

PPCDT Trustees and Trust Members Meeting Minutes

Thursday 9th July 2026 – 7pm Auld School Community Centre

Janette Gates - Trustee
Marie McNulty - Trustee
David Walker - Trustee
Amy Dee Watson - Project Officer

Joe Rigby - Trustee
Ann Berry - Trustee
Jean Wyllie - Trustee

Morag Campbell - Events
Neil Gates - Caretaker
Jimmy Stewart - Trustee

1. **Welcome:** MM opened the meeting by welcoming all present.
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Nomination of Office Bearers**
There being no other nominations for officer bearer roles, David proposed and Joe seconded the following appointments. There were no nominations for the role of Vice-Chair:
 - Chair: Marie McNulty
 - Treasurer: Ann Berry
 - Secretary: Janette Gates
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Approval of minutes dated June 2026:** The minutes were proposed by Marie and seconded by Ann.
6. **Actions**
The following actions were discussed:

ACTIONS	OWNER	Status
Indoor Bowling Club	Amy / Marie	Carry forward. Amy will apply for a grant to PPCF for the two carpets at £414 each, room hire and 2 sets of bowls. Marie to put a post on FB to ask if anyone has spare sets of bowls.
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.
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.
Neil to look at prices for acoustic panels for the cosy space.	Neil	Carry forward. Neil to get a definite price and send details to Amy.
Neil to get quotes to replace the fencing around the field.	Neil / Amy	Despite efforts we have only received one quote. Neil to forward to Amy to progress funding application.
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	We are still waiting for info from insurers but believe we comply with everything to have the batteries inside. In progress.
Ann to investigate a bolt-on to Xero to automate the booking process.	Amy	The booking system is live and we are transferring over existing bookings from google to the new system. Amy is updating the website.
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
Marie to check the status of the funding application for the Changing Places toilet.	Marie	Complete. We are still waiting to hear from Foundation Scotland.
Neil to obtain/create a no parking sign for the field gate.	Neil	Complete. Jimmy suggested widening the field entrance when the fencing work is done.
Janette to ask SACT for a quote for Pinfest (to depart after midnight)	Janette	Complete.
Janette to confirm bookings for Nature Day with demonstrators and put together a list of actions for volunteers.	Janette	Complete.

Nicky to co-ordinate PPCDT objection to the Glenvernoch overhead lines.	Nicky	Complete. PPCDT have formally objected to the proposal.
Neil to get 3 quotes for replacement of phase 2 windows.	Neil	Complete. Installation is scheduled for 24th July.
Ann / Marie to buy a cupboard for the cosy space.	Marie / Ann	Complete. Neil has built the cupboard.
Neil to get petrol for the lawnmower and strimmer.	Neil	Complete

7. Project Officer Report

- We are still awaiting the outcome of the SPEN grassroots funding application for the Nursery development. Amy was hoping to apply for RCGF funding but we are not far enough into the process for this.
- Amy submitted the monthly funding report to Inspiring Scotland. However, progress has been limited as we do not yet have confirmation of the funding from PPCF and the site visit on 1st July with Danfo did not take place.
- There were no new Trustee nominations at the AGM. Present were 7 of the 8 trustees, 15 ordinary members, 1 associate member and 3 non-members. Trustees discussed the suggestion to resurface the playground and paint the stone frontage and agreed that the building should not be painted. Resurfacing the playground could be considered as part of the Nursery development. Trustees discussed the request for training on the generator. Nicky advised that Steve is going to have a look at it. **ACTION: Nicky.** It was agreed to move the generator to the sheds.
- Trustees discussed the inquiry about hiring the hall for dog training and agreed that dogs should not be allowed in the building for insurance reasons, except assistance dogs. Neil to create a sign. **ACTION: Neil** Janette to inform the residents who requested this. **ACTION: Janette.**
- Amy has started working on policies and procedures. Janette suggested asking Stinchar Connections to share their Fair Work Framework policy.
- Nature Day funding has been received from Destination South Ayrshire and PPCC. We are still awaiting funding from PPCF for the mobility exercise class.
- There was a discussion about holding the AGM voting as a secret ballot rather than a show of hands. Trustees agreed that residents could vote by email if they did not wish to disclose their vote in public.

8. Building

- Neil advised that there is an issue on the field with some residents not picking up after their dogs. Neil will put a sign up. **ACTION: Neil.** The no-parking sign has gone on the gate and the Community Field sign has gone up.
- The fire alarm and emergency lighting are being serviced tomorrow. The fire extinguishers are being done separately later in the year.
- The new planting at the former toll house was noted and Ann was thanked. There are plans ongoing to put a hanging structure in place for hanging planters. Morag suggested putting an open water butt in the space.

9. Events & Activities

- Pinfest - the marquee will be going up next Thursday night at 6.30pm. Neil to send a link to Ann for bungee cords. **ACTION: Neil.** Morag expressed some concern about low ticket sales but Trustees agreed to still go ahead with the event.
- Nature Day - Janette advised all demonstrators are lined up and she has circulated a list of actions for everyone.

10. Windfarm Developments

- Nothing to report on either Knockodhar or the Glenvernoch overhead lines. Trustees noted that both concerns were raised with Katie Hagmann MSP who will be looking into them.

11. Finance and Funding

- We have total funds of £154,116.99, of which £148,891.92 is restricted and £5,225.07 is unrestricted. Reserves are currently £30,203.49. We have £218 cash at the moment. The running total for the Old Skool night is £2,392.87.

12. AOB

- Nothing raised.

ACTION SUMMARY	OWNER
Steve to check the generator.	Nicky
Neil to create a 'no dogs, except assistance dogs' sign for the hall.	Neil
Janette to reply to residents who asked to book the hall for dog training.	Janette
Neil to put a sign up at the field to request residents pick up after their dogs.	Neil
Neil to forward details of the bungee cords for the marquee to Ann.	Neil