

Minutes of Sunart Community Company Board meeting 20th July 2026

Attending: J. Jones (Chair), A. Gainsford (Treasurer), N. Brooks (Secretary), P. Sharples, S. Traynor, S. Willis, R. Sinclair.

Apologies: N. Mellis, L. Cameron MacGregor, H. Taylor.

1. The Board expressed a formal welcome to R. Sinclair.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting (08-06-26) were accepted with an amendment to the point covering the acquisition of the old hatchery shed: proposed by J. Jones, seconded by A. Gainsford. Amended minutes have now been added to the web site.

Major Project reports:

1. Agricultural Show:
 - Volunteer rota discussed and agreed. N. Brooks and J. Jones to set up gazebos at approx. 07:30 on the day of the show.
 - Banners and display stands are currently being produced.
2. Community in Bloom entry:
 - Application has been submitted.
3. Faeries Road bridge:
 - The bridge has been constructed and is scheduled to be installed during August.
 - Before, during and after images and video to be produced. Contractors to take images; S. Willis to shot video.
 - A. Gainsford is writing a narrative to be used by the primary funding body, HF Holidays.
4. Oakwood:
 - Exterior to be painted. J. Jones to organise volunteer painting group.
5. Dualchas Heritage Centre:
 - The purchase of the churchyard has been completed.
 - Gardening volunteers are now in place.
 - The structural survey is scheduled for August 25th.
 - Recent exhibitions organised by the Heritage Group has taken place and been successful. A Heritage Trail leaflet is being prepared. S. Traynor to approach Z. Evans to produce an illustrated map.
6. Men's Shed/Craft Hub:
 - New roof and side panel cladding is being fitted during August.
 - A proposal by A. Harpur to develop further the Craft Hub, greenhouse and orchard areas, to benefit the wider community, was approved unanimously by the Board.
7. Rainforest Project:
 - The application for new funding is awaiting approval, which is expected within the next 7-14 days.
 - An approach has been made to FLS for match funding.
 - The East Loch Shiel Deer Management Group had requested administrative support from the SCC. However, the Board felt that it lacked suitable resources or volunteer time to be able to meet this request.
 - S. Willis to arrange to shoot promotional video on the project.
8. Longrigg Woodland:
 - Repairs have been made to the road approaching the Longrigg site access track.
9. New Director:





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- An application by J. Campbell to join the Board was unanimously approved.

10. Finance:

- A. Gainsford provided a financial update.
- The Board approved a temporary transfer of funds from the SCC bank account to SCEL to cover short-term funding requirements.

11. AOB:

- S. Traynor requested that a facility be set up for crowdfunding for the Heritage Centre. A. Gainsford to action. S. Willis to produce a promotional video.
- A report had been made that some the jetty moorings were unsafe or had moved. It was noted that maintenance was the responsibility of the mooring owners and that the moorings had recently been serviced.
- S. Willis reported that the Boardwalk in the Ariundle Nature Reserve was damaged. It was noted that this was the responsibility of FLS to maintain.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 24th August 2026.



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