



Agenda Items	Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust Minutes of Meeting 7 pm – 23rd September 2026 Ardachuple Farmhouse	Actions
Welcome	Present: Sara Maclean, John McNaughton, Chris Leigh, Kirstie McLuckie, Peter Macalister Hall. Apologies: Fiona Hamilton, Graham Curran	
Declaration of Interests		
Frequently Used Acronyms	CGDT - Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust CMWFT - Cruaich Mhor Wind Farm Trust CC - Community Council ABC - Argyll & Bute Council SSEN - South of Scotland Electricity Network ABCAN - Argyll & Bute Climate Action Network ACT - Argyll Countryside Trust ACHA - Argyll Communities Housing Association DTAS - Development Trust Associations, Scotland. SLWG - Short Life Working Group	
Previous Minutes	Proposed: SM Seconded: CL	
Matters Arising / Actions	Chipper blades - sale agreed for £200. Payment yet to be received. Application has been lodged with CGCC for future prescription delivery costs	

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Finance and Governance	CL presented the finance overview. Income: £2,800 Expenditure: £940 Balance at 23/09/26: £62,453.39 Effective (Unrestricted) balance: £3,139 CMWFT has approved three years of core-costs funding, subject to annual review. First tranche of £2,800 received. HMRC penalty for late CGT submission has been removed. CL will explore options for a less expensive but OSCR-compliant accountancy service for 2026-27 accounts. CL will investigate suitable accounting software for our use, particularly with running the food sustainability project / vending machine market in mind. The Pensions Regulator is now aware that we are no longer “an employer” since resilience advocate project ended. Trustee Report for 2025-26 accounts - in first draft form. AGM. To be held at 2pm on 29th Nov in Colintraive Hall. Prior to AGM we will aim to have a comms support meeting with a DTAS PR professional (Marleene), who will advise on how best to promote wider awareness and boost public confidence in CGDT. Date tbc. Post-AGM, a community meeting will be arranged. Key topic: does the community want, need or value a Development Trust -or not? Future ownership of parts of the community forest will also be an issue. We may benefit from employing a meeting moderator (Taki Suliman was mentioned as a possibility). Risk register -to be shared on-line and reviewed individually by Trustees prior to scrutiny at a future meeting.	CL CL All to review and comment

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Projects	Connect Glendaruel & Food Resilience project: Current status is that there remains a way-leave delay. SSEN are trying to navigate through a complex pattern of land ownerships. It seems problems relate to identifying correct / legitimate owners in the Clachan. A rush application (an Expression of Interest) to “Qualify to Apply” for on-going project funding (wages, admin, marketing, accountancy software etc.) will be submitted to Foundation Scotland for funds supplied by Crown Estate Scotland. Closing date: 25th Sept. Decision due Nov. The vending machine shed. Rob Groom, although resigned from Trustee role, is continuing to manage the shed design and planning permission. He will be invited to next meeting (21st Oct. online) to give a short progress report. Cruach Mhor Re-powering – Short Life Work Group (SLWG) and CCE updates A proposal was tabled “CGDT should notify SLWG that a conflict of interest that had arisen. Sara had accepted the vice-chair of CCE and CGDT, supporting her in this action, felt it should now withdraw from the SLWG”. This was debated at length and, in the end, a watered-down version was proposed by Sara, seconded by Kirsty and agreed by all present, whereby full withdrawal was avoided, but where the SLWG were informed that CGDT was going to side with the CCE proposals as and when a recommendation be made to the community prior to it being invited to vote on options. The resulting formal notice, with wording agreed unanimously, will shortly be sent to the SLWG by e-mail. Home Farm housing proposal from Charles Dixon-Spain presented by email on 2nd September. There has been much email traffic between Trustees on the pros & cons of this item. It was not much further discussed, other than to agree that the invitation be thoughtfully declined. When the formal text is agreed, it will be attached to a future minute. • Forest update • Warm hubs update • Loch Lomond & Cowal way update • West Cowal Larder update These items were all timed-out by the lengthy debate on the CMWFT Repowering and SLWG (above).	

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AOCB	• A reminder that a LIDAR survey will be conducted on archaeological sites at Auchategan and Lephinkil by Marcus Abbot over 30 Sept to 2nd Oct. The public are welcome to attend. • David Blair of Cowal Coastal Community, based on West Kyle, has applied for funding to buy a submarine drone to survey the biodiversity of the Kyles and parts of L. Riddon and L Striven. • An email from Avril Dunn informs us that there is funding available for several categories of Nature-based community projects. The categories comprise Wildflower Meadows, Seagrass promotion, hazel planting and Riverbank tree/ bush planting.	
DONM	21st October 18th November - pre-AGM 29th November - AGM	