

Summary of Minutes
Skirling Community Development Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday 11 August 2026
Skirling Village Hall
6.30pm-8pm

The Skirling Community Development Trust Trustee Board discussed project progress, funding, land acquisition, and future plans during their August 2026 meeting. Colin McMillan (CM) of SSE Community Fund attended the meeting.

The June 2026 minutes were signed off. As part of its funding conditions, SCDT is required to complete an interim report in order for funding to be released for the coordinator role. The report was approved and funding released by SSE Community Fund, and some contractual issues were also clarified.

A performance by Braw Clan scheduled for February 2027 was noted.

SCDT's future plan (projects to be pursued 2026-27) was discussed. After the future plan had been written it was circulated to members for them to decide on which projects they think are most important. 12 members responded. Members' priorities included (in order of priority) PlayPark, composting, wildlife areas, and the Castlestones path. This feedback will be used to decide how SCDT proceeds with its future plan. One member emphasised land acquisition. Trustees were encouraged to support projects with community involvement and seek additional information on community transport. For each project, trustees will be assigned to work alongside the coordinator.

The final land project report was accepted; the next steps now involve land acquisition and project planning around that. A summary of the land project will be made accessible online on the Skirling village website. Due diligence around land acquisition and community updates are ongoing.

The coordinator reported: the Community Fund (formerly the Pauline Fund) had awarded a grant; positive feedback was received from the recipient. A meeting regarding playpark project - discussions with parents - has been scheduled; CM offered to share his experience and insights regarding playparks which SSE Community Fund has supported.

In terms of finances, it was reported that the current balance was £5,590; funds should be fully spent or allocated to core costs. SSE Community Fund was contacted to clarify how unspent funds and future commitments should be dealt with.

Regarding the Skirling 750 Project, a request had been made for funding for digital images and licensing of their use, as part of the display in a future eco-museum. This was approved as appropriate and within budget.

Future meeting dates were proposed; An offer from SCDT to have a meeting with Skirling Community Council is pending. SCDT's next meeting will be 22 September.

