BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Board Meeting

11th March 2025

Trustees Present: Simon Lindsey, Robert Dinnie, Alison Bell, Nancy Davidson, Liz Bracegirdle

In Attendance: Toni Watt (Manager), Rick Paul (Secretary to the Board).

1. Welcome

1.1 Acting Chair SL welcomed the Trustees and team to the meeting and noted two items for AOB.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

2.1 The minutes of meeting of 11th February were approved and signed, and the previously approved minutes of the meeting on 14th January were also signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Fire Safety: The smoke detector and emergency lighting checks were completed for February 2025.

4. Administration

4.1 AGM: Trustees agreed on 11th September 2025 as the date for this year's AGM. Trustees were asked to think about the annual report and discuss in April. The directors' report needs updating, and LB is required to resign and be nominated for a second term having completed her 1st 5 year term.

4.2 The Ord: RD informed trustees of the latest situation.

4.3 Forests: Liz to follow up on her Scottish Forestry contact. TW to arrange a meeting, with any trustees who are free welcome to attend. RP to circulate BCT/BTCo agreement.

4.4 Souter's Shop: The draft lease is through and with the Estate for consultation. AB has organized a creative project for artists prior to Souter's Shop closure.

4.5 Bucket Mill: The draft lease is with the solicitors.

4.6 Turning Mill: AB, SL, TW to meet with Roddy Duncan to discuss the future of the turning mill.

4.7 David Duncan: Donna Duncan was approached and agreed to an obituary being written for the BCT website.

4.8 Finzean Leases: TW, RD, SL to meet with Andrew Farquarson.

4.9 Grassroots Heritage: LB brought along some exhibits which were well received for the display on March 22nd.

4.10 New Trustees: Ongoing. Trustees were minded to co-opt a trustee from outwith the community.

4.11 Bracken: Trustees agreed that this should be delayed until next winter due to possible adder and slow worm activity at this time of year.

4.12 Approvals: Trustees approved the papers from item 8.1 in February's meeting.

4.13 Fire rota: TW to draw up a rota for use when high fire risk is in force, add RD to the Whatsapp group and update and circulate phone numbers.

5. Manager's Report

5.1 Volunteers: Two volunteers wish to get involved with the pinewoods. TW to ascertain their particular interests and report back in April.

5.2 Community Archive: Trustees to discuss moving the archive forward in April.

6. A.O.B.

6.1 NHMA: At a meeting with Stuart Young and Yvonne, SY said that George Pearson would like to meet BCT trustees, and that he would set up a meeting.

6.2 Finzean Primary: RD told trustees that the Halloween disco in the Old School had raised £29 for BCT. He asked for permission to use the car park, toilets and kitchen for the school's 60th birthday celebrations on 25th May and for the school's BBQ on 20th May. Trustees were happy to agree.

7. Meetings

7.1 Trustees agreed to meet on:-

Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Old School. 7:15pm, ND to chair.

and Tuesday 20th May 2025, Old School, 7:15pm, AB to chair.

Signed..... Date…….....