



CALLANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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Minutes

Company:	Callander Community Development Trust
Meeting date:	25 th November 2025
Meeting location:	Callander Connect, 43 Main Street, Callander
Meeting title:	Monthly Board Meeting

Members present

Alison Boa	Member Director (Chair)	AB
Marco Limonci	Associate Director (Vice Chair)	ML
Paul Prescott	Member Director (Acting Treasurer)	PP
Marilyn Moore	Member Director	MM
Brian McKay	Associate Director	BM
David Moore	Member Director	DM
David Stutchfield	Member Director	DS
Mark Griffiths	Member Director	MG
Monica Holloway	Associate Director	MH

Attendees

Freddy Bowen-Bate	Operations Manager	FBB
Scott McMurray	Development Officer	SM

Apologies

Frank Park	Member Director	FP
Keith Wright	De Facto Treasurer	KW

Additional circulation

Fiona Muir	Finance Officer	FM
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Signed on behalf of the Chair:  **Date:** 16.02.2026

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Discussion topic

Action

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1. AB opened the meeting at 10:08. Apologies from FP and KW.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Following the recent Annual General Meeting, the Board elected their office bearers for the coming year.

PP proposed the re-nomination of AB as Chair, seconded by MG – all in favour.

BM proposed the nomination of PP as Acting Treasurer, seconded by DM – all in favour.

MG proposed the re-nomination of ML as Vice Chair, seconded by DS – all in favour.

3. Minutes and actions of October 2025

- 3.1. MM noted typos in the Finance Report, to be corrected. Otherwise, the minutes of the monthly board meeting held on 29th October 2025 were proposed for acceptance by BM, seconded by DM and approved. FBB

- 3.2. Board Action List dated 4th November was reviewed. All actions from last board meetings are either complete or in process.

4. Conflicts of Interest

- 4.1. The Board Register of Interests was circulated and updated.
- 4.2. No conflicts of interest to declare for this meeting.

5. Health & Safety (any incidents to declare)

- 5.1. FBB updated the Board that a local tradesperson had inspected the flat roof, which had leaked during Storm Amy, and had advised on the necessary repair work. Quotes will be forthcoming. The landlord has been informed.

6. Project Progress updates

- 6.1. Meadows Masterplan & Car Parks - PP shared that a tender brief had been compiled for the concept design of the development of Station Road car park to the Place Programme Fund, with support from Stirling Council and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority.
- 6.2. Signposts & Information Boards – PP shared that he and SM would be doing a site visit to the paths around the Golf Club to establish any missing signposts or waymarkers.

- 6.3. ATM – PP reported that the current contract with Royal Bank of Scotland expires in February and he has begun negotiations for its renewal. MG to investigate the going rate for ATM rentals. MG
- 6.4. Callander Old Primary School - BM reported that the project team had interviewed and selected Community Enterprise Scotland as the consultants leading on the feasibility study, subject to securing funding. £6,100 has been granted from the Community Hydro Fund towards the feasibility, should applications to Scottish Land Fund or Architectural Heritage Fund be unsuccessful.
MM added that there had been commercial interest in the building, and the team are writing to Stirling Council for further information.
- 6.5. Main Street Regeneration – MM shared that a second round of the Premises Improvement Grant had been secured for 50% of the costs of painting a further 8 shopfronts. There was concern over the potential for payment delays if the painting is postponed due to inclement weather and how this would affect drawdown of the grant. The Board approved a loan of £10,000 to cover any such delays.
- 6.6. A'Chruinneag Holiday Flat – MG reported 11 nights booked in November and 15 in December, bringing the total to 114 this financial year so far – an occupancy rate of 41%. He will conduct a review with the property management company to assess how this could be improved. He noted there needs to be greater promotion of the CCDT member discount. An Open Day was suggested, where Callander residents could come and view the flat themselves. MG
- 6.7. EBikes – DS volunteered to be the lead director for this project. FBB to pass on all information and progress obtaining a user licence from Stirling Council Estates Team to temporarily store the bikes in their unused container at Station Road car park. FBB
- 6.8. Callander Connect – FBB reported that SM had had positive discussions with National Lottery Awards for All for potential grant funding.
- 6.9. Visitor Information Centre – AB shared that the VIC are opening on three weekends in November and December as a trial in the run up to Christmas. Preparations are underway for this.
- 6.10. Pedestrian Bridge and Safe Routes to School – ML debriefed a recent meeting with David Hopper and his team (Stirling Council) about progress made with the feasibility of the new pedestrian bridge and associated paths project. Consultants have been contracted to option different types, materials and locations for the bridge and the path network either side. Landowner engagement will be taking place soon and community consultation will follow in January.

7. Reports/updates

- 7.1. Finance papers were circulated in advance by FM. PP advised that a detailed quarterly update will be provided by KW, and otherwise updates will be submitted to the Board when approval is required or issues need raising.
- 7.2. Operations Manager, Development Officer and Affiliate Group reports were all previously circulated.

8. Callander Jazz & Blues Festival Proposal

- 8.1. FBB relayed that he, AB and SM had met with the organisers of the Callander Jazz & Blues Festival to discuss the potential for CCDT taking it on as one of their activities. Figures and operational information has been submitted, which FBB will compile into one document and circulate round the Board. FBB
- 8.2. Following a discussion, it was concluded that options should be explored to continue the festival, possibly broadened to incorporate more styles of music and activity, but the recruitment of voluntary resource would be essential as the current Board Members and staff do not have capacity for this, themselves. FBB to set up a meeting about this with the outgoing festival organisers and any board members who can attend in December. FBB

9. Any other business

- 9.1. ML reported on a few topics raised at the recent meeting of Callander Community Council, including potential collaboration on management of Coilhallan Wood, and a 5-year review of the Local Place Plan.
- 9.2. AB advised of new architectural plans for the Kirk Hall. DM to follow up with them to offer any support needed. DM

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th January 2025