

Minutes of the Meeting of the Shapinsay Development Trust held at the Boathouse on 19 January 2026 at 6.30pm

Present: Ashley Boyd (AB), Simon Meason (SM), Adrian Bird (ABird), Toby Diamond (TD), Barry Moncrieff (BM)

In attendance: Davie Campbell (DC), Lisa-Marie Muir (LM)

1. Apologies: Graham Rendall

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Actions:

RBS change of bank – further information required; DC to send an email next week.

Smithy fibre broadband – LM to chase to see if the number can be retained.

Stone chips for driveway at Rulinvoe – ABird organised contractor Ally Miller to undertake works.

Policies – LM has signed up with SCVO and should be able to access policy templates.

Wellbeing grant – LM has contacted funder regarding reallocation; this has been approved.

Transport grant – applied for; awaiting feedback.

Mental health and wellbeing grant – applied for; awaiting feedback.

Risk register – DC working on this.

Community resilience – LM has begun work; however, the Community Planning Partnership are undertaking a resilience project and have offered to take the lead.

Health and safety – ABird stated that any health and safety matters need to be indemnified, so engage a company that are indemnified to do our health and safety.

4. Accounts:

DC shared the latest account information.

5. Minutes of Meeting Held on 11 November 2025:

Approved – proposed by SM, seconded by AB.

6. Place Plan:

Significant community consultation will be required over the coming months. LM suggested holding one large consultation event, culminating in a place plan. This will take place on 28 February and run all day. Naomi Bremner will create the place plan and work with DC and LM to organise the day. Community stakeholders will be invited to a short planning meeting on 2 February to discuss the event and how they can be involved.

7. Project Updates:

Balfour Cottages – Building warrant approved and ready to start. COSHH pack received for review; the board is happy to proceed. DC to apply for an SSE Communities Grant

towards the electricity connection. March deadline for roads, compound and demolition.

No. 9 – Closing date for applications passed; new tenant selected using a points system. No move-in date yet. Upgrades to extractor fan, chimney repairs, drains and painting all complete. Hot water tank leaking; Patersons due to repair. LM has completed a legionella risk assessment and requested an EICR certificate from Barnies.

Transport – DC, LM and BM met with Orkney Ferries and Laura Cromarty regarding the out-of-hours service and potential areas where OIC/OF could assist. It was suggested that SDT submit a proposal to elected members regarding a pre-ZEVVI trial, including Rousay.

8. Turbine Updates:

ABird shared the two latest reports. Due to breakdowns with other turbines in the area, there has been less curtailment and production has been strong. ABird to attend the Repowering Conference in February and to undertake Big Solar training.

9. SWAP:

J Hall – £55.20 for swimming lessons. Reminder that retrospective applications are not considered; retrospective elements were therefore excluded.

10. AOCB:

A request from A. McDougall to cover the cost of another term of yoga classes (a trial having been run using mental health and wellbeing funding). The board felt this could be considered through the SWAP fund, but a community group would need to apply, as SDT cannot fund individual businesses. LM to feed back.

Smithy – planning meeting held earlier in the day to decide dates of future specials. A request was made to close on Saturday nights due to lack of customers; the board was happy with this decision. The Pub will reopen on Saturdays in March and be monitored. The board is also happy for staff to make sensible decisions regarding opening hours during the Easter holidays.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

16 February 2026 at 6.30pm.