

Summary of Minutes SCDT Meeting 31 March 2026

The SCDT Board Meeting of 31 March 2026 the trust was briefed on the following updates:

- **The Pauline Fund:** an interest has been expressed in applying to it. The enquiry will be progressed, simple guidelines for the application to be confirmed, and a decision made and communicated to the next Board meeting.
- **SCDT Account Verification:** It was agreed that the trust Accounts should be externally verified as required by OSCR prior to approval at the AGM. SCDT will source an external verifier and complete verification by Friday 10 April 2026.
- **The revised SCDT Constitution:** The revised Constitution had been circulated to all members and there were no further changes. The new Constitution to be adopted at the AGM had been shared with and accepted by SSE Clyde Wind Farm. A weblink to new Constitution will remain in place. A short one page summarizing the reasons for the provision of an updated Constitution for SCDT to be ready by Friday 10 April 2026.
- **Annual Report and Accounts:** for the Annual Report document and Accounts 2024-2026 it was agreed to combine them into one document to be signed off by Friday 10 April 2026.
- **Skirling Land Project Draft Report and Proposed Community Questionnaire:** the draft and summary Report prepared by Jon Hollingdale was found to be comprehensive, and the summary helpful. It was agreed that the summary report should include a Map of Potential Acquisition Sites showing easily and clearly the aspects and potential of each site. It was noted that some of the potential Acquisition sites were highlighted in the report but had not been discussed with the current landowner(s) as opposed to the sites where interest in transferring ownership to the Trust had been expressed. Contact would be made directly with the relevant landowner(s) to ensure they were content for their parcel of land to appear as a potential acquisition site in the report to be circulated, and the rationale for this.

It was felt a short Purpose statement at the head of the Summary document would be useful. The proposed Community Questionnaire which had been circulated has been revised and all were happy with the questionnaire as a good start to the Community conversation, Jon Hollingdale will attend AGM to present the main findings – and had suggested the Community Questionnaire be issued out to the Community a week before this and with a further two weeks for Community responses following the AGM.

It was agreed that the trust would follow up any Skirling landowner whose land is highlighted in the Skirling Land Project report as potential for acquisition to explain process and ensure they are content for the site to be included in the report to be circulated by Tuesday 7 April. A suggested purpose statement for the Land Project Summary Document would be developed. A potential small land area missed from the report at the corner of the Green would be investigated. The final Land Project Summary Report, Community Questionnaire and link to main Report should be ready to be circulated for AGM by Friday 10 April 2026.

- **Final AGM Preparations:** It was agreed that an AGM pack would be printed and distributed to each household in Skirling on 18/19 April. Each pack would contain: AGM Flyer Invitation; AGM Final Agenda and Timings; SCDT Final Annual Report and Accounts 2024/2026 and Verifier Letter; Summary explanation of the new Constitution to be adopted at the AGM and link to the document; Summary of Trustee election process and Nomination form to be a Trustee (to be returned by 24 April).

For the AGM itself, Jon Hollingdale has confirmed as a speaker, and there is the opportunity to secure a speaker on behalf of Newlands Community Trust.

Food and drink will be sourced and provided to members of the community on arrival.

Date of next meeting: The date of the SCDT AGM Saturday 25 April 12-2.30pm- Provisional Schedule of meetings for 2026 to follow on from AGM . It was agreed that following the AGM the SCDT board should propose to hold meetings every six weeks.