

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

- **Co-ordinator's Contract and Meeting Minutes**
 - The Trustees agreed to continue appointing the Co-ordinator as a self-employed contractor to reflect the Trust's changing role and forward plan.
 - The minutes from the May 26 meeting were approved, and updates were shared regarding attendance at the Tweed Meet event.
- **Skirling Land Project Report**
 - Trustees reviewed a near-final report by consultant Jon Hollingdale identifying village land parcels for potential community use, amenity protection, and conservation.
 - Key discussions centered on land acquisition costs, resource stewardship, project characterization, and the integration of these projects into the Forward Plan.
- **SCDT Draft Forward Plan 2026/27**
 - A draft plan combining projects from the Land Project and Community Action Plan was presented, focusing on marketing, branding, and community engagement.
 - Trustees commended the plan's ambition and established a timeline for feedback, editing, and sharing a near-final version before meeting with an SSE representative.
- **Interim Report to SSE Community Fund**
 - A draft interim report required by funders was presented, and Trustees were invited to provide comments and additional material within two days to meet the submission deadline.
- **SCDT Pauline Fund Governance**
 - The fund was renamed to The Skirling Community Development Trust Community Fund, and its documentation and governance structure were approved with minor amendments.
 - Two Trustees (currently IH and DJ) were granted delegated authority to make fund decisions and report annually to the board.
- **Finance Update**
 - The Trust's bank balance stands at £11,290, with the local bank branch scheduled to close and move its account to the Lanark office in September.
 - Trustees approved the purchase of a printer, agreed to buy group indemnity insurance, and raised a governance issue regarding electronic bank account signatories.
- **Co-ordinator and Policy Updates**
 - A funding application for the Drove Pathway Project was submitted, prompting a decision to circulate the draft and establish a principle that future applications must be signed off by a Trustee.
 - The Board formally approved both the SCDT Trustee Code of Conduct Policy and the SCDT Reserves Policy.
- **Future Meetings and Any Other Business (AOB)**
 - The next meetings were scheduled for August 11 (with SSE representative Colin MacMillan) and September 22.
 - Trustees agreed to seek a joint meeting agenda slot with the Community Council and noted that the Village Hall would handle a visit proposal from the Braw Clan performance group.

