

No valid decisions can be taken at a board meeting unless a quorum is present; the quorum for board meetings is 5 charity trustees, present in person. There are currently 5 serving Trustees

1.	Meeting validity confirmation Present: (PB) Patrick Buck - Chair, (AC) Andy Clegg, (WO) Bill Ottaway, (JS) Jean Shaw, (RE) Rod Ekern, (WW) William Wilson, (LW) Linda Wild – minutes Apologies – None	Action
2.	Declarations of interest - None	
3.	<p>Welcome PB welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Lynne Burgess (LB) on behalf of the BCIC attended the start of the meeting. LB thanked the BDT for allowing her to attend the meeting to discuss the Net Zero Project.</p> <p>LB - I have been meeting every week for 5 weeks with 2 parts of Scottish Power and Hubbub a green charity based in London. We have listed what interventions can be funded. We need to go to the community to see if this is something they want. If so, we will be employing a Net Zero Coordinator (NZC). This will be a joint project with BCC, BCIC and BDT.</p> <p>LB displayed a spreadsheet of funding available.</p> <p>JS – Should the BDT have indemnity so if things go wrong with the NZC the BDT would not be liable? LB – BCIC happy to indemnify. AC – BCIC would need to provide a note that the BDT would not have to pay out if a fallout occurs with the NZC. PB – Will the BCIC be liable for their actions? LB – Yes. AC – Passed a list of changes to be made to the job description to LB. LB – The BDT has no financial liability for this project. RE volunteered to attend the subgroup Teams meetings.</p> <p>LB – National Power did a baseline previously and recommended Home Energy Scotland who will do a baseline for free. But they can't do this for businesses which excludes the BCIC so the BDT would need to ask for this. A baseline will be taken again upon completion of the project to compare.</p> <p>LB thanked everyone for their time and left the meeting at 19:40.</p> <p>AOB list Car Park Barrhill resident asking for financial assistance Memorial Hall gate</p>	RE
3.	Declaration of Interests None	

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Meeting 9th June 2025</p> <p>HR:</p> <p>4.1 First Aid training - fully booked for July and August, on the waiting list for a cancellation. Otherwise when September dates are released, I will book spaces then.</p> <p>4.2 Caretakers meeting to formalise public toilets B/H opening - Done</p> <p>4.3 Setup new contracts for caretakers – AC – Not much needs changing. PB - Any changes need to be formalised. AC - Staff contracts are all very vague and need tightening up for all staff.</p> <p>4.4 Employment of Net Zero Coordinator – Discussed already</p> <p>4.5 Hall heating temperature - Done</p> <p>Handyman:</p> <p>4.6 Line management of DH – Done. AC – there is a lot of maintenance work to be done on BDT assets. WO agreed, War Memorial Gate post needs replacing, DH to do this.</p> <p>4.7 Set up framework for DH doing work for residents WW – The list of what can be done in homes is small. LW passed information to WO from the insurance company with their initial requirements. AC – Work for residents should be restricted to those who are unable to do it for themselves. WIP</p> <p>4.8 WO - School request for DH to help with erection of new polytunnel – No because the poly tunnel is a SAC asset which the BDT cannot work on. PB – The BDT should not be maintaining school assets. DH has been sanding the floor of the new wooden hut ready to varnish it. The hut was purchased by the Parent Council. A discussion followed about if DH should be doing this work. A majority felt this was OK.</p> <p>Facilities:</p> <p>4.9 Car park lights WO - Ongoing. Two repaired, two in progress.</p> <p>4.10 Order public toilets skylights – Done</p> <p>4.11 Padlocks for Park gates – New padlocks are in place and new code given to Garry Scott for grass cutting the park.</p> <p>4.12 Code change for hall main door WO – The engineers code has been changed in the past so a full reset. Needs to be carried out by turning off the power.</p> <p>4.13 Car Park gardens – WO - DH is working his way round. PB – Are we going to remove the trees? AC – No. WO – Maintenance work will be done as time allows. The area between the wall and the farmers field needs strimming, it's on DH's list.</p> <p>4.14 Removal of bunting – Done</p> <p>4.15 Public toilets roof, path and heater – WO The path needs digging out and relaying.</p> <p>4.16 Car Park white lines and taxi space remarking WO – Paint needs to be purchased. PB – Should we have signs up saying parking is at car park users own risk? So that the BDT have no liability. PB - The van that has been parked in the car park for months without moving needs removing. AC – If we want to do this we will need to write a letter and post it through his door. AC – I will compose a letter with LW.</p> <p>4.17 Memorial Hall gate. DH has found the old gate in the storage container.</p>	<p><i>LW</i></p> <p><i>AC</i></p> <p><i>WO</i></p> <p><i>WO</i></p> <p><i>WO</i></p> <p><i>WO/AC</i></p> <p><i>AC/LW</i></p>
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	<p>4.30 Barrhill resident asking for financial assistance RE - Information from the Social Worker who attends the coffee morning monthly has been passed on to the resident.</p> <p>4.31 Christmas lights AC – AR on behalf of the Events Group is happy with the hall lights but would like extra light to continue right through the village. There is no need for Christmas lights on street lights.</p>	
5.	<p>Approval of minutes from 9th June 2025 JS propose and PB seconded.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurers Report AC handed out a financial statement to end June 2025. Funding is now in place for the zip wire repair. £22,000 is left in April-June running costs but most of this will be used up.</p>	
7.	<p>HR Report Already covered.</p>	
8.	<p>Secretaries Report LW - Would you like Dean to litter pick as far as Kildonan entrance along the main road? AC – No. I will check with BCC about the possibility of getting people on community service to litter pick there.</p> <p>LW – On behalf of Barrhill Art Group I would like to thank the BDT for funding the restarting of the Accessible Art classes which have been very well received with 10 or 11 attendees for each class. So far, we have tried mod roc sculpture and using ink and water to create pictures. Next month is watercolour painting.</p> <p>LW - Swift boxes: During the workshop by Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere the use of swift boxes was talked about so I asked if the hall was a suitable location for a box or boxes. We had a look round the hall and by the chimney above the kitchen was suggested as a suitable location. Boxes are made at Dumfries Prison and would be supplied to us free of charge. They also supply a sound box to be placed next to the nesting box which plays swift calls to attract them to the box. Is this something the BDT would like to BDT would like to happen? All – Yes.</p> <p>LW - Switching the heater off in the toilets has reduced the electricity consumption from around 9kwh a day to 0.9kwh per day reducing the monthly bill from £80.17 in May to £28.80 in June.</p> <p>LW - I am currently investigating long standing problems with electricity billing for the hall and car park. Progress has been made on the hall when I discovered that when the smart meter had been installed EDF had never been registered it so all the requested readings I have been submitting have been ignored and estimated readings used. This is in the process of being sorted.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>LW</p>

9.	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Handyman carrying out work in residents homes</p> <p>AC – We need to sort out what DH is and is not allowed to do.</p> <p>AC/WO – DH hasn't refused to do anything or said he is not comfortable doing anything. We need to note any work he does not want to do.</p>	AC/WO
10.	<p>Facilities</p> <p>WW – Street signs for the public toilets are not very visible.</p> <p>AC – We need to have signs saying they are closed over Christmas.</p> <p>Playpark track is on hold.</p>	LW
11.	<p>Pub Update</p> <p>PB – We need two more quotes from architects for the front of the outbuilding.</p> <p>WW – Could the area where the oil tank was be used as a temporary storage for fridge and freezer? All agreed yes.</p> <p>WO – Is there waste water plumbing to the outbuilding? RE – Scott told me there is a sewage line underground at the side of the outbuilding. This could be tapped into. WO – we need to find more information from Scott.</p> <p>WO – The washing machine will not fit in the kitchen, there is no space. A large capacity machine would be needed. There is electricity in the barn. If a sewage pipe can be found, we could put the washing machine in the barn.</p> <p>AC – in my experience hotels use a bag wash system and do not have their own washing machines.</p> <p>PB – The outbuilding roof still needs doing. WO – The roof is watertight. PB – The building inspector said the walls and floor are Ok. But the roof beams need changing as they are not sufficient to carry the load. WO/AC – Could we add extra beams?</p> <p>The front wall needs knocking down and rebuilding. WW – Is this something the BCIC will pay for? Local builders could do this. A new lintel is needed which Solway could manufacture. AC – A quick solution is needed.</p> <p>Adam McWhirter & Sons in Girvan, Clarke & Morrison in Girvan and Hyslops in Newton Stewart were suggested to carry out the work.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
12.	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss the following due to the time taken to discuss Net Zero at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Tax enquiry fee protection service</p> <p>Pub mail</p> <p>What should BDT pay for when the pub has a tenant?</p> <p>Exercise and sport Psychology consultation for health and wellbeing</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 21:35</p> <p>Next meetings:</p> <p>Monday 11th August 2025 at 7pm</p>	