Birse Community Trust

Minutes of Board Meeting

24th March 2026

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

Apologies: Liz Bracegirdle.

Also present: Eleanor Craig (Advisor), Toni Watt (Manager), Rick Paul (Secretary).

1. **Introduction.**

1.1 SL welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted one apology and one item for AOB.

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

2.1 The minutes from the meeting of 24th February 2026 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising.**

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

4. **Finance**

4.1 EC to contact Jackie again to arrange the handover. RP to pass bank details to EC.

5. **Administration.**

5.1 Mills. Owen Bushell to use the latest BCT strategic plan until it is updated in the coming months. RC offered to be BCT mills liaison and to investigate turning mill roof with Davie Hector. RC and SL to open a discussion with OB, with the possibility of a 5 year lease on the garage and bee shed.

5.2 Old School. TW to request quote to remove asbestos from Old School.

5.3 Souter's. The shop is now empty, with windows coming out next week. The builders are due in mid-May, completing in September. The conservators are coming mid-April to instruct on how to clean items, and Lateral North are presenting at the end of April.

5.4 Annual Report. The following topics were allocated:-

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

Trustees to produce copy by 1st July. It was requested this topic to be added to the April agenda.

5.5 BCT Website, OSCR and Book keeping see item 4.1

5.6 The Ord. RD to progress with Burnett and Reid.

5.7 BTCo. RC to attend the BTCo meeting in May.

5.8 North Hill Held over for April's meeting.

5.9 New Trustees Trustees unanimously agreed to co-opt Eleanor Craig onto the board. RP to attend to the paperwork.

5.10 Meeting Room. TW requested cardboard boxes to transport the books to Castle Fraser in May.

5.11 Fire Rota. The new fire rota has been issued. TW to start conversation with Ballogie re heather swiping. TW to touch base with the Estates to clarify BCT's involvement in traffic control should a fire occur.

6. **Manager's Report.**

6.1 Social Media Guidelines. TW to investigate and report back to the April meeting.

6.2 School Wood. FCA are repairing the fencing. RC/RD to clear the rotting wood and nails left over from old bird boxes.

6.3 Bat Watch. TW is arranging a Walk and Talk in May at Birse Kirk and Hall.

7. **A.O.B.**

7.1 Views of the Community. Possibly add to new strategic plan and/or piggy back on existing social media accounts.

8. **Future Meetings.**

8.1 Trustees agreed to meet on:

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

Tuesday 26th May 2026 Old School 7:15pm ND to chair.

Signed…… Date……..