



Date/Time	13 th January 2026 at 7pm
Location	ZOOM (Video Conference)/in person at Trust Office
Attendees	Chair - Neil MacPhail (NMP), Ronnie Baird (RB), Mark Vale (MV), Marshall MacPhail (MMP), Jen Bardell (JB), Rou Worsley (RW), Coinneach MacKinnon (CMK)
Trust Staff	Phyl Meyer (PM), Inge Armstrong (IA), Rhoda Meek (RM)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Neil MacPhail (NMP) welcomed all to the Board Meeting.

Apologies from Martin Finnigan (MF), Mark Vale, William Angus MacLean (WAM), Marshall MacPhail (MMP), no apology received from Jen Bardell (JB).

2. Declaration of Conflicts

No conflicts declared – CMK has a conflict interest with the vet project grant/loan discussion.

3. Previous Meeting

a. Minutes

The December 2025 minutes were approved CMK and seconded by RB

b. Actions Update

Action #	Meeting Date	Action Description	Action Owner	Deadline	Status
206	June	Supporters Proposal Rhoda to send the updated Supporters Proposal to the board	RM	July	On hold until April
211	October	Bùth a' Bhaile The Trust agreed to implement a six-monthly meeting with Elaine check-in meetings	PM/RM	Ongoing	Completed
217	December	EPC PM to provide the board with a worked-out table showing how many EPCs would need to be done in a year to cover the Operations Assistant post and portion of Emmie's post.	PM	January	Ongoing
218	December	Emergency resilience coordination role	PM	January	New



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		PM to revert to council to discuss potential funding for the emergency resilience planning role			
219	December	Hotels PM to revert to Bradley requesting the proposal on the sale of the hotels.	PM	January	completed
220	December	Competing with private island business Discussion point to be added to the strategy day	PM	January	completed

c. Matters Arising

No matter arising

4. Action taken between meetings

Vet Practice Funding – Board approved the loan of £25k towards the vet project.

5. Island Connectivity

RM shared updates on island connectivity, including an upcoming appearance before the Scottish Affairs Committee in Westminster in February on digital resilience.

6. Vet Project

RM updated the board, that as of Friday of the previous week they had obtained the keys to the vet practice, they had bought the equipment, consumables and drug stock. Tom Wallbank the senior vet has signed an 18-month contract with TAC (Tìree Animal Care) and TAC has signed a 18-month lease on the house and property. They are expecting Tom to be here in the 1st week of February, with a planned opening on the 16th February.

The main issue will be cashflow support due to having to buy consumables and paying of the vets. The records of the practice were not able to be purchased from the previous vets, though by law the previous vets have to pass on the patient information, when requested by TAC if/when a previous patient registers with TAC.

A meeting was held with HIE, and they are potentially offering the £60k grant to cover the start-up funding gap, though this must go towards capital, i.e. purchasing of stock, possibly a vehicle, etc.).



TRD have handed over all of the £25k which has been signed off as a loan on the paperwork, with the understanding that they are not expecting it to be paid back, this is to facilitate getting the project off the ground.

The board will make a decision once business plan has been received on making the £25k either a loan or a grant.

7. Working Group Reports

a. Crofters Support Project

No further updates

b. Housing Working Group

PM updated the board on the HWG, with to and fro between the architects and HWG. A meeting is to be held with RW and JL to get them updated. There has been some pressure from HIE, but they have confirmed they don't want us to pay for things we aren't happy with.

c. Childcare Working Group

The meeting focused on updates and challenges related to a childcare project. PM explained that HIE has informally approved the project's inclusion in their pipeline, offering support for a significant portion of the cost, but emphasized the need for a cautious approach with the council regarding the delivery model. PM suggesting that the Scottish government could act as a guarantor if they are unable to fund the project directly. NMP inquired about feedback from the council, and Phyl confirmed they had received cost estimates but noted that further decisions would be revisited after an upcoming discussion.

d. Finance Subgroup

No future updates

e. Vet project update

As per the above section 6.

8. Staff Reports

a. Trust activity report

No further questions or updates.

9. AOB

NMP to nominate Mark Brown's as a new director for TCMAL to the TCMAL board for approval before bringing to the Trust board.

10. DONM

Date to be confirmed.



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