



Agenda items	Minutes of Meeting  26 February 2026  7pm via Teams	Actions
Welcome and Present	Sara welcomed all to the the Teams meeting. Present: Sara Maclean, Peter Macallister Hall, John McNaughton, Kirsty McLuckie, Chris Leigh, Rob Groom, Fiona Hamilton	
Apologies		
Declaration of Interests		
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed: SM Seconded: CL	FH
Matters Arising	Buy Me a Coffee (Stronafian Community Forest) does not offer a gift-aid option. Invitation to 16 - 30 year-old community members delivered and 2 members have joined short life working group. Terms of Reference for slwg uploaded to website. All other actions on agenda.	CL
Governance	<p><b>Board recruitment</b> Next meeting to be a face-to-face to allow a potential new member to attend.</p> <p><b>Membership update</b> Correspondence to all interested in membership was agreed and will be sent out via MailerLite. A 'secretary@cgdt.org.uk' email account to be set up for the purpose of handling membership.</p> <p><b>Finance overview</b>  Balance on 21/01/26. £99,400.30</p> <p><u>Income received:</u> £ 3,900 From: Inspirabla</p> <p><u>Expenditure:</u> £ 31,818 For: SSE Connection, Resilience Advocates, Prescription Run, and Glendaruel Hall hire.</p>	<p>SM to invite</p> <p>PMH &amp; CL to send email and set up mail account.</p>

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Projects	<p>Cruach Mhor repowering update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Life Working Group update - options are now clear, although many questions remain on how each look. Ultimately who “the Community” is that receives Community Benefit will be decided around the Planning phase by an Environmental Impact Assessment – thus it may be more than just ColGlen. The ColGlen Place Plan will need to be completed ASAP.</li> <li>• CCE update - A&amp;B council have refused planning for the Giant’s Burn project but it can still go to Government and be overturned. CCE still hopeful. Statkraft (developers) and CCE close to signing memorandum of understanding if planning is agreed. Local Energy Scotland attended last meeting and gave advice on MoU and recipients of community benefit. Dunoon CC ran an anonymous survey which showed 50/50 for/against vote, in contrast to objections/support on planning portal.</li> </ul> <p>Connect Glendaruel and Food Resilience Project update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project comms plan - KM will arrange a meeting with all Kilmodan Acre users and neighbours to discuss building design and share update on SSE works.</li> </ul>	<p>SM, PM-H</p> <p>RG RM or FH +CL</p> <p>KM</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design mockup should be available for 3rd March.</li> <li>• Progress report - a meeting took place with SSE to discuss power cable route and logistics. New transformer to deliver 3-phase supply to the village is being installed by SSE at their cost. Project will be paying for bringing cabling to Kilmodan Acre. Dependent on wayleaves and permissions, connection could be completed by June 2026.</li> </ul> <p>Stronafian Forest updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path and infrastructure maintenance (CMWFT project): Charlie Collins is still to survey for maintenance needs and provide a plan. Contract will be drafted for his work.</li> <li>• SSEN access update - an online meeting took place with SSEN about gaining access to the Loch Riddon aqueduct tunnel. On-site meeting still to take place. Next step, SSEN will provide us with a plan of their preferred route, and an environmental impact survey may be required.</li> <li>• Ian Dow is providing feedback for the Forestry Consultation (for FCS certification) on Stronafian to allow us to make an informed response to Prior &amp; Rickett.</li> </ul>	FH send vending machine dimensions to RG
Correspondence	<p>Allie Law has sent invite to Teams meeting to Land Managers Network next meeting. FH will try to attend.</p> <p>Centre for Mountain Studies, UHI Perth are doing a study on large-scale community land purchases and have requested CGDT complete an online survey.</p>	<p>FH</p> <p>CL will complete survey</p>
AOCB	None	
DONM	<p>31 Mar in person, Ardachuple.</p> <p>28 April</p> <p>26 May</p> <p>30 June</p>	