



DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY TRUST

AGM Minutes 17 January 2026
5pm - Gaeltec Buildings, Dunvegan

1 Welcome & Apologies

KL thanks everyone for coming.

Present:

2025 Committee Members: Katy Lawrence KL (Chair), Jason Bold JB (Treasurer), Stuart Cullen SC, Sylvia Meyer SY (CC appointed)

Full Resident Members: Liza Cleland (Nominated), Amanda Boswell (Nominated), Angela Wallis (Nominated), Colin Ewing (Nominated), Mali MacLennan, Jean Slimon, Meg Rosher, Seumas MacLennan, Calum Campbell, Philippa MacRae, John Laing, Mary Laing, Michelle Mackintosh, Caroline Bruns, Paul Noice, Rose Morrison, Anthony Forsyth, Moira Forsyth

Full Resident Members on Zoom: Hazel Rae, Tim Wallis, Paul Boswell, Anne MacAskill

Full Resident Members by Proxy:

Non Members: Bryony Anderson, Rebecca Henderson

Apologies: Emma-Jane Morrison, Donna Campbell

2 Adoption of Previous Minutes

Proposed SC, seconded JB

3 Election of Trustees

There was no vote to elect the new trustees because we have the same number of nominees as there are seats.

As per our constitution DCT has 5 elected trustees who are nominated by members, 1 trustee appointed by the community council to represent them and 2 additional seats for co-opted trustees with project specific skills.

During this year and at this AGM, we've had the following Trustees step down from the committee:

- Emma-Jane Morrison
- Katie Mitchell-Wright (mid-term)
- Katy Lawrence
- And Sylvia Meyer stepping down as the Community Council appointed trustee.

Joining the trust are:

- Mandy Boswell as the new CC appointed trustee
- Angela Wallace
- Colin Ewing

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- Liza Cleland

Staying on the Committee for 2026 we have:

- Jason Bold
- Stuart Cullen

KL offered thanks to those who've served and are leaving, as well as to those staying on to provide some valuable continuity and those throwing their hat into the ring as new members.

4 Chairperson's Report

Overview of who and what we are

DCT is a two tier SCIO representing the Dunvegan CC area, ordinary members who are residents of the area guide the decisions of the trust, through voting at AGMs, and regular consultation.

We've achieved a lot this year, the highlights being:

- The opening of the Community Park (Huge thank you to Emma-Jane Morrison)
- The purchase of the Gaeltec Buildings
- The consultation and creation of our Community Action Plan
- Successful funding applications for Orbost farmhouse and Cruachan woodland which includes funding towards a new project officer from Scottish Land Fund and HIE
- Funding for a new minibus with help of Struan Community Trust and Highland Council
- And the start of our Tool Library

Total funding distribution from DCT into the community: £ 25,487

Ranging from small grants to support sports teams, to larger applications for defibrillators and events. We contribute £5,000 to a winter hardship fund run by Dunvegan Community Council and a £5,000 discretionary grant to Dunvegan Primary School for trips and breakfast clubs. We've also promised an additional £16,600 to the Dunvegan Community Hall Committee for hall refurbishments.

Looking to the future as part of the masterplan for the new school and housing development the community has been promised land from the Highland Council for a new sports pitch.

Regarding the Gaeltec Buildings, we are going to use these buildings as much as we can and start renovations on the roadside building as soon as possible. We're in a lucky position to have sitting tenants in the Isle of Skye Sea Salt Company.

There are a lot of exciting projects on the horizon for DCT and the community, we are really excited to see how they shape up.

5 Treasurer's Report

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Dunvegan Community Trust SCIO appointed new accountants, Mann Judd Gordon Ltd, based in Stornoway following a review of its growing operational need and financial policy, as noted at the 2024 AGM.

Daily bookkeeping and transactions are recorded using Xero accounting software, with inputs from DCT's contractors, namely Admin Officer, Project Officer & Development Officer, overseen by DCT Chair and Treasurer.

Use of Xero and the financial policy have improved reporting over 2025, whereby Trustees have a Profit & Loss report at regular meetings, to review the financial picture across the year, in total and broken down by project. Thanks to the work of our contractors getting DCT's reporting to this improved stage, it helps decision making immensely.

DCT has been working during 2025 on budgeting for 2026-2027 to aid project and financial planning. This budget will be reviewed by the new Trustees at the next board meeting beyond today's.

Accounts - 2024

The charity concluded the financial year to 31st December 2024 with total funds carried forward of:

- £487,432 in restricted funds
- £13,650 in unrestricted funds
- £501,082 in total

Fixed assets are included within DCT restricted funds:

- £42,985 investment in advance of Gaeltec project
- £83,645 investment in the Community Park
- £10,000 investment in the Minibus
- £136,630 total

Current assets / cash at bank:

- £16,830 unrestricted funds
- £350,802 restricted funds
- £367,632 total (2023 - £388,285)

Charity income during 2024, comprised of:

- Grant income £158,414
 - o Ben Aketil Windfarm £73,341
 - o Scottish Land Fund Grants Stage 2 £37,386
 - o Highland Council £38,638
 - o Energy Saving Trust – CARES £2,328
 - o Scottish Land Fund Grants Stage 1 - £6,721
- Deposit account interest £6,439
- Minibus income £3,776
- Other income £579
- Total income received £204,508

Charity expenditure during 2024, comprised of:

- DCT charitable activities £56,648
 - o Grant applications £29,641.47
 - § Grants to institutions £23,521

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§ Grants to individuals £6,120

- Support costs for contractors £33,305
- Accountancy & legal £1,758
- Total expenditure was £91,711

Overall net income for 2024:

- £112,797

** income includes funding for Gaeltec and Community Park projects (not included as expenditure) **

Grants during 2024 were distributed to:

- Dunvegan Community Council
- Dunvegan Primary School
- Dunvegan Community Hall
- Dunvegan Christmas Dinner grant
- Radio Skye charities grant
- Over the Bridge film grant
- Loch Dunvegan Moorings Assoc
- Revolting Crofters Social Club
- Skye Beach Cleans
- Education & Training grants to six individuals

Year To Date 2025

Our AGM timing and our financial year of January - December requires a brief overview of the finances of 2025.

YTD total income for 2025: £494,474

This brings DCT very close to the audit threshold of £500,000 and whilst income figures are yet to be reviewed in full by the accountants, if we do require an auditor this will be conducted via Mann Judd Gordon Ltd.

2025 accounts preparation will commence towards the end of Q1 2026.

6 Vote on Constitutional amendments

Two additions to our constitution have been proposed, and will be voted on by members at the AGM:

1. to add a 5th charitable purpose to our constitution, to firmly secure the Community Minibus within our normal activities:

“The provision of community transport options to those experiencing rural transport barriers in NW Skye”

This was confirmed unanimously by the voting members

2. to add a clause 46.8 defining a Trustee term:

“Each Elected Charity Trustee shall serve a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment. Trustees may serve no more than two consecutive terms, after which they must retire for at least one year before being eligible for reappointment.”

This has been added as the constitution did not define the length of a term, which made the clauses regarding this unusable. A 3 year term was selected based on advice from DTAS, the Land Team (CHECK RECORDING) and SLCVO, and provides some continuity for longer term projects

This was confirmed unanimously by the voting members

7 AOB

KL expressed thanks to everyone attending and gave a shout out to our wonderful staff, Mali MacLennan, Bryony Anderson and Leona Coull (who left in May 2025).