

Minard Community Trust

Meeting Note – 15 July 2026 at Minard Village Hall

Attendees: Brian barker, Jan Brown, Jinnie Davis, Silvia Jost, Margaret Moncur, Anne Paterson

Apologies: Becks Barker

Confirmation of new trustees

Brian provided a brief outline of responsibilities as trustees including details of public records at [OSCR](#) and [Companies House](#).

Jan, Jinnie, Silvia, Anne and Becks all confirmed as new trustees. Brian happy to help with Companies House verification and admin whilst Maragret is in Edinburgh (Maragret to pass Companies House code to Brian)

Micro-Grants with SSEN

Details still being finalised as this is the first community benefit scheme that SSEN have set up for transmission infrastructure. The community trust will have £6,000 per year to allocate for the West Loch Fyne area. 10% can be retained by eth Trust for admin (so £5,400 to distribute).

SSEN are still completing the due diligence process and we have the draft memorandum of understanding. Only action required at this stage is to provide copies of accounts and create a user profile on the grant portal (Margaret to do this as treasurer).

Land at Minard Primary School

Argyll and Bute Council are starting the process for selling the primary school and have suggested an approach for the community owned land to the front of the school. They have suggested combining the two areas of land as a single site for sale with proceeds split according to the proportion of land owned (36.6% to the community). This is likely to get a much better price at auction.

The land has been owned by eth community for 20 years with virtually no use (the original vision of a new village hall was not realised). Currently the Council covers maintenance costs but these would fall to the Trust once the school was sold.

Agreed that the Council's offer is very attractive and would provide significant resources for the community. Given that the land is community owned also agreed that there should be a public meeting to consult on the likely sale of the land.

Brian to organise a meeting at the village hall one evening next week.