

DRAFT KPT DT Directors' Meeting Minutes**Thursday 16th July 2026, Trust Office, Penpont (6.00pm)**

1	Present	Maureen (Chair), Caroline, Alison, Michelle J & Rachel
2	Apologies	Fiona and Chris
3	Declaration of Interest	None
4	Minute of Previous Meeting	
5	Matters Arising	
6	Correspondence	
7	Finance Report Community Benefit Fund approvals	The finance report was circulated by Michelle C. prior to the meeting. Income in June was £9,445 and expenditure was £40,712. The cash balance was £200,595
8	Development Officer Report	Michelle circulated reports and applications prior to the meeting. Amazing Summer: Awaiting possible funding from Penpont Community Council with further information provided of events. Keir Community Council have provided £790.00 24 children have currently been signed up for the Wild West event on Saturday 18th July The sale of the small bales purchased for the wild west day to be advertised and resold after the event. The lease agreement is ready to sign to allow the Craft Circle to move to the Church Hall.
9	ATP Tracks & Trails Update	Caroline circulated her report prior to the meeting. Following a meeting with the Levelling Up Fund project manager - funds will still be available into 2027-28 to complete works on the active travel path but if railings needed replacement or alteration, extra funding might have to come from elsewhere. The new railings are currently zip-tied in place and road safety officers want a more permanent fixing. There is a planned site walk-through with Rowena, the contractor and possibly council officers to discuss what is technically possible, including whether the railings can be lifted out in their current state. Planning and roads department has been asked to give clear guidance on what solution they

		required. Phase IC and the RDO remains unresolved. Listed building consent for Nith Bridge was discussed at the planning committee on Wednesday 24th June. It's felt that planning permission should not have been issued without listed building consent, and highlighted that Historic Environment Scotland had been consulted but had not responded. May need to re-apply for listed building consent, potentially incurring costs through our consultants and project manager, despite there being no formal application fee. Ross McWhirter has topped the path edges and G Holmes has strimmed the area the area under Phase 1B1 ramp. Keir Community Council are contacting the Countryside Access Officer to discuss the drainage issues at the Keir end of the riverside path. Some vegetation is obscuring signage and growth around the bridge railings and trees - possible timing for hedge and verge cutting with a contractor using a combined hedge and grass cutter to solve this issue. Risks: RDO remains unresolved
10	Community Housing Update	Funding of £600,000 had been allocated for the housing project. Awaiting for formal grant documentation from James Pattison. There has been delays because SOSE's solicitors were now involved in issuing grant offers and this was the first case through the new system. A meeting with McGowan Miller, project managers will take place in August.
11	Community Garden	
12	Risks	Director overload – new trustees and volunteers to be explored and identified.
13	AOCB	The idea of a door-to-door leaflet drop to raise awareness and encourage board applications, as a physical leaflet might reach people who would not respond to emails or newsletters.
14	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 13 th August 2026, 6.00pm.