

Summary of Minutes
Skirling Community Development Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday 26 May 2026 6.30pm – 7.50pm
Skirling Village Hall.

The May meeting of Skirling Community Development Trust was briefed on some administrative updates following SCDT's first AGM in April 2026. The new constitution was lodged with OSCR; annual report and accounts placed on the new Trust webpage and submitted to SSE Community Fund, and through OSCR Online.

Office Bearers for 2026/27 were confirmed as being the same Trustees from the previous year. Those present agreed to the following roles: David Gass – Chair; Dorota Donigiewicz-O'Sullivan – Vice Chair; Andrew Fraser – Secretary; Mike Thompson – Treasurer.

Trustees discussed the Skirling Land Project having seen Jon Hollingdale's (JH - consultant) draft report. Trustees discussed all of the land parcels identified by JH in his draft report, noting that they aligned with projects that may or may not proceed subject to clarification of land ownership. Trustees discussed how SCDT should respond to JH's report, assigning projects to those that would have the support of Trustees in the next 5 year planning period; those that had community support and fell outside the 5 year period; and those that did not have broad community support.

It was agreed that the Trust would issue a written response to JH to be returned to JH in preparation of his final report, and the next meeting of SCDT will focus on JH's Final Report with an opportunity to discuss and respond to its recommendations, and what land projects will likely feature in the overall Forward Plan for SCDT for 2026/2027.

Trustees were given a financial update. It was confirmed a small number of transactions had taken place. Trustees noted that overall funding and some underspend under the expenses heading allowed for some discretion in support of additional resources to support additional days for the Co-ordinator post, subject to the approval of the SSE Community Fund.

The Pauline Fund was discussed. Trustees agreed to confirm the application and decision process at the next SCDT meeting, together with a Trust Code of Conduct Policy and Reserves Policy.

It was agreed the next schedule of meetings for 2026 will be:

30 June – to focus on the final report of the Land Project, and shaping the forward plan for SCDT as a whole; 11 August – Colin MacMillan, SSE Renewables, would be invited to join this meeting; and 22 September.