

SCDT Update (November 2025)

The November meeting of Skirling Community Development Trust was briefed with a final report on the success of the Skirling 750: the exhibition and evening reception event were highly praised and well attended.

An application to Scottish Borders Council for planning advice regards Skirling play-park has been made and received. A fee waiver has been granted. According to Scottish Borders Council, a written response to the application should be received within two months. The Trust is therefore hopeful that pre-application advice will assist it progressing with building a play-park in the village.

Regarding the Skirling Land Project, the Trust awaits a response from SSE Clyde Windfarm regarding funding for this project which should be received within the coming days. Should funding be granted the Trust expects to commence work on this project shortly.

The Trust was briefed on the Skirling-Broughton Path Project. It is envisaged that the Trust Coordinator will meet with volunteers from Skirling to explore how this project can best be implemented, making best use of resources available, consulting landowners, emphasising the benefits of maintaining the path and identifying the best time to carry out the different tasks requiring to be done such as signage installation and path clearance. The Trust has also commenced preparing for its first AGM which it anticipates will take place in March 2025; at the AGM the Trust proposes to table an amendment to its constitution to permit open membership, which could potentially give it access to wider sources of funding and membership of organisations such as DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland), should this be desired in future.

The trust discussed how its constitution outlines the mechanism for electing trustees. As the Trust has not yet had an AGM owing to the fact that it took six months for it to become operational, the Trust will look to clarify funding and regulatory requirements and issue a Notice to potential attendees prior to the AGM. It was agreed that the date for the AGM is to be 10th March 2026, with 13th January 2026 being set down as a Trust meeting to prepare for the AGM.