Report from KCDT Meeting – November 2025

We met on 27 November for a Directors Meeting. Here is a summary of the business covered in our meeting.

AGM Planning

We confirmed that the KCDT AGM will be on the evening of 12th February 2026 at the Village Hall. It is open to Ordinary Members of the Trust to attend. There are currently two director vacancies, and an additional two directors will be stepping down at the AGM. This will leave four vacancies.

AGM Notices should go out at least 14 days in advance, but Foundation Scotland will aim to issue them about a month beforehand in mid-January. Nominations of Elected Directors, who shall himself or herself be (or be eligible to become) an Ordinary Member, should be delivered to the Registered Office not less than seven days prior to the date of the AGM in question. Foundation Scotland will promote membership of the Trust and interest in becoming a director in the next edition of the newsletter.

Treasurers Report and Fund Statements

As usual, our Treasurer provided a report on current balances, income and expenditure since the previous meeting. We also reviewed reports prepared by Foundation Scotland setting out information on the current position on awards and funding and the monitoring reports received on awards made. This enables us to monitor how the fund is being utilised and to confirm how much money was available for fund distribution.

Awards made during the quarter

An award of £1,034 was made to Kirkcowan Curling Club to cover the cost of ice fees for club members for 2025-26. An award was also made to Kirkcowan Autumn Social Club of £450 towards the cost of holding the Club's 2025 Christmas Lunch.
One Education & Training Fund award for £23 for a driving theory test has been made.
We made a payment of £2,467.20 was made for the cost of purchase and erection of the new Playpark gates.

We have allocated £77,500 to cover the cost of providing **Winter Fuel Grants** of £250 to every eligible household in Kirkcowan. Foundation Scotland gave an update on winter fuel grant payments – as of 27th November, £62,000 in payments had been made to 248 households. A drop-in session was held on 8th November to process hard copy applications and to answer residents' questions.

We have received £11,820 from the Airies and Balmurrie Fell funds to cover the costs of refreshing Community Action Plan which is currently being undertaken by Social Value Lab.

Communications

We reviewed a draft Communications Protocol which provides clarity on KCDT and Foundation Scotland roles in relation to communications to ensure clear and co-ordinated communications.

We also agreed that the KCDT quarterly newsletter should be produced digitally in future rather in hard copy for cost and for climate sustainability reasons. A number printed copies will still be available for residents to pick up from the Post Office and will be displayed on notice boards, for those without digital access. We also agreed that the AGM Notices would be emailed out and only posted to those members for whom Foundation Scotland did not have email addresses.

Project Updates

Community Action Plan - Social Value Lab circulated a copy of the draft Community Action Plan report for discussion by the Board before the Community Event held on the 4th December.

Jenna Morra Wood – We received an update from Andrew about progress with the wood. The majority of spring bulbs had now been planted, and Andrew is waiting for the contractors to finish off the riverside path and to fix the dyke with work due to start shortly.

Areas of focus over the next quarter

We will continue with the Community Action Planning work.

We will review our key governance documents to ensure they are still fit for purpose and also ensure we are compliant with the new requirements from Companies House.

We will hold our AGM.