

Minute of the Ordinary meeting of the Skirling Village Hall Committee on 9 February 2026

Present: Katy Miller, Paul Barlow, John Fawcitt, Sarah Sinclair, Karen Lamb, Peter Davies, Francesca Stuart, Derek Jardine, Bob Hunter, Hannah Crow

1. Minutes of the meeting held 17 November (AGM) and short ordinary meeting which followed

Accepted.

2. Hall Events

There had been a number of events since the last meeting in mid November 2026 including:

22 November – Musicals revue

Christmas windows had been a success. Thanks to Peter and Sue for decorating the outside tree; to Andrew for the lights and all those who helped decorate the tree indoors.

December - Carol Singing in the hall (organised by Neil and Fiona)

31 January – a Murder Mystery by the same group as the musicals revue had been enjoyed by all those in attendance with monies raised going to Cancer Research UK. SS thanked KM for organising together with the Musicals Revue in November

3. Finance

JF reported that at this point the hall was £576.00 ahead (mainly due to £600 grant); so in real terms £24.00 less than at the start of the financial year. There is approximately £16,000 in the account. KM reported that the hall is being well used including the recent Saturday 8 week painting course.

Electricity rates are held until June next year. There is an outstanding payment due from a hirer, but JF is chasing up. When bank statements arrive the reconciliation will be carried out.

4. Maintenance

Thanks to Garry Miller for sorting 2 locks for the WCs. Also an issue with the cistern which has been rectified.

KM to look out costs for a new urn.

Maintenance morning event is needed. KL to put out dates for Sunday am/pm to see what works best for everyone.

5. Present constitution and further steps for SCIO

The meeting had been called to discuss the next steps in the change to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). SS had previously circulated information and members had been asked to approve the undernoted changes:

a new clause (11) to be added to the current constitution as follows:

Trustees may (subject to Clause 41 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) with the consent of two-thirds of the Members present at a General Meeting, wind up the association and transfer the property (after settlement of all debts and liabilities) to some other charity having similar objectives to those of the association. Ten members shall be a quorum of the purpose of this clause.

All members approved the above new clause to the current constitution of Skirling Village Hall.

All members were asked to agree to the wind up and transfer of the assets to the new charity, known as Skirling Village Hall SCIO.

All members agreed to the above actions.

Sarah outlined the next actions required which would include:

- send OSCR a copy of the amended constitution for the current charity. SS
- Contact solicitors to obtain up to date estimate and instruct to begin conveyance. The legal costs estimate was approximately £2,700, following initial consultation with Fiona Fleming of Blackwood and Smith in April last year.
- Seek funding to help towards cost of conveyance - the next round of application dates for Clyde Borders Community Fund is 18th April 2026. It was agreed that the hall would contribute.
- Contact Blackwood and Smith to ask if they can provide a market value of the hall, as this is required for the disposition.
- Banking – likely that we will require charity trustees to open a new account for the new SCIO.
- Changes to insurance Allied Westminster.
- Licences: transfers of licenses to the new incorporated charity (Entertainment licence and TV)
- Direct Debits: changes required if changing bank account (BT, E on Next, TV)
- Cash in current account to transfer to new bank account

- Notification to all users of the hall once current charity ceases of change of bank details.

JF commented on running 2 sets of accounts for the SCIO and the charity in parallel.

PB would send a form in relation to GDPR for members – will speak to SS/KM.

5. AOCB

KM notified members of a possible pancake/coffee event on 22 February and asked if anyone was able to help. This was not a hall or lunch club event as such but funds will come to the hall. Members to let KM know if they are available and KM will liaise with Bob/Isobel Hunter.