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

Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7pm

Present	Peter Faye (PF); Maire Brown (MB); Graham Bain (GB); Chris Gehrke (CG); Eileen Martin (EM); Tracy McWilliam (TM); Ken Sinclair (KS); Niel Farnham (NF).
Apologies	Lewis Fraser (LF)
Non-attendance	
Chair	Peter Faye (PF)
In attendance	Jewels Lang (JL) - SFCT CEO; Kirsteen Campbell (KC) - SFCT Administration & HR Officer; Faye Mackay – SFCT Finance Manager (FM); Helen Grainger (HG) - SFCC Representative; Jade Clarke (JC) - SSEN; Eilidh Edgar (EE) - SSEN.
Minutes	Kirsteen Campbell (KC)
Declarations of interest	CG – Corkscrew Road project paper. MB – Knockie Fund Grant application, Alexander Brown Grant Application. EM – Knockie Fund Grant application.

1) **Welcome and Apologies**	a) PF welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 19:00. Apologies from Lewis Fraser were noted.
2) SSE	*Jade Clarke (JC) and Eilidh Edgar (EE) from SSEN joined the meeting at 19:00* a) SSEN representatives JC and EE attended the meeting to discuss SSEN's planned major upgrade of Foyers Power Station. SFCT currently hold a 25 year lease from SSE for Foyers Bay and surrounding area, and the request from SSEN is to utilise elements of the leased area for the period of the refurbishment. The board discussed the implications for SFCT's use of the area and whilst being willing to assist SSE, considered means of compensating SFCT during the period of the refurbishment. b) The Board Members present **AGREED** in principle to endeavour to assist SSE, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed and Sorin Bodgan (SB), SFCT Project-Co-Ordinator to update the Steering Group asap. **Action: SB to arrange an urgent meeting with the Foyers Bay Steering Group.** *JC and EE left the meeting at 19:30*

3) **Minutes**	a) PF **PROPOSED** and KS **SECONDED** the Minutes from the Board meeting held on 7 October 2026 and these were **AGREED** by all Board members present as a correct record and were **APPROVED** by the Chair. The Board discussed the possibility of digitising the SFCT archives in order to make them more accessible. JL/KC to look at options and will revert back to the Board.
4) SFCC Update	*HG joined the meeting at 19:30* **Discussion for information:** c) HG gave an overview of the previous SFCC meeting held on 27th October 2026. The minutes of this meeting will be available in due course. d) In relation to roads, the repair work required on the bridge in Lower Foyers was mentioned. HG notified the Board that this is a key priority for the Highland Council and is on their agenda for the new year. She also requested that any questions relating to roads should be forwarded to Sharon Ferguson (SF), SFCC Administrator. e) The proposed management of the the Melgarve Fund has been questioned, and a joint response to SSE from SFCC and SFCT is forthcoming. f) HG advised that SFCC will be releasing a statement advising the community that the decision against holding a fireworks display was joint between SFCC and SFCT. *HG left the meeting at 19.55*
5) **Project Papers**	a) The Board discussed the Corkscrew Road project paper that had been circulated prior to this meeting (CG declared an interest and abstained from the discussion) a. The Board members present **AGREED** that the Corkscrew Compound is to remain under the ownership of SFCT. b. The Board members present **AGREED** to SB engaging with contractors to obtain three quotations to clear and level the site. c. The Board members present **AGREED** that the Inverfarigaig Residents Group (IRG) are granted a license to manage and maintain the Corkscrew Road compound once it has been cleared and levelled. Terms and Conditions are to be drawn up in conjunction with the IRG. These will include the group taking over responsibility for maintaining the interior of the compound. ***Action: SB to meet with the IRG to discuss the terms and conditions of a licence agreement.***

	b) The Board discussed the Riverside Field project paper prepared by SB in relation to plans to develop the site. a. The Board members present **AGREED** that SB initiates investigations into costings to progress the project plan to include a footpath, walking/running trail, informal sports pitch and planting area.
6) **Finance Update (FM)**	**To be approved:** a) FM presented the draft 2025/26 Annual Accounts. b) GB **PROPOSED** and KS **SECONDED** the draft Annual Accounts subject to the following variations: a. £80k included in repairs, an explanation was requested. b. Presentational change and reclassification of Grants paid out; moved out of Admin to next cost heading after income. c. Grant Policy Notes added. d. Accounting Policy - explains how grants received are treated. e. Contingent Asset Note - to advise the reader of the accounts there are provisions in place. f. Contingent Liability Note - to cover of SG grant received for Dodd's housing infrastructure. g. Security note - this is to cover charges against various properties shown at the Registers of Scotland. c) Accounts to be finalised by Friday this week and will be shared on the website prior to the AGM. d) All Board members present **APPROVED** the September cashflow that had been circulated prior to the meeting. **Action: JL/KC to investigate alternative document management options.** *FM and NF left the meeting at 21:10*
7) **Grant Applications**	**a) <u>Student</u>** **Applicants:** i) Annalise Beith ii) Summer Alexander iii) Gregory Narku iv) Vaughn Devlin v) Pippa Ferguson vi) Evelyn Jones **Application for**: Course costs. **Amount applied for:** £500.00 The Board members present **APPROVED** the grants of £500 each**.**

b) <u>Sporting & Excellence</u>

Applicant:

i) Alex Sutherland

Application for: To assist with the costs involved with participation at the Dublin British masters home international cross country running event held on 14th November 2026.

Amount applied for: £250.00

The Board members present **APPROVED** the grant of £250.00.

c) **Driving & Motorcycle Lessons**

Applicants:

i) Harry MacKay

ii) Alexander Brown

Application for: To assist with the cost of driving lessons.

Amount Applied for: £300.00

The Board members present **APPROVED** the grants of £300 each**.**

d) **Constituted Group for Community Benefit**

- **Applicant:**
  i) Stratherrick Public Hall
- **Application for:** To fund the annual running and maintenance costs of the Hall, and to provide a contingency fund to cover any unforeseen emergency repairs or other issues that may arise during the year which may require immediate expenditure. This will allow the Hall Management Committee to be able to offer the Hall free of charge for any community use.

  Amount Applied for: £20,700.00

  Special Conditions:
  - That the grant to meet the above purpose will be spent within twelve months of the date of grant award.
  - The group to return any unspent funds at the end of the period.
  - A spreadsheet, that will be provided by SFCT, to be completed to log the spend of the grant and all receipts/invoices to be provided with the completed spreadsheet at the end of the year.
  - To return a completion report to SFCT after the grant is spent

  The Board members present **APPROVED** the grant of £20,700.00.

Applicant:

ii) Knockie Fund

Application for: To cover the cost of potential hardship grants for the upcoming year.

Amount Applied for: £5000.00

	Special Conditions (pre-payment): • The online banking is to be amended to include two unrelated signatories. **Special Conditions (general):** • That the grant to meet the above purpose will be spent within twelve months of the date of grant award. • The group to return any unspent funds at the end of the period. • To return a completion report to SFCT after the grant is spent. The Board members present **APPROVED** the grant of £5000.00.
8) **AOBC**	**Membership:** a) New members: i) The Board were notified that 7 applications for Membership had been received.
9) **Date of Next Meeting**	SFCT AGM 25th November 2026
10) Close	PF thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 22.30.