

# BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Board Meeting

2nd November 2023

Trustees Present: Sian Loftus, Nancy Davidson, Simon Lindsey, Toby Rider, Liz Bracegirdle

Apologies: Alison Bell, Robert Dinnie

In Attendance: Guy Haslam (FCC), Andrew Douglas (FCC), Alastair Pout, Graham Davidson, Toni Watt (Manager), Jackie Robertson (Bookkeeper)

### 1. Introduction

1.1 TR, standing in for AB, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted two apologies.

2. The meeting started with a discussion on the proposed telecommunications mast at Balloch, FOB.

TR outlined BCT's position that we need to work within our remit of the Memorandum and Articles which specifically included:

- (i) Protecting the native regenerating North Hill Pinewoods.
- (ii) Protecting the ancient, shared rights invested in BCT on behalf of the community.

GH outlined the planning process starting in Feb 2023 up to where we are today and reiterated the proportion of Finzean community which support the mast.

GD commented on the planning process and is following up queries related to the process.

A discussion followed, TR confirmed that they would be issuing a statement to their members and the wider parish via social media in the next few days outlining their position.

After GH and AD left, AP outlined his concerns about the planning process.

AP and GD then left the meeting.

3. TW thanked LB and Dr Tom Bracegirdle on behalf of the chair, AB, for Dr Bracegirdle's talk on Antarctica at Birse & Feughside Prish Church. It was noted that over 100 people attended.

4. TR updated trustees on Scottish Woodlands proposals for the Stewdrum Felling and agreed to get more information for the next meeting.

5. It was agreed that the rest of the ordinary Board Meeting business would be continued at a later date as the proposed mast discussion had taken some time.

### 6. Trustees' Meetings

6.1 The next board meeting is 23rd November 2023, 7:15pm Old School.

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