

Aberfeldy Development Trust Meeting

26th January 2026

Beyond Adventures Office

Time 7.00pm

MINUTE

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from GF

2. Corran Rèile access recommendations with CHT and catoe/brown

- EB and JC reported to trustees on the recent investigations into the 3 different access options. Following a renewed assessment by HGA, the recommendation from cb and CHT continues to be via Appin Place, with the railway bridge as the back-up.
- The main advantage of Appin Place continues to be cost, with the two other options being significantly higher (>£100,000).
- Trustees agreed that the Appin Place access option should be put forward in the plans, with the railway bridge being a back-up.
- Catoe/brown to submit plans with Appin Place as the recommended access route.

3. Development sites updates

3.1. Corran Rèile

- JF has asked for an update on the RCGF grant and will update ADT.
- JF will provide an updated cost plan for the SLF grant up to year end.

3.2. Fishers Way

- JF has contacted More Homes for an update on the grant following investigations by PKC into the subsidy regs. Looking for a response in the next few days.
- CH at PKC will get the PKC offer out to ADT in the next few days.
- ADT discussed whether or not the properties should be marketing as social rent or mid-market rent. The consensus was that social rent would be preferred, but that we would await a final decision on the loan element to the grant before confirming with CHT.
- ADT agreed with CHT recommendation that we should ask for a small deposit and will register with a tenancy deposit scheme.
- ADT agreed that white goods, carpets and any furniture would not be removed but would be excluded from the tenancy agreement on the recommended of CHT.

- ADT discussed the factor costs and agreed to investigate why this is so high, and work to understand if we can lower this for tenants if possible. LF to check in with Helen at CHT.
- ADT to review allocations policy – LF to request this from Helen at CHT.
- AH and LF to review checklist from CHT and make a plan for delivery.

3.3. Woodland Crofts

- discussion postponed to February meeting.

4. Approve previous minutes

- Minutes approved

5. Previous Action Update

- LF has micro grant drafted for ACC – this focuses on the delivery of CAP Forum
- LF has contacted Midatholl CC for feedback on previous application, and whether there are funds available.
- LF will contact Dull & Weem CC to discuss potential application.
- Trustees will complete the self-assessment in the next few days.

6. CAP update

6.1. Plans for Community Forum, and update on LPP

- LF has drafted a terms of reference for trustees to review and approve. Once approved LF will send to the CAP Steering Group for comments. LF will also aim to set up a meeting of the Forum in March.
- Following feedback from PKC, LF will update the draft LPP to include a statement of proposals and how these align with NPF4 and local development plans.

7. Financial Overview

- LF updated trustees on the current financial position.
- Trustees discussed upcoming expenses, and funding positions.
- LF to confirm that funds area included in the two grant applications re. Fisher's Way for the administration costs for landlord registration, etc.

7.1. Current / upcoming funding applications

- Strengthening Communities Programme update – not successful
 - DTAS Recovery & Resilience Fund –
- Best option for continuation of DO post. This could cover costs for 2 years.

- Large grants >£25k are assessed every 3 months, smaller grants are assessed monthly. Next panel for large grants is 23rd Feb with applications required by 2nd Feb. Next assessment panel for large grants mid-May.
- Potential to apply for smaller fund to cover DO salary for a few months.
 - SSE Micro Grants – 2026-27
- Actions as above.

8. AOB

8.1. DTAS Recovery & Resilience Fund Self-Assessment

Actions as above

8.2. CHT discussion with Ark Consultancy on behalf of Albyn Housing Society

- Ark Consultancy have asked to interview ADT on their views re. merger between CHT and Albyn Housing Society. They have sent a few dates.
- Trustees agreed that they would like some more info. on this before speaking to the consultant. LF to contact CHT for more info (strategy review report).
- CB would be willing to chat with them online. AH suggested that ADT could invite them to a board meeting to discuss, so we can suggest that to them.

8.3. SSE Renewables update on Corran Rèile

- Cassie is asking for an update.
- Key dates – planning application, when will we start to draw down on the grant
- AH to update Cassie and will ask JF for and update.

8.4. CLHA Parliamentary Reception, 17th Feb, 6-8pm

- Sally and Gill will go along to this event. LF to notify CLHA and ask for details.

9. Time & date of next meeting

- Monday 23th February 2026 @Beyond Adventures