

# Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust

Minute of a meeting of the Trust on Wednesday 20th May,  
in the Colintrave Hall, following the AGM at 6.00pm.

## 1. Sederunt

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

Apologies from Cllr William Sinclair (WS)

## 2. Minute of the Meeting of 18th February 2026

### a) Matters Arising from the Minute

An email has been sent from Jennifer Davie-Smart to all Trustees rather than the single point of contact identified at our last meeting, and reiterating her last communication. Response will be made as per the minute of 18th February.

Facebook page for CMWFT is in progress, AG to add images and share with Trustees before publishing.

## 3. Elections

### a) Chairperson

MR to continue as Chair for another year, proposed RM and seconded CDS.

## 4. Financial Statement to 30th April 2026

A small expenditure since the end of April, hall hire payment to the Glendaruel Hall, some interest received, and a refund received from CGDT. There is around £33,000 remaining between the three accounts, plus the annual benefit payment to come in shortly.

Regarding the three bank accounts - we could reduce this to two using the 95 day notice account and the current account, or we could keep the reserve account to earn a little more interest. The accounts are not paid for, the reserve account pays a little interest, queried whether we need both the reserve and current account and believed we do need the current account. Suggested we could use the reserve account as a deposit account, and transfer money needed for payments to the current account

before going out, to earn a little more interest and have a useful double check on outgoing payments.

5. Outstanding Calls on Funds

- a) DSHPP is due their second installment of a grant agreed in May 2025, being £500 each year for three years. Agreed to pay the next installment.
- b) CGDT's repayment of £2,647.71 has been received.

6. Funding Applications

- a) CHARTS (Cultural Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles)

**Declaration of interest by RM**

£1,850 to enable a mobile exhibition of artworks from the Argyll Collection, visiting Colintrave and Glendaruel Village Halls and Kilmodan School, including talks at the halls and activities at the school. Proposed for September, for between half a day to two days at each hall and a day at Kilmodan, with marketing by CHARTS and the village halls. Application approved.

- b) River Ruel Improvement Association

Up to £1,000 to hold, in conjunction with Argyll Fisheries Trust, an educational day with older pupils from Kilmodan Primary School including a possible visit to Otter Sea Fish premises as well as fishing experience at the River Ruel. Application approved.

- c) Colintrave Hall

Not yet received the application for generator installation, the hall is waiting on a quote for groundworks and connection.

Discussion around all Trustees considering, between this and the next meeting, any new projects we could support with the funds we have available. The CMWFT has originated projects in the past (cost of living funding). Although we may only have one or two more payments remaining before decommissioning starts (which is when the annual benefit payment will cease, until as and when the windfarm is re-powered planning permitting), we do have considerable funds in hand at present and should consider how this could be used especially if there are any larger projects that could be supported for the benefit of the whole ColGlen community.

There are many aspects and organisations within the community potentially requiring funding, e.g. the Colintrave Village Hall is to receive a gift of the heritage centre at the end of their lease, which will bring with it additional responsibilities. It was raised that there may be uncertainty amongst groups having recently received funding from the CMWFT about how often they can reapply. Suggestion of allocating a certain amount of funds between different scales of funding applications.

There is a clear need to all work together in order to achieve larger scale projects. It was the aim of the CGDT's development officer to liaise with all the community groups and bringing everyone together takes careful consideration and open communication. Perhaps a community organisation meeting could be held in the Autumn to discuss larger scale projects. However there is a reasonable amount of consultation already ongoing within the community and the Place Plan is to be released shortly, decided to wait upon this.

Question about driving lesson grant process - should obtain cost of lessons, then apply for the grant.

#### 7. Report Back from Previous Grants

The purchase of Colintrave Church has been completed and a small refund received on the grant towards conveyancing fees. AG to chase others outstanding.

#### 8. Other Correspondence

None

#### 9. Re-Powering Update

There is a sheet going out to the community at present and on June 14th an event for the community to take part in discussions. The re-powering group is meeting again tomorrow evening.

#### 10. AOCB

##### a) Annual Due Diligence Statement

AA confirmed this could be approved by email trail rather than all physically signing, AG to email all Trustees.

#### 11. DONM

Proposed at 6.00pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026, in the Glendaruel Hall.