

**Minutes of the meeting of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust held at
 The Wildside Centre, Whitebridge and via MS Teams.**

Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7pm

Present	Peter Faye (PF); Maire Brown (MB); Lewis Fraser (LF); Neil Farnham (NF); Ken Sinclair (KS); Graham Bain (GB); Eileen Martin (EM); Tracy MacWilliam (TM).
Apologies	Chris Gherke
Non-attendance	
Chair	Peter Faye (PF)
In attendance	Mark Hindley (MH) - SFCC Representative; Davie MacPherson (DM)
Minutes	Peter Faye
Declarations of interest	None

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) PF welcomed the Board members and attendees to the meeting which commenced at 19:05. Mr. Davie MacPherson was an invited guest, as he expressed an interest in joining the Board.

2) SFCC UPDATE

- a) Mr. Mark Hindley attended on behalf of SFCC, explaining he would represent the CC in Mr. Gary MacGowan's absence. The Board sent their best wishes to Gary and very much hoped to see him again soon.
- b) MH gave a brief overview of current CC activities and matters pertaining to our area. He informed the Board of a new Windfarm proposal, to be located adjacent to the proposed Dell 2 Facility, along the upper slopes adjacent to Loch Killen. The Public enquiries relating to the Loch Kemp and Dell 2 applications remain ongoing.
- c) MH mentioned the joint public meeting between SFCC and SFCT on 14th October, with the recap as the main theme, and stated the CC very much looked forward to the event.
- d) MH confirmed that free De-fib and 1st Aid training will be available to all in the Community on Saturday 10th October, at various locations around the Community. He also expressed thanks to SFCT for funding two new machines, and that with their installation, the area would be well provided for.

- e) MH mentioned that a group of residents from Wester Drummond had lobbied the CC for support to various changes they wished to make concerning roads, transport and Deer Culling. The CC had engaged with the relevant authorities and interested bodies, and a response had been made to the group. *(The group had also contacted Board Members, and the Chair undertook to write to the group explaining the position of SFCT in these matters).*

MH left the meeting at 19:35

3) MINUTES

- a) Directors discussed the previous Minutes and agreed upon the following changes:
 - i. Minute 4) Finance Report item “c” to read: *“KS proposed and PF seconded the reviewed proposed Treasury and Reserves Framework and this was approved by the Board Members present i.e. To approve the cash framework, under which the purpose of cash determines its required liquidity, security and investment characteristics”.*
 - ii. Items 4), c, 2-8 are deleted.
 - iii. The Board agreed that the technical details of how funds are managed will be written in a Policy Document, and this procedure will be implemented by the Finance Manager.
 - iv. Minute 6) This to be amended to: *“Directors discussed the future of the Corkscrew Road compound, with various options being considered for its use. Colin Armstrong Associates, architects, are investigating costs to clear the area for possible uses.”*
- b) Subject to the above amendments KS **PROPOSED** and PF **SECONDED** the Minutes from the Board meeting held on 2 September 2026 and these were **AGREED** by all Board members present as a correct record and were **APPROVED** by the Chair.

4) GRANTS

- a) **Driving and Motorcycle Lessons**
 - i. Dylan Allan - £300.00 towards the cost of driving lessons. This approval had previously been made via email, and the Directors confirmed their decision.

5) Errogie Church

- a) The Board are aware that there is currently no suitable means of heating the building, but that there may be external grant funding available following a report from Energy Saving Trust Scotland. The Board discussed the appointment of an independent Mechanical and Electrical Engineer to assess the property and make recommendations as to the most appropriate system that would be capable of maintaining the fabric of the building,

adequate heating for intermittent use and adequate heating for regular use. The report should contemplate capital costs, running costs, maintenance costs, and lifetime costs. The Board approved the appointment of the engineer before any further decision or commitment is made.

6) Gym facility, Wildside Centre

- a) It was noted that a low level of noise was apparent in the Boardroom, emanating from the use of the Gym. Concerns were expressed over confidentiality issues being heard when meetings were in progress, so a request is to be made to consider levels of sound proofing.

7) Thain Road

- a) Surveys of the ground to establish its suitability for housing are now complete, and the final report from Makar is awaited. Directors requested clarity as to the exact extent of the instruction to Makar and exactly how far they will remain involved in any proposed project. The CEO and Project Co-ordinator will be asked to respond.

8) Retained Architect

- a) SFCT retains the services of Colin Armstrong Associates (Architects) for a modest monthly fee. Directors requested details of the agreement with the firm and clarity of the services available under the arrangement.

9) Code of Conduct

- a) Directors had been asked to review some elements of the existing Directors' Code of Conduct. After discussion, it was decided that the existing Code was adequate and pertinent, and that no amendments were required.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Meeting closed at 20:45