

Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund Minutes Summary



27 August 2026

The meeting was held at Farr Hall.

Present: Mark Bessell (MB) – Chair; David Lumsden (DL); Ian Hunt (IH); Maggie Meiklejohn (MM); Donna Haldane (DH); Darren Read (DR);

Declarations of conflicts of interest

IH is a member of the Community Council.

IH is a member of the Management Committee of Daviot (Strathnairn) Hall.

MM is a member of the Management Committee of Farr Hall.

GRANT ACTIVITY

The table below shows the grants that were approved at the Board meeting:

Applicant	Award	Type of Grant	Budget Year to date
Forty awards	£325	2026 Education Grants	112
One award	£325	2027 Education Grants	1
One award	£25,675	2026 General Grant – Farr Primary PTA	1
One award	£2,325	2026 General Grant – SDC	1
One award	£40,764.94	2026 General Grant – SDC CDO	1

OTHER BUSINESS

- It was agreed that the current sitting Chair would only act as a board member of SCBF and not be a board member of any other community group
- The board discussed a response to SSEN-T on the terms of the overhead lines agreement and an upcoming call regarding this
- The board discussed the Aberarder agreement and noted an upcoming meeting with SSEN & their legal team regarding the contract terms. 2 SCBF board members will attend the meeting
- The board discussed a letter received from a community member.

Grant application deadlines: Board meetings are held on the final Thursday of the month. All submissions must be received by the secretary two weeks before the meeting for inclusion on the agenda.

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