

Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust

Minute of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 6.00pm in the Colintraive Village Hall.

1. Sederunt:

Michael Russell (MWR, Chair), Charles Dixon Spain (CDS), Ros McKenna (RM), James Hamilton (JH), Andrew MacVicar (AM) (Trustees), Amy Groom (AG, Secretary)

Apologies received from Amy Aitken (AA, Scottish Power Renewables)

Cllr William Sinclair not in attendance and no apologies received.

2. Minute of the Meeting of 27th August 2025:

Adopted.

3. Matters Arising from the Minute:

CGDT - a meeting was held recently between Chris Leigh (Treasurer of the CGDT), MWR and AG. The CGDT's financial position was discussed and Chris presented figures that indicated underspent funding from the CMWFT of £5,467.71.71. Legitimate expenditure under the previous staffing grant included audit costs and insurance but Trustees felt should not include the £180 DTAS subscription. After discussion it was agreed to seek repayment of £5,647.71 on terms that would not damage the ongoing work of the CGDT. Probably in installments. After repayment the Trustees would also be willing to consider an application that dealt with core costs such as forest insurance and audit.

Correspondence - Correspondence from Jennifer Davie Smart. The Convenor reported on two emails received from JDS on Tuesday, followed up this morning by two reminders. Physical copies had also been mailed to three Trustees by JDS. The emails, *inter alia*, responded to her email to him on 1st September, which had been circulated to Trustees and which in turn arose out of other correspondence sent by her just before the August meeting. Similar correspondence had been received before the May meeting. As a Community Council member, he was aware of correspondence to that body with tone and content much the same, and this was confirmed by CDS. In total, 19 emails from JDS had been received by the two bodies in the last three months. Some of them had been sent by mail to members of both bodies. It was noted that these communications usually dealt with points that had been answered previously, which were not capable of answer or were difficult to understand. There were also personal criticisms and factually erroneous assertions. Trustees heard that the CC

would discuss these emails at their December meeting and asked to be kept informed of any outcome from that discussion. In the meantime, Trustees agreed to acknowledge the correspondence for the time being, but to consider at their next meeting whether this matter was now reaching a stage where communications from JDS might be considered to be vexatious.

4. Financial Statement:

MWR provided accounts to date. After grant spending and secretarial costs since the last meeting in August, the three accounts stand at:

Current account: £23,494.58

95 Day Notice Account: £20,325.51

Business Reserve: £51.19

There is an outstanding amount of £5,774 due back to the Trust from the Colintraive Hall's temporary grant for PV installation.

5. Funding Applications

a. Colintraive & Glendaruel Development Trust

No match funding noted; however, an application for three months' maintenance of Stronafian Community Forest **agreed at £5,290.**

b. Colintraive Village Hall (**RM declared interest**)

Application for £2,500 towards ColGlen Christmas meal **approved.**

c. Glendaruel Hall meeting room chairs (**MWR declared interest**)

Application for half of the cost of new meeting room chairs **approved at £417.60.**

d. McKirdy War Memorial handrail

Application to install new handrail, **£1,000, approved.**

e. Kilmodan Parent Council

Enquiry received regarding May's application for playground improvements, seeking changes to the exact items to be purchased. Trustees agreed to flexibility regarding what was finally purchased .

6. Hardship Funding

An enquiry was received from individuals seeking assistance with costs relating to power cuts in two recent storms. Regrettably, the Trust considered they were unable to fund this as compensation should come from SSEN. Trustees suggested they should contact SSEN or their landlord.

An application was received from an individual for a grant towards unexpected business costs. The Trust discussed alternative existing funds providing small business loans, the SJ Noble Trust and Nicholas Ferguson's trust, and suggested an application is made to one of these as the CMWFT does not have a business loan scheme.

7. Re-Powering Update

Discussions on the re-powering of Cruach Mhor windfarm are continuing following a successful community meeting at the end of October. Cowal Community Energy also hosted a presentation to the community about their proposals. A working group is being established by the three ColGlen organisations involved with two participants from each of the CMWFT, ColGlen Community Council and the CGDT. MWR and RM agreed to represent the CMWFT, MWR to notify CGDT and CC.

8. AOCB

Community Organisation Obligations document received from AA. A conflict between this and the Deed of Trust was noted regarding making loans. It was also not clear what status the document as a whole would have as the CMWFT core guiding document was the Trust Deed agreed between SPR and Argyll & Bute Council. This was an unusual arrangement. It was agreed that MWR should raise these issues with AA.

9. DONM

Wednesday 18th February 2026, 6pm in Glendaruel Hall.