

JBCCT Board Meeting
Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 7.30pm
At the Johnstonebridge Centre

Members Present:

John Graham
George Muirhead
Billy Lockhart
David Johnson
Wendy Telford
Julia Barnard
Kevin Bennison

In attendance:

Helen Thornton (Admin)
Yvonne Beaton
Carol Muir

Minutes:

1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> David welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies- Shelby Watson and Kirsty Sloan.	Action
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The previous minutes of 14th March were proposed by George Muirhead, and seconded by John Graham.	
3	<u>Rural housing update</u> Residents asked if we could contact the council/refuge dept. about bin collection starting again down past the new builds, it has been difficult for them to place bins on the front. An email to Stephen Thompson has been sent out and is also reported on the council website. Weekend vandalism has taken place with youths travelling into the village,(kicking bins bus stop and throwing cones) we have reported this to the council through the website and have also posted a note on Facebook. Residents have footage of the incident and have made contact with the youths. Wheatly Homes have been invited to the centre on the 25 th August for any one struggling with applying for the new homes or any questions that they may have.	
4	<u>Treasurers Report</u> 1 st August is our new financial year. Sue will be helping with the end-of-year accounts. Looking over the accounts, it is clear that there is quite a gap to cover, to enable the centre to run without the help of grants and funds from the capital account. David requested a meeting with Sue Rogers to go over the document and going forward show the incoming 'Micro grants' separately, Julia also requested to be at the meeting. We talked about charging for set up	LDJ/JB/HT

	time when the hall is hired to help accrue some funds. Carol also noted in her similar profession they charge for set up time, it is usual practice. Billy noted it would be good at the AGM to have someone there to explain the accounts document so that it was easier to understand.	
5	<u>Report on Centre Activity</u> The family Easter event was a lovely event , thank you to Kirsty for helping make arrangements in total we raised £248.86 Drag Bingo was a great success back in May £120.50 after invoice In ticket sales and £297.00 Taken at the bar. Our AGM in May was informative and well attended. In May & June the annual Cycling event came to the centre again for over night stay over 50 cyclists took part. In July we held a Spanish night with Linda Wheatley (local author). A very enjoyable evening with 16 attending. Unfortunately, no takings from the bar , £45.50 In ticket sales. Active community's D & G are hiring the hall to start a new fitness class on Wednesdays 10am-11am , Jack from the NHS is still with us for his half hour class on a Tuesday and is very well attended. We have purchased a running machine for community use. A second person must be in the building when it is used , the user must have gone over the user guide and sign to say they understand they are using the equipment at their own risk. We are asking for a small donation to help with electricity. The machine will be kept in the back room or stored in the bar. Room to be locked when not in use. £2.50 donation will be requested.	

6	<u>Funding</u> Battery Store & Solar panels – We are waiting on a re quote from Ross Curry, he would prefer to use a ground anchor system for the solar panels, with the project going on as long as it has we also need to as Scottish Power to re assess the power usage to make sure we are still putting in the correct system. An extra grant could be needed if the quote is substantially different to the original back in 2023. An application to Foundation Scotland was approved for a tent & water play equipment, George and John have installed a water play area next to the sand pit, it has already been a success with children playing at the centre. It was highlighted in the local press, Julia suggested sending the article onto Foundation Scotland. The tent will be used at the annual funday and could potentially be hired out for parties. We have been asked by a resident if a ‘Petanque court’ would be something we can look into. Moffat & Annan have an established group with a good number of players. We have asked if there would be an interest on social media 17 likes 6 positive comments. The installer who carried out the groundwork in Moffat has been contacted we have received a rather steep quote so will be getting more quotes . The location that seems best suited is the patch between the dog park and MUGA. The idea was well received and the project is to continue. The Centre cladding has been painted in Grey black, the refresh is most welcomed and has been well received, we are waiting on a requote from Solway print for the lettering to be replaced, the project was grant-funded through Foundation Scotland. The fencing off of the Centre front to back, Rus has completed the job and is already being put to good use. See page 4 . Micro grants distributed out since last meeting.	HT HT/CM HT
7	<u>Current business</u> A) Field drainage- Item to be removed from agenda, due to lack of time and uncertainty of usefulness.	

	B) Village Car Park – Left with Wheatly homes, no progress as yet. Helen to ask on the 25th August when they visit the centre. C) Foundation Scotland Endowment– David has an email in relation to investments and has forward it on to Helen and Julia. D) Play park – Wicksteeds have been extremely slow. But promise the rotten timbers will be replaced with in the next two weeks. E) Toddler group - Early years Scotland have booked in again with the Centre for 8 weeks starting In September. F) Passing place – David said he would liaise with Panlands farm to see the project on. G) Mill Stone – Billy mentioned how busy the person with the Stone has been, we will await them getting in touch before progressing. H) Hall lights – Jason the technician, has never come back with a quote. We are assuming he is too busy, It could be a cheaper alternative to buy new, less high tech lights if we feel it necessary. I) Holiday drop in – We had put a grant in with the council to run a drop in session for children over the summer , due to the number of applicants the grant was not successful and the group did not run. J)Food pantry – The local who wanted to volunteer to run the food pantry has had other commitments so the project has not made any movement. To be removed from agenda until interest returns.	HT HT LDJ
8	AOB -Outdoor fitness – A potential project for the future. Pétanque court to be looked into first -Micro grant scheme - Recurring applicants to be asked to contribute to events, hire etc. When applying for grants. The hope of the Micro grant scheme was to get groups up and running and help them become self-sufficient.	HT

	-Fence – A fence in the village that divides Trust land, and a residents garden has fallen and is rotten, deeds to be checked to see where responsibility lies. -Dog Group garden – The Trust agree that the section of grassed area at the back of the shipping container can be used for the Dog groups ‘ sensory garden. Helen is to pass on the outcome. -Slates – There are slate’s off the building. It was suggested that Neil McCloud be contacted	HT/GM HT HT
u	Date of Next meeting: 15 th October 2025 7.30pm	