

Carradale Community Trust Meeting 26th March 2026; 17:30 Carradale Village Hall

In attendance: Sophie Semple (Chair), Russell Kay (Treasurer), Emma Macalister Hall (Secretary), Hayley Gale, Alan Milstead, Phil Moorcroft. Zofija Sloan (admin).

Apologies: None.

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2026 were proposed as an accurate record by Russell Kay and seconded by Emma Macalister Hall.

The trustees welcomed new trustees: Philip Moorcroft and Alan Milstead to the Carradale Community Trust, both will bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to the group. The Trustees gave a vote of thanks to Lysay McGeachy who stood down from her role as Trustee.

Matters Arising.

Planters at the Network Centre – ZS to find suitable replacements for the existing planters, organise plants and compost – from Saddle Nurseries if possible.

Carradale Canter:

Planned for 26th July 2026, 10am start time. Promotion via running website, social media and local running groups – Alan Milstead will liaise. Requirements will include: marshals, First Aider, licence and insurance (ZS to organise with NFU). Grant application to assist with running costs to be submitted to EKWFT (ZS to action). The Business Forum are in support of the event, publicising Carradale. AM gave an overview of how the race works, timings, medals, route etc.

Harbour Day is planned for 18th July 2026 (Insurance cover needed – ZS to organise).

Treasurers Report

RK had circulated prior to the meeting copies of the February 26 CCT management accounts and copies of the latest bank statements as at the 25th March 26 prior to the meeting.

The CCT annual accounts for the year-ending the 31st December 25 were in the process of being finalised and will shortly be provided to the appointed Independent Examiner.

Grants Submitted

The following grant applications had been submitted to the current round of funding to the East Kintyre Community Fund:

1. Community Shop & Post office - payroll and annual book-keeping support for £21,845
2. Community Shop & Post office - two new external benches for £778
3. Development of the East Kintyre website - updated website and two years maintenance and hosting £1,507. A further application would subsequently be submitted to the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust for £1,507.

Community Shop & Post Office.

Copies of the minutes of the Management Committee of the 17th March 26 and the Income & Expenditure accounts for February 26 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

CHEL: AM is liaising with Companies House regarding the closure of the company, submit a tax return and moving any monies over to the main CCT bank account.

Planning Group:

Notes from the recent LDP (Local Development Plan) group meeting were circulated and discussed. The group are seen as the best vehicle for taking the LDP and the results from it forward. A discussion on sourcing advice and support was had by the group. A clear governance structure for the proposed Project Manager is important, the LDP planning group may be the best to provide this structure. The regeneration of the village will need expertise to bring it together and it's important that the job description is thought through and used to ensure that the right person is selected for the job. Russell Kay with consider and draw up a draft job description and circulate.

Network Centre:

It was agreed that Josh had done a great job tidying up the area and is to look at the pot holes in the car park area. Sophie Semple will liaise with him.

Seneval:

All working well at the site, the group were helping out at Well Park with the chipper and manage to meet most weeks on a Thursday.

Shop:

Minutes of the last Management Committee meeting have been circulated.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 17:30. Carradale Village Hall.