

**Tighnabruaich District Development Trust.  
Minutes of Meeting of Directors, Monday 21 July 2025**

1. **Attendees:** Alastair Barge, Andy MacDonald, Sheena Currie, Euan Stirling, David Mitchell, Steve Williamson, Fiona McPhail, Janie Boyd, Mick Eyre, Graeme Hogg.  
**Apologies:** Ronnie Irvine, Andree Hawke, Chris Moss
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting 19 May 2025** – approved
3. **Treasurer's Report –**

Current position: Cash balance at 19 July £23,699.03 up from 17 May £20,932.59 with the sum of 25,000 brought in from the renewables company to cover significant expenditures which included acquisition of the tank slip land at £16,285.00, servicing and insurance of jetty totalling £3036.00, and rebuilding of the powder works monument £2500.00. Some income was noted both by direct and cash payments for use of the jetty and moorings. Further K10 entry fees also added £1866.00. A request from Delfinity for @ £6,000 for survey work should be partly offset by outstanding grant funding.

The Renewables balance shows £85,509.33 after the transfer.

The Annual Accounts to February 2025 should be finalised by Wm Duncan fairly soon.

Wind farm: Conditions in June had exceeded projected model expectations.

4. **Heritage Group Update –**

Roberta Wallace attended to present and discuss in more detail the specific needs of the Heritage Group in relation to their work collating an archive of local images and artefacts. They had investigated the specific items required for safe archival storage and work toward managing displays, public access and digital recording. The space is and should remain a multi-purpose space for meetings and display while making it more attractive for all. Some enquiries into support for energy-saving renovation works had been made by Mick and will be followed up. It was agreed to also seek out guide figures for renovation works from local contractors - including retaining the toilet and kitchen facilities in the back area, weatherproof and insulate the space, replace the back door and window, and shop front as far as needed while retaining character – as necessary in order to move forward.

5. **Development Officer Update**

Mick had produced an update – discussion points were:

Petrol Station – Local appeal standing at around £9,000 with some individuals intimating pledges still to come. The initial deadline will be promoted to encourage further small donations and the leaflet adapted for presenting to local businesses to encourage their input.

In discussion with Kirsty Hood at SLF, ME advised to firm up legal costs involved in acquisition and provided further detail to 'polish up the application' ahead of SLF award deadline in August.

In addition to this, SLF could be approached for Development Officer role funding which could provide short term employment while the project is established. This would only be available until April 2026 due to the demise of SLF. The application through the RCGF has moved to stage two, and separate funding for e-charging facilities can be applied for.

Tank slip – as owners of this area of land next steps are to visit and map the area in order to assess best uses.

Kyles 10 Miles – Despite social media promotion, entry figures remain lower than pre-covid levels which could in part be attributed to the later date and other conflicting events.

Consequently, it was agreed to forego any official road closure instead boosting steward support, and possibly amending the start time to avoid conflict with local bus services.

Community Resilience – application to CCLD has scored highly and a request for contributions from participating organisations of £700 has been requested for resources including radios and a generator. Clarification is required around whether this applies only to Kames Hall and whether this package would be replicated for Kilfinan Hall to serve the west part of the community. Discussed also whether the Trust is the appropriate body to manage such resources going forward given that KCC have previously overseen local emergency planning.

Cowal Community Energy – It was agreed to meet the £50 part-year membership fee and be involved in work around use of renewables for community benefit.

Mile Markers – With the first marker in place, work continues to replace missing milestones.

Kilbride Bay Path – Iain Jurgenson has happily agreed for path improvements to be made focusing on the wettest areas and installing duck boards. Treated timbers required and quotations for completing the works will be requested.

Play Park – An application for grant funding has been made to boost funds for replacing equipment and improve the park resource.

Ark Exhibit – Mick is supporting the Heritage Group with a grant application to support an exhibition on the Tighnabruaich Ark.

## **6. Paths**

The issue of managing the upkeep and clearance of the annual bracken season was discussed as some paths are at risk of being lost. Clearance work had been carried out by local volunteers along the section between the golf course and tank slip where TDDT funded repairs are also improving conditions.

## **7. Jetty**

Replacement jetty parts have arrived. A life ring will be purchased and housed on the nearby railings in case of emergency. To encourage payment for overnight berthing, some signage and QR coding enabling direct payment will be sourced.

## **8. Status of Grant Applications**

### **Current –**

An application from the Rowing Club is approved to support 50% of the cost of upgrading the concrete slipway by the pier (£1950 grant toward cost of £2900)

### **Future / Potential –**

RNLI and Golf Club defibrillators

Kyles Allotment Group may request contribution toward replacing deer fencing around the site

## **9. Kilfinan Community Council – no update**

## **10. Residual Ardlamont Estate**

No update

## **11. V.E.T.S. / First Responders Update**

Existing VETS volunteers are to be messaged and asked to indicate their continued involvement. A notice will be issued to invite further volunteers ahead of Heartstart training which Lindsay Thompson is offering for the project later in August which will be considered a requirement for those wishing to be involved. A new email account will be set up to handle the ongoing correspondence.

## **12. AOB**

## **13. Timing / Schedule for 2025 meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2025.

Thereafter proposed meeting on 17 November.