

Minutes of Sunart Community Company Board meeting 8th June 2026

Attending: J. Jones (Chair), A. Gainsford (Treasurer), N. Brooks (Secretary), P. Sharples, S. Traynor, H. Taylor.

Apologies: N. Mellis, L. Cameron MacGregor, S. Willis.

1. The minutes from the previous meeting (27-04-26) were accepted: proposed by H. Taylor, seconded by N. Brooks. These have now been added to the web site.

Major Project reports:

1. Oakwood:
 - Painting of the outside and new signage is to be prioritised, subject to suitable weather and availability of volunteers. J. Jones to coordinate.
 - Replacement of door mat (currently a possible trip hazard) to be actioned by L. Wilson.
 - New printer to be purchased. A. Gainsford to action.
2. Agricultural Show:
 - Booking to be confirmed. N. Brooks to action
 - Exhibition stand to be divided between SCC and Dualchas.
 - New pop-up banners will be required for the SCC. N. Brooks to progress design ideas with B. Drinkwater.
3. Faeries Road bridge:
 - All funding is now in place and the contractor is expected to begin work in the next few weeks.
 - Signage will be added to the bridge to explain which organisations provided support.
 - The Board expressed a vote of thanks to A. Gainsford for her hard work over a lengthy period to bring this project to fruition.
4. Dualchas Heritage Centre:
 - The Board confirmed an earlier decision to move forward with the application to AHF for funding to support the required architectural survey and planning works.
 - The Heritage Group will be supporting the MOD 100th anniversary celebration.
5. Project Officer:
 - There was a discussion about the viability of a Business Development or Project Officer capable of working across multiple SCC activities. To be discussed further at a future meeting.
6. Men's Shed/Craft Hub:
 - A new roof covering, plus cladding on the sides of the structure needs to be added. A. Harpur to obtain quotes for labour.
7. Rainforest Project:
 - There is the possibility of further funding through Nature Scot. The organisation may provide up to 90% funding of capital projects, but the additional 10% would need to be found through other sources. B. Taylor may be able to facilitate this. It was also suggested that the landowners involved in the project so far may be prepared to contribute to further activities.
 - It was agreed that the SCC would make an expression of interest to Nature Scot, as the initial step in applying for future funding, but that this would subsequently be dependent on identifying additional sources to make up the 10% difference.
8. Longrigg Woodland:



- Harvesting is continuing and a public consultation on the future community aspirations for Longrigg is scheduled for June 18th and 19th.
- 9. Playpark:
 - Fundraising is ongoing. Funding has so far been made available through the SCC/SCBF, Highland Council, Sunart Community Council, the efforts of local volunteers and donations via a Just Giving page.
- 10. Future strategy/planning
 - Possible dates w/c 31/08/26 or w/c 14-09-26. N. Brooks to discuss with R. Macintyre.
- 11. Marketing:
 - The latest newsletter has been produced and is being distributed to local outlets.
- 12. Finance:
 - AG provided a financial update.
 - It was noted that the asset register will need to be updated.
- 13. Membership of other organisations:
 - A list of all organisations to which the SCC belongs will be produced. A. Gainsford and N. Brooks to progress.
- 14. Telephone Exchange:
 - It was agreed that should the old telephone exchange building be offered for sale then the SCC would make an expression of interest.
- 15. New Director:
 - The Board welcomed the appointment of Rory Sinclair to the Board. His appointment was proposed by A. Gainsford and seconded by J. Jones.
- 16. AOB:
 - Ownership of the Hatchery Shed is in the process of being transferred to the SCC.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 20th July 2026.

