
Neil to put a sign up at the field to request residents pick up after their dogs.	Neil	Complete
Neil to forward details of the bungee cords for the marquee to Ann.	Neil	Complete

4. Finance and funding

Ann advised we currently have funds of £125,966.35 of which £120,389.34 is restricted and £5,576.41 is unrestricted. We currently have £25,395.49 in reserves. Ann ran through the following funding pots:

- Carrick Futures (field and water) - £4,903.47
- Tralorg - £3,925
- Carrick Futures (Development Officer) - £7,972.50
- Foundation Scotland running costs for year 1 - £28,448.13
- Pinwherry & Pinmore £2,593.29
- Caretaker & cleaning costs yr 1 - £20,069.84
- Covid funding - £4,684.63
- Valley Gardening club - £183.40

- Pinwherry Wee Whist - £310
- Carpet bowls club - £97
- Cosy space expenses - £287.05
- Cosy space room hire - £400
- Nature Day - £225
- Solar panels - zero

Our running total of income from the Old Skool night is £2,473.87

We have been awarded £68,520 of match funding by PPCF for the Changing Places toilet. There has been a change of personnel at Danfo. Trustees discussed access for the works - it was suggested the fencing is replaced after the toilets have been installed and that the entrance is widened.

Ann advised funding by PPCF of the mobility fitness class has also been confirmed.

5. Project Officer Report

- Nursery building - our bid for £10,000 from the SPEN grassroots fund for architect fees has been granted and the architect is proposing a site visit for 27th August.
- Amy has updated the website for PPCC.
- We are looking at an application to the Local Place Planning Health Partnership for body scan, nutrition and fitness sessions. The application has to be in the first week of September.
- Amy is proposing to enter the Auld School Community Centre to the 2026 SURF awards.
- Amy is considering applying for funding for a PA and hearing loop system. Trustees discussed contacting RNID.

6. Building

- Neil confirmed the windows in Phase 2 have been replaced.
- The new solar panel system has been signed off this morning. Neil advised the building has drawn no power from the grid since the panels were commissioned. We need to set up a smart export tariff to sell electricity back to the grid. Neil talked through the process. The supplier have suggested Octopus. We need an app to use this and the current ipad is too old to support that. Trustees agreed to buy a new ipad. Ann will source an iPad. **ACTION: Ann**
- Neil confirmed the car charger is registered but is switched off for now.
- Neil has resolved two leaks in the women's and men's toilets.

7. Events & Activities

- Pinfest - Morag advised that numbers were slightly disappointing but this is because two private parties were taking place on the same day. We expect still to have made a profit, having sold around 60 tickets.
- Nature Day - Janette estimated that over 80 people attended the event and feedback from both the attendees and demonstrators was very positive. The event raised approximately £450 for community groups - Pinwherry SWI, Stinchar Connections, Stinchar Valley Gardening Club and PPCDT - which is in the region of the estimate of £500 advised to the funder. The art competition was also very well received and Janette advised the entries have been judged and we are hoping to do a showcase/presentation evening to coincide with the August Old Skool night. The Trust is grateful for the efforts of many community members who helped to run the event and to Janette for organising it.

8. Windfarm Developments

- Knockodhar - Katie Hagmann has responded and we believe she will be putting a personal objection in. Nicky advised that the developer is currently putting in the EIA for the overhead line.
- Trustees discussed the Arecleoch extension and it was confirmed that the community benefit funding will be managed directly by PPCDT and we expect to receive it in 2027.
- Glenvernoch OHL - no update.

9. AOB

- Morag has written to Alec Clark regarding the grass outside the old village hall. Roger will raise this with PPCC next week.
- Concerns were expressed about the amount of himalayan balsam around the village. Roger will also raise this with PPCC.
- Neil suggested buying a fold up pool table and a darts board. Trustees agreed. Neil will get some prices. **ACTION: Neil**
- Following one marquee being damaged beyond repair, Trustees discussed putting a semi-permanent marquee on the field. A working group was convened for the field, including Marie, Ann, Nicky, Jimmy and Morag. Trustees discussed consulting residents. Marie will put a post on FB once a meeting date is sorted. **ACTION: Marie.**
- Jimmy advised that the drain leading to the cottages keeps blocking with leaves which can cause flooding in the cottages. It was suggested that John Gregg could help. Jimmy will contact him. **ACTION: Jimmy.**
- Claire advised that Colmonell church is for sale. St Colmon Preservation Trust are trying to buy it to retain it as a church building, unconnected to the Church of Scotland, where services of any faith could be held. Trustees are currently negotiating with the Church of Scotland and Claire is raising awareness of the situation amongst local groups at the moment.
- Marie advised of a temporary road closure of the Muck Road from 31/8/26 from 8am-5pm every day - 18 months or until works are completed. Closed between 8am and 5pm each day.

ACTION SUMMARY	OWNER
Ann to buy a new iPad.	Ann
Neil to finalise prices for a pool table and darts board.	Neil
Marie to arrange a date for the field working group and post on FB to invite residents.	Marie
Jimmy to contact John Gregg re fixing the field drain.	Jimmy