



Date/Time	14 th April 2026 at 7pm
Location	ZOOM (Video Conference)/in person at Trust Office
Attendees	Chair - Neil MacPhail (NMP), Ronnie Baird (RB), Marshall MacPhail (MMP), Rou Worsley (RW)
Trust Staff	Phyl Meyer (PM), Inge Armstrong (IA)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Neil MacPhail (NMP) welcomed all to the Board Meeting, apology received from Martin Finnigan (FM). No apology received from Coinneach MacKinnon (CMK).

2. Declaration of Conflicts

No conflicts declared.

3. Previous Meeting

a. Minutes

The March 2025 minutes were approved MMP and seconded by RB.

b. Actions Update

Action #	Meeting Date	Action Description	Action Owner	Deadline	Status
218	December	Emergency resilience coordination role PM to revert to council to discuss potential funding for the emergency resilience planning role.	PM	January	ongoing
220	February	Cobbled Cow Explore with Tìree Rural Development (TRD) the possibility of making the Cobbled Cow available for temporary community use (e.g., meetings) when the hall is unavailable, subject to TRD's agreement.	PM	March	closed
221	February	Bòrd na Gàidhlig Finalize and send an amended budget to Bòrd na Gàidhlig for the Gaelic consultancy proposal once Rhoda has initiated contact.	PM	March	ongoing



223	March	Fencing Put out a call for tenders for full reinstatement of Scarinish fence, indicating willingness to part-fund and inviting contributions from affected businesses, residents, and benefactors	PM	April	Ongoing
224		Staffing PM to circulate draft job description/role profile for new deputy manager (or similar title) post to the board for review and comment	PM	April	Completed

4. Action taken between meetings.

The Board approved the appointment of Jo Martin to the TCEL Board via email.

The board approved a letter of support for TRD expression of interest in the funding application via email.

5. Staffing

NMP requested for discussion to be postponed until the next FSG meeting, so that PM could provide more detailed financial information as requested by FM.

PM responded to the question from the board on the new position/staffing structure which has been proposed.

It was requested for the board to respond with specific questions to PM on the staffing proposals before a decision is made.

A meeting to be arranged with the board and Ann MacDonald to discuss the staffing proposal, suggested dates are Thursday, Friday or Saturday of this week and Wednesday of next week. Email to be sent to the board and specific proposals or changes to be sent to PM

ACTION 225: PM

6. Working Group Reports

a. Crofters Support Project

One application received for a loan in April.

b. Housing Working Group

PM mentioned that he is still awaiting feedback from ScotGov funders about the potential project involving Balemartine Schoolhouse. PM commented that there is ongoing dialogue with the council and architect regarding the road access with the Scarinish Housing project, including discussions about power cable routing and transformer placement.



c. Childcare Working Group

PM commented that he is still waiting for the Council to give us the information we need to progress the project, i.e. how much it will cost and what needs doing.

d. Finance Subgroup

No further updates.

e. Trust activity report

No further updates from PM or questions from the board.

7. AOB

Fencing

PM provided an update on the fencing at Crossapol and Scarinish. Quotations had not yet been received. It was agreed that a further post would be issued on Facebook to request quotations and invite donations towards the works.

PM/IA to issue a Facebook post requesting quotations and inviting donations towards reinstatement of the fencing.

Action 223: PM/IA

Grant (fuel subsidy)

RB raised concerns about fuel pricing, including a proposal to remove the 20-pence markup to support residents affected by rising costs. The matter was discussed, but no decision was reached due to concerns about the estimated £3k monthly cost and the difficulty of restricting the benefit to residents.

The board approved David Beaman in joining the TCDT board.

Induction pack and paperwork to be sent to David Beaman

Action 226: IA

A proposal to go to the board/FSG on the reinstating of the Windfall fund, suggested amount of £15k.

Action 227: PM/SMK

8. DONM

12th May – 7pm.



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226	April	Directors Induction pack and paperwork to be sent to David Beaman	IA	April	New
227	April	Windfall Fund A proposal to go to the board/FSG on the reinstating of the Windfall fund, suggested amount of £15k.	PM/SMK	April	New