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# East Kintyre Community Fund

## Minutes of September 2025 funding meeting

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7.00pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:** Jennifer Conley (Chair), Alasdair Bennett (Treasurer), Russ Baum (Secretary), Ian Brodie, Shelagh Cameron

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### 1. & 2. Welcome & apologies

JC welcomed the Trustees to the meeting. Apology was received from Audrey Willan.

### 3. Confirmation of compliance with Due Diligence statement

All Trustees **confirmed** their compliance. It was **agreed** to use the training event to dwell more on the wording of the DD statement.

### 4. Review of financial position (regular item)

AB presented a financial summary, as of 25/9/25.

The balance in the bank is approximately £499k, including Abbeyfield and Cour Funds. With outstanding grants in mind, the available balance is approximately £259k. The outstanding awards are likely to be claimed, though one requires pursuing.

### 5. Discussion of applications for funding and education awards

#### **EKCF09/25-01 Carradale Seniors Group**

**Declarations of interest:** IB.

**Requested:** £1,200.

**Decision:** Donation of £1,350, to match total project cost.

**Notes and conditions applied:**

No requirement for invoices.

#### **EKCF09/25-02 Kintyre & Gigha Night Sky Group**

**Declarations of interest:** RB.

**Requested:** £1,806.

**Decision:** Awarded £1,806.

**Notes and conditions applied:**

Released upon receipt of invoices.

**EKCF09/25-03                      Shopper Aide**

**Declarations of interest:** none.

**Requested:** £5,000.

**Decision:** Donation of £3,000.

**Notes and conditions applied:**

No requirement for invoices. Not to apply again for twelve months.

**EKCF09/25-04                      Argyll Community Counselling Service**

**Declarations of interest:** none.

**Requested:** £2,935.

**Decision:** No award made.

**Notes and conditions applied:**

Can reapply in six months, ideally with realised, rather than projected, numbers.

**Education awards**

B001    - can be awarded P2 £1,500

B002    - waiting for college's confirmation

B003    - can be awarded P2 £1,500

B004    - can be awarded P1 £1,500

B005    - [April timing]

**6.            Training event**

The Trustees agreed to host and run (AB and RB) a repeat of the 2024 training event, to include EKWFT, on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2026, in Carradale Village Hall meeting room. Whilst the content will be largely the same, presentations will be adapted in light of last year's event and will refer more closely to the wording of the Funds' Due Diligence, or equivalent, statements. It was felt that case studies could be a useful addition to the event. RB to book the meeting room.

**7.            Fund Administrator proposal**

AB's proposal to create a non-executive Fund Administrator role, shared across a number of funding groups in the region, was met with approval in principle. Successful precedents

point to likely value for money, given the increasing difficulty in finding volunteers to hold roles within funding groups. In acting for a number of groups, the post should be substantial enough to attract candidates and to ensure longevity. AB will begin work on a draft version of a job description.

**8. Date of next meeting**

The next funding meeting is pencilled in for 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**7. AOB**

No AOB was discussed.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

EKCF available balance before awards made: £258,948

Total awarded at meeting: £6,156 + £3,000 (education)  
+ £3,000 (education) dependent on confirmations