



| Agenda Item | Minutes of Meeting 7 pm 22nd Oct 2025 Couston | Actions | | | | | | |
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| Welcome | Sara Maclean welcomed everyone to an in-person meeting at Couston, Colintraive. Peter Macalister-Hall, John McNaughton, Kirsty McLuckie, Chris Leigh, Rob Groom, Fiona Hamilton Ros McGhee (Household Resilience Advocate) | | | | | | | |
| Apologies | | | | | | | | |
| Declaration of Interests | | | | | | | | |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting | Proposed: JM Seconded: SM | | | | | | | |
| Matters Arising | <p>Trustee report 24-25: The final draft has been sent to Ross & Co and will be published on the website.</p> <p>Insurance: The renewal form has been submitted but quote not yet received.</p> <p>LL&CW website update: Further response is awaited from current host of the website, Andy Walters.</p> | | | | | | | |
| Admin and Finance Reports | <p>Finance overview was presented.</p> <table><tr><td>Income:</td><td>£1563</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure:</td><td>£180</td></tr><tr><td>Balance at 22/10/25:</td><td>£16840.57</td></tr></table> <p>Forthcoming unknown outgoings are accountancy fees and insurance.</p> <p>Core Funding grant refund will be negotiated with Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust rather than repaid immediately.</p> <p>Money from SSE Community Fund is expected to be received in next few weeks.</p> | Income: | £1563 | Expenditure: | £180 | Balance at 22/10/25: | £16840.57 | |
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| Projects | <p>Cruach Mhor repowering:</p> <p>Consultation – 26th October 1430 Glen Hall. Updates will be given by CMWFT, CGDT (re Cowal Community Energy (CCE) and Community Energy Scotland (CES)) and Community Council followed by a risk presentation by Alasdair Macleod. There will be a future date for presentation by CCE to answer further questions from the community. Decision has not yet been taken on how to gather community opinions thereafter.</p> <p>Warmer ColGlen II update:</p> <p>Referrals from households are becoming fewer but the odd one still coming in. Smart meter coverage for households with solar PV is being looked into by AliEnergy as payments for exports can't be made because of connectivity. Mobile signal may be possible. Follow-up visits to involved households are the main activity to support vulnerable. Contracts have been extended to end December with possibility of extension to end February 2026 if funding is available. RM was thanked for her service to the community.</p> <p>Connect Glendaruel and Food Resilience Project:</p> <p>RM presented background to the combined project and how costs were arrived at.</p> <p>EV charger installation can go ahead without planning permission.</p> <p>Tasks to action at a stand-alone steering group. Thursday 30th Oct 7 pm at An Caorann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision document and post construction business case. • Funded project timeline / plan. • Project management. <p>Stronafian Forest updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path and infrastructure maintenance – new application to be made for 2026 to CMWFT by 19th Nov for next Spring. • Archaeology project update – 2025 dig went ahead. Cowal and Dunoon Heritage association awaiting decision on funding application from National Lottery for further five years of exploration. | RM to speak to SSEN |
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| Correspondence | Ian Dow re West Cowal Deer Larder Project – request for CGDT rep for CIC circulated via email. Funding is via Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park and Nature Scot. It was agreed that someone would represent CGDT on the Board of the Community Interest Company (CIC) that needs to be set up to manage the facility once it is complete. Other organisations represented include Tighnabruaich & District Development Trust (TDDT), Argyll Countryside Trust (ACT, the lead partner) and Cowal Deer Management Group, along with the site owner. | |
| AOCB | AGM: Constitution - changes to membership need to be circulated to membership along with other membership. | PMH to draft |
| DONM | 26 th Nov 30 th Nov AGM - Glendaruel Village Hall | Any presentations for AGM to be ready for 26th Nov. |