

## **SCDT Update (October 2025)**

The October meeting of Skirling Community Development Trust was briefed on the Skirling 750 event and the Skirling Land Project; updates were also provided on the Trust's GDPR policy and the administration of the Pauline Fund.

Regarding the Skirling 750 event, Clyde Windfarm funding has been successfully received for the event and so no other funding is now sought. At the evening reception of the event on 25<sup>th</sup> October, there is to be a brief open meeting of the Trust to discuss its history, current and future projects and it is hoped here will be the opportunity for those present to become members or associate members - application forms have been printed off for those interested. There is then to be brief talk by George and Charlie Wheeler-Carmichael on their family history in Skirling. The 750 event is to be set up on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Display cabinets and boards together with panels have been procured. Posters and invitations have also been distributed in Biggar, and food and drink purchased for the event. Skirling Village Hall's Insurance Policy will provide full cover for the event. It is anticipated that the 750 event will create a digital archive which could be used as part of an eco-museum project which could be pursued with Tweedsmuir Community Trust.

Regarding the Skirling Land Project, an application for Clyde Windfarm funding has been submitted. Three tenders' bids were received. Having evaluated the tenders, at the October meeting the Trust agreed to make an offer to a tenderer, whose work would be funded by the Clyde Windfarm application. The Trust will update Clyde Windfarm of the tender decision and await their response.

To comply with data protection and OSCR regulation, the Trust agreed to implement a periodically reviewable GDPR Policy as well as adopting a privacy statement, both of which will be made accessible to prospective and current members, associate members and trustees.

For the Pauline Fund, the Trust has agreed that the Trust coordinator will be the first point of contact for all applications which will be assessed by two trustees. As the Fund was established through fundraising additional fundraising may be necessary to maintain it.

For the next meeting of the Trust, it is envisaged that the Skirling to Broughton pathway will be discussed in more detail, in terms of how this project is to be organised and implemented, in addition to a planning pre-application for the Skirling Play park Project.