

Development Trusts Association Scotland

Minute of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 10am

In person at Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow

Present – Provisional and Full Members: Aird Community Trust, Antermony Development Trust, Appin Community Development Trust, Ardoch Development Trust, Assynt Development Trust, Avich & Kilchrenan Community Heritables, Barmulloch Community Development Company, Blairgowrie and Rattray Development Trust, Callander Community Development Trust, Community Central Hall, Comrie Development Trust, Cranhill Development Trust, Cromarty Community Development Trust, Dalavich Improvement Group, Dunvegan Community Trust, Eday Partnership, Fintry Development Trust, Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum (GALE), Glenboig Development Trust, Glenkens Community and Arts Trust, Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association, Gorebridge Community Development Trust, Growing 21, Hawick Development Trust, Horshader Community Development, Islay Development Initiative, Isle of Luing Community Trust, Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Development Trust, KPT (Keir, Penpont, Tynron) Development Trust, Lambhill Stables, Lanark Community Development Trust, Largo Communities Together, Lenzie Community Development Trust, Linlithgow Community Development Trust, Lochbroom Ullapool Community Trust, Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust, Lossiemouth Community Development Trust, Mayfield and Easthouses Development Trust, Mull and Iona Community Trust, Nairn Improvement Community Enterprise, New Cumnock Development Trust, Old Luce Development Trust, Old School Thornhill, Portree and Braes Community Trust, Rosemount Development Trust, Rosewell Development Trust, Shapinsay Development Trust, South Seeds, Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group, Stow Community Trust, Strathblane Community Development Trust, Strathnairn Development Company, Stronsay Development Trust, Tayvallich Initiative, The North Ronaldsay Trust, The Pairc Trust, Thurso Community Development Trust, Tiree Community Development Trust, Torry Development Trust, Udny Community Trust Company, Uig Development Trust, WAT IF, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust, Westray Development Trust, Winchburgh Community Development Trust, Woodlands Community Development Trust

Present - Associate Members: Argyll & Bute TSI, Circular Communities Scotland, Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface, Community Energy Scotland, Community Enterprise, Community Land Scotland, Crown Estate Scotland, Foundation Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, Inspiralba, Plunkett UK, Royal Bank of Scotland, Scottish Islands Federation, The National Lottery Community Fund

In attendance: Andrew Aldous, Errin Anderson, Pamela Barnes, Laura Bedford, Polly Chapman, Julia Dall, Audrey Dunn, Alice Duthuille, Ruth Evans, Linda Gillespie, Katie Little-Sadler, Morven Lyon, John Main, Claire Martin, Kay Marwick, Isla McCulloch, Lynn Molleson, Chris Sanderson, Pauline Smith, Felix Spittal, Fiona Taylor, Onie Tibbitt, Duncan Wallace, Harry Whitmore

Emma Ives, John McCann, Black Mount Community Development Trust; James Burke, Brampton and Beyond Community Trust; Wilf Hughes, Cairnbaan Community Trust; Graeme Williams, Centre West; Colin Crawford, Colin Crawford Associates; Sophie Antonelli, Adam Kennerley, Nic Perkins, DTA Wales; Margaret Craig, Charlie Fisher, Mairead McCormack, Eddie McGoldrick, Liam O'Hagan, Brian O'Neill, Development Trusts NI; Sarah McArthur,

Edible Estates; Samya Kelly, Heritage Network; Shona Flanagan, Kayleigh Nicolson, Karina Ross, Highlands & Islands Enterprise; Helen Keron, Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust; Eric Munro; Sarah Charsley, National Energy System Operator; Jane Churchill, Aideen Shields, Oban & District Development Trust; Catriona Hill, Oberlanders; Lisa Beckett, Paisley Harrison, Orchy & Awe Trust; Alison Barclay, Aimee Leask, Orkney Islands Council; Ryan Little, Scottish Government; Annabel Davidson, Scottish Land Commission; Katy Jackson, South of Scotland Enterprise; Angela Bullard, Lynne Thomas, Splott Community Volunteers; Lynne Scott

1. Welcome and Introduction

DTAS Chair, Michael Roy (MR), welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. MR thanked the whole Board for all of their hard work and support over the past year.

MR introduced Graham Black (GB), Board Trustee and Treasurer, who would give an overview of DTAS finances and Pauline Smith (PS), DTAS Chief Executive who would present the appointment of the Board of Trustees.

MR confirmed that the meeting was quorate (quorum: 15 members).

2. Apologies

The AGM noted apologies from Glasgow Eco Trust.

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The Minute of last year's Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday 27th August 2024, was approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

Proposed: David Fryer, Torry Development Trust

Seconded: Sandy Brunton, Mull and Iona Community Trust

There were no matters arising.

4. Financial Report

The Treasurer, GB, presented the Annual Accounts for 2024-2025, copies of which were made available in advance of the AGM on the DTAS website.

In the verbal finance report, it was explained that the accounts only covered DTAS the charity. The wholly-owned trading subsidiary, DTAS Trading, had been wound up as of July 2024. Consolidated accounts were no longer required.

As a charity, the audited accounts were produced using the SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting & Reporting for charities) framework.

GB reported Reserves of £708,659 (Unrestricted total £348,249 and Restricted £360,410). GB informed the AGM that although DTAS currently has a three-month reserves policy the aim of the Finance & Resources sub-committee was to increase to six months this year.

The report showed that the Charity had an overall surplus of £19,665 (Unrestricted £14,663 and Restricted £5,002).

GB further explained a number of figures within the accounts and in conclusion, reported that the DTAS financial position was reasonably robust and that the current accounts were in good order.

In closing, GB thanked the previous treasurer, Tracy Thomson, the DTAS finance team and the Finance & Resources sub-committee for their efforts.

The Chair noted that the accounts had been audited by Robb Ferguson Accountants and approved by the Board of Directors. There were no questions to the Treasurer and the AGM formally approved the Annual Accounts for 2024-2025.

Proposed: Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust

Seconded: Tracy Thomson, Royal Bank of Scotland

The Chair explained that last autumn, the DTAS Board ran a tender for audit services. Robb Ferguson were appointed following this process. The DTAS Board was recommending that Robb Ferguson Accountants be re-appointed as auditors for the year 2025-2026 and this proposal was agreed by the AGM.

Proposed: Phyl Meyer, Tiree Community Development Trust

Seconded: Sandy Brunton, Mull and Iona Community Trust

5. Appointment of the Board of Trustees for 2025-26

The Chief Executive, PS, thanked the current board for their commitment and hard work over the last 12 months. She noted that three trustees were standing down and not seeking re-election and they were:

- Jim Bristow, Associate Member, Individual
- Tom Sneddon, Full Member, Carlisle Development Trust

PS thanked Jim Bristow and Tom Sneddon for their long-standing and dedicated support over the years.

PS explained that the DTAS Constitution required that one third of the current Trustees on the Board retire at the AGM. Two were seeking re-election and they were:

- David Fryer, Full Member, Torry Development Trust
- Mark McRitchie, Full Member, Community Central Hall
- Lindsay Wood, Full Member, A Heart for Duns

Three further nominations had been received:

- Sheena Boyd, Full Member, New Cumnock Development Trust
- Mike Danson, Full Member, Strathnairn Development Trust
- Carolyn Reddell, Full Member, Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust

This year there were five vacancies on the DTAS Board and a total of six nominations. This meant that DTAS has held a vote to elect trustees.

Online voting was open from 11th July 2025 to 18th August 2025. Any full or provisional members who did not cast a vote online received a ballot form at registration.

The elected trustees with the greatest number of votes were confirmed as follows:

5 trustees elected / re-elected:

- David Fryer, Full Member, Torry Development Trust
- Mark McRitchie, Full Member, Community Central Hall
- Sheena Boyd, Full Member, New Cumnock Development Trust
- Mike Danson, Full Member, Strathnairn Development Trust
- Carolyn Reddell, Full Member, Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust

10 continuing Trustees:

- Graham Black, Full Member, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust
- Sandy Brunton, Full Member, Mull & Iona Community Trust
- Andy Cuthbertson, Full Member, Rosemount Development Trust
- Jane Lamont, Full Member, Beith Community Development Trust
- Ewen McLachlan, Full Member, Assynt Development Trust
- Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum (GALE)
- Matt Pearce, Full Member, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
- Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermony Development Trust
- Mellissa Thomson, Full Member, Eday Partnership
- Tracy Thomson, Associate Member, Royal Bank of Scotland

The DTAS Board for 2025-26 would therefore be composed of these 15 Trustees.

6. Any Other Business

With no further business, MR closed the AGM at 10.30am.