

Minutes of the meeting of the Shapinsay Development Trust held on the 20th of April 2026 at the Boathouse.

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Graham Rendall, Simon Meason
2. **Declarations of interest:** AB – SWAPS
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of March:** Approved by ABird, Seconded by BM.
4. **Actions from the minutes:** Health Safety: LM to make contact with Andy White. LM has lodged a formal complaint with SSE regarding the handling of our accounts. Both the Smithy and the Boathouse have successfully switched suppliers.
Orkney Athletic club received 2 Smithy Vouchers as prizes, thanks was given to SDT for the prizes.
Window, car and bike cleaning – 2 notes of interest received so far.
5. **Accounts:** DC shared
6. **Project updates: Balfour Cottages** – concerns issued by Balfour Estate have been answered, progress with roads can now be made. Applications for electricity and water connections are being progressed this week.
Shop – S Sinclair approached SDT to make the board aware that she plans to step away from the shop and is looking at options such as leasing the space. The board discussed this and hopes that a tenant or buyer can be found. SS will keep the board update with progress.
Gas house – SS has indicated that she would be willing to sell the Gas House to the Trust. LM to organise some community consultation, DC to organise some conceptual drawings to share with the public.
Spion – Initial thoughts are to concentrate on developing the lower half with the enterprise zone and housing. Fencing off the top half was discussed, LM to get a price.
Boat – The Linnhe Venture is for sale, although as not yet been advertised, people have shown initial interest but there is water in the engine bay, this will need addressed before a sale is made. LM to find someone who can take a look at it.
Smithy – Easter holidays were very quiet, a suggestion was made that in the summer we concentrate on opening weekends and don't open 6 days per week. A discussion was had and it was felt that if we can manage to staff 6 days per week, we should open 6 days per week. A request was made from lunch club to open "every now and again" on a Wednesday and do fish and chips etc. This was okayed by the board, if it's used, we will continue to offer it.

LM requested to purchase folding tables for use in the marquee over the summer, the board agreed.

CDO funding has been applied for and provisionally agreed for the next financial year.

7. **Place plan:** a first draft of the Place Plan was shared on the big screen. LM to share with the board for feedback within 1 week. Any suggestions will be fed back before it is shared with the wider community groups.
8. **Risk Register:** The board reviewed the risk register and progress since last time – Cyber Security – it was suggested that LM reach out to Orkney tech
9. **Turbine update:** ABird shared the latest figures, reporting the best March every. The repowering report was received, suggestions ranged from battery storage to store curtailed power and feed back into grid when wind is reduced to solar panels which would bridge the gap between windy days and calm sunny days, ensuring production on most days of the year.
10. **Policies approved:** Environmental sustainability
Communications
AI
Code of Conduct
Social media
11. SWAPS Wragg £90 BDLMR course
Boyd £50 Accommodation
Lifeboat Guild 225.59 – event costs
Diamond £100 Accommodation
Chaney £43.20 Climbing
12. AOCB:
13. Date of next meeting 18/05/26