FINTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of the pre-AGM Board meeting held on
18th February 2026

Present: Gordon Cowtan (Consultant), Iain Frazer (Treasurer), Anne Hislop (Chair), David Howell (Director), Kayt Howell (Manager), Isla Kinnear (Director), Kirsty Murray (Project Support Officer) Steve McLean (observing)

1. **Apologies**
Sharon McMurtrie (Director)

2. **Any C.O.I. on the agenda items?**
None

3. **Any A.O.B. items**
   a) Meeting with Nadara (GC)
   b) 365 Licences (KM)
   c) Signed accounts (KH)
   d) Possible EDRF grant (KM/KH)
   e) Ecotalk (KH)
   f) National Emergency briefing (KH)
   g) IK
   h) Questions to SMcL?

4. **Agenda for AGM and who is doing what**
Agenda
   1. Apologies
   SMc will be away.
   2. Welcome and report by Chair – AH (welcome to Karen Lawrie, new Administration Assistant)
   3. Approve minutes of last AGM (print a copy)
   4. Balgair consultant's report (Steve on Zoom)
   5. Financial consultant's report (JR not available so will be read by IF)
   6. Financial report by Treasurer – IF (have printed copies of all accounts for reference)
   7. Investment Committee report – GC
   8. Project report by Manager – KH
   9. Grants report by Project Support Officer – KM
   10. Election of Directors – DH & SMc (intro by AH, IK to read SMc's statement)
   11. AOCB – AH
   12. Thank you and close

5. **Set up**
   1. Down for 6 p.m. for 6.30 start
   2. Teas and coffees on arrival – sports centre will have them set up ready
   3. Sign in (attendees need to be members; 15 members are required for quorate)
   4. Set up laptop to main screen (mirror) – KH will set hers up
   5. Whizz through business
   6. Tidy up and out for 8.30 p.m.
   7. Pay the catering bill – KH (take card)

6. **AOB items**
   a) Meeting with Nadara (GC)
   GC and KH had met with Nadara. They were friendly and amicable but GC felt the meeting was carefully managed. Nadara indicated that they want to open up the option of community ownership with other communities in the area when the wind farm is repowered. This is likely to be some time between 2032-38. GC asked Nadara for a letter of intent to indicate FDT's interest in shared ownership but they would not do this without opening up the same opportunity to other communities. GC suggested asking a lawyer

to review the initial agreement (and amendments) that was drawn up between the FDT and the wind farm developers. It would be good to know where the FDT stands legally with regards to the repowering of the wind farm. GC has had a quick look and cannot find any mention of a time limit or an end date to the agreement. The group agreed that a summary would be helpful given the document's complexity, and accepted GC's suggestion to use Burness, a firm with previous experience on the agreement amendments, for the review. ACTION: GC to contact Burness in relation to reviewing the original agreement between FDT and the wind farm developers.

KH also mentioned the possibility of Nadara funding the 20th anniversary event in 2027 but they were non-committal.

b) 365 licences (KM)

Microsoft no longer provide free premium licences for charitable organisations. These now need to be purchased at a cost of £5 per user per month. Management of the licences could be done by Illuminate although they would add a management fee of £2 per licence per month. The group discussed the advantages of having the extra level of security on the FDT laptops and agreed to go ahead with 4 premium licences handled through Illuminate. ACTION: KM to confirm with Illuminate that premium licences are required for the 4 FDT laptops.

c) Signed accounts (KH)

The accountants have returned the signed accounts ready for the AGM.

d) EDRF grant (KH)

A resident has applied for funding towards the replacement of an aging GSHP. KH/KM suggested using the EDRF grant. The Board agreed to a grant of £5K (approximately one-third of the total cost of the GSHP).

e) Ecotalk (KH)

KH proposed switching FDT's mobile provider to Ecotalk. They are an environmentally friendly mobile provider who are powered by green energy and uses its profits to support nature. The Board agreed. ACTION: KH to organise switching mobile provider to Ecotalk.

f) National Emergency Briefing (KH)

The National Emergency Briefing have produced a film about the climate change crisis and are looking for organisations to host showings of the film and facilitate discussion about it afterwards. They are hoping to encourage MSP's to push for the film to be shown on national television. KH asked the Board to look at the link she would circulate and consider hosting such an event (possibly at the Kirk). ACTION: KH to circulate link to the National Emergency Briefing information.

g) IK

IK has been invited to speak on a panel run by Community Land Scotland. She will be mentioning the FDT.

h) Questions to SMcL?

SMcL asked if the Board had any questions for him prior to the AGM.

Next meetings: Annual General Meeting – 25th February 2026 6.30 p.m.
Board meeting – 25th March 2026 7.00 p.m. (financial strategy meeting)