Birse Community Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting

24th February 2026

Trustees present: Robert Dinnie, Nancy Davidson, Simon Lindsey, Roy Cowie.

Apologies: Liz Bracegirdle, Eleanor Craig (Advisor).

Also present: Owen Bushell (CIC), Toni Watt (Manager), Rick Paul (Secretary).

1. **Introduction.**

1.1 ND welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted two apologies and one item for AOB.

1.2 OB informed the trustees that his two priorities were timber storage on the sawmill car park, and repairs to the bus garage. Trustees agreed that temporary timber storage would be acceptable subject to OB erecting suitable safety signage and him speaking to local residents explaining the situation. Trustees decided to discuss the bus garage further before coming to a decision. To this end, the Trustees agreed to meet on Monday 9th March at 3:30pm.

OB then left the meeting.

2. **Minutes of previous Board Meetings.**

2.1 The minutes from the meeting of 13th January 2026 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising.**

3.1 The smoke detector and emergency lighting checks were completed for January.

4. **Finance**

4.1 RP to email Jackie Roberston to arrange a meeting with EC and TW to discuss finance, OSCR and the website. Trustees approved the Directors' Report to go in the Annual Accounts.

5. **Strategic Plan**

5.1 Trustees agreed to postpone the renewal of the Strategic Plan until the finance situation was clear.

6. **Administration.**

6.1 Bucket Mill To be discussed further on March 9th.

6.2 Turning Mill OB has put padlocks on buildings where appropriate. RC to investigate signage to warn of danger where it is impossible to totally fence off.

6.3 Souter's Progress and budget are both on target. The conservator is due on site next week.

6.4 Annual Report The following topics were allocated:-

Souter's	ND
Mills	OB (TW to email)
Forests	Toby Rider (RP to email)
Intro	SL
Photos	TW

Trustees were asked to gather their thoughts and report back in March.

6.5 M and A's Trustees approved the proposed changes to the Memorandum and Articles. RP to contact Sarah Brown.

6.6 BCT Website, OSCR and Book keeping see item 4.1

6.7 Directors' Report see item 4.1

6.8 The Ord RD is attending a site meeting on 10th March.

6.9 BTCo Trustees approved the proposed changes to the 'Roles and Responsibilities'.

6.10 North Hill Trustees approved the proposed changes to the payments to Ballogie Estate. TW to contact Robin Calander.

6.11 New Trustees Trustees were told that a potential new trustee was otherwise engaged right now, but was still very interested.

6.12 Meeting Room The school do not want any of the books currently in BCT's meeting room and they can be donated to a charity. TW to contact Lorna.

6.13 Policies Trustees were sent BCT's policies for annual approval and were asked to report any issues to RP.

6.14 Insurance Held pending the receipt of renewal documentation.

7. **Manager's Report.**

7.1 Fire Rota. TW to draw up rota for the Commonty. Trustees agreed to set a date at the next meeting for a site meeting to discuss heather swiping.

7.2 'The Rabbit' Topics to be covered include Souter's, logs in car park, OB in the Bucket Mill and the completion of the Slewdrum harvest.

8. **A.O.B.**

8.1 Bird Houses Trustees approved the placement of the bird houses in the School Wood.

7. **Future Meetings.**

7.1 Trustees agreed to meet on:

Monday 9th March 2026 Old School 3:30pm

Tuesday 24th March 2026 Old School 7:15pm LB to chair.

Tuesday 21st April 2026 Old School 7:15pm SL to chair.

Signed…… Date……..