

JBCCT Board Meeting
Tuesday 15th October 2025 at 7.00pm
At the Johnstonebridge Centre

Members Present:

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

In attendance:

Helen Thornton (Admin)
Yvonne Beaton
Mhairi Parker

Minutes:

1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> David welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies- Kevin Bennison and Shelby Watson.	Action
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The previous minutes of 5th August were proposed by George Muirhead, and seconded by Julia Bernard.	
3	<u>Rural housing update</u> The village is changing from 30 miles an hour to 20 miles an hour this has been brought forward due to the new homes in the village. It was suggested to create a newsletter ready for new residents, update them on the centres activities and the Trust.	HT
4	<u>Treasurers Report</u> No report from Sue. Next meeting we will have the report from September and October.	HT/SR
5	<u>Report on Centre Activity</u> New sign has been installed on the front of the building, to replacing the old damaged sign, with 10 year guarantee. This was paid for with a grant from last year. The Scot Court held its first booking with us in September and ran smoothly.	

	Scarecrow competition ran by the primary school and Trust has been launched, entrants pay £2 to join in, winners to be announced 24th October Judged by George and John. Conversation café started 1st week in October and runs until December, meeting every Friday 10.30-12pm. Numbers have been positive. Spooky bonfire has been organised for 1st November. We have extra volunteers to help with fire and fireworks. Extra fire marshals would be a bonus if anyone can volunteer. We have had a person using the centre over the past two weeks as a rest stop while travelling. Steps have been made to help them. They have an appointment with the housing dept. in Dumfries and are now in Newton Swart for the time being.	
6	<u>Funding</u> Battery Store & Solar panels – As previous meeting -<i>We are waiting on a requote 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. – <u>13/10/25 Ros believes we are not far from getting info back from Scottish Power.</u></i> An application to Foundation Scotland has been made for Centre running costs 2026-2027. £12000. We should hear about the outcome in January 2026. An application to the Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway has been made to cover the costs of the admin role at the centre for two years around £56000. We should hear about the outcome in January 2026. An application for the Pétanque court has been made to the National Lottery £5500. We should hear the outcome by December 2025 – A phone call with the National lottery on 14/10/25 was very positive, our details have been sent onto Sports Scotland.	HT/RC/LD

New applications reviewed over email –

Minny gap remaining - £2174.25

FR-0093636 Minnygap Mirco Grant £3504 27/07/2025 (101)						
DATE APPLIED	Applicant	AMOUNT	REASON FOR GRANT	GRANT REF	APPROVAL DATE	PAID
26/08/2025	TRUST	£600	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	1 MICRO MINNYGAP (101)	27/08/2025	
11/09/2025	SCHOOL	£159.75	MINIBUS EVENTS	2 MICRO MINNYGAP (101)	12/09/2025	
01/10/2025	JOHN GRAHAM	£570	CHRISTMAS VILLAGE MEAL	3 MICRO MINNYGAP (101)	10/10/2025	

Clyde – remaining £684.53

26/08/2025	YVONNE BEATON		£240	CONVERSATION CAFÉ	04 CLYDE 25	27/08/2025	N/A
26/08/2025	TRUST / HELEN		£500	C/LIGHT INST 2025	05 CLYDE 25	27/08/2025	
18/09/2025	TRUST / HELEN		£325	BONFIRE 2025	06 CLYDE 25	24/09/2025	26/09/2025
18/09/2025	PC/TRUST		£111.52	SCARECROW 2025	07 CLYDE 25	24/09/2025	25/09/2025

New application read at the meeting - Hogmanay event at the hall - £ 300. The Trust wanted to know – How are you advertising the event to the people it is aimed at? Are you ok to oversee the event? What number do you expect? Is the event ticketed? Also note, raffle prizes can not be funded as it is classed as a form of gambling. Helen to email questions to applicant. Email will be sent and replies forwarded to the board for final decision.

HT

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A) Village Car Park– Wheatly Homes cannot help with the car park across from the school due to access needed to residents homes. Residents and the school can all ask the question to the council about the area and the impact it will have if the area was used. A fence is still needed and the pavement still needs fixing. Helen should try and get residents involved and also speak with Shephen Thompson again.

B) Foundation Scotland / Endowment fund – David has a meeting with Foundation Scotland Friday 17th November

C) Play park – Wicksteed's replaced part of the park that was under warranty the week the school returned.

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	D) Passing place – David / Kirsty to see what progress can be made. E) Mill Stone – Bill has been sent correspondence from the owner of the mill stone and other documents , we can have access to the document and can offer to store them if necessary. The mill stone is to stay in its current location, if at any time they would like it removing the Trust would happily re home. F) Slates – Neil has been contacted and will be visiting site this week G) Recurring Micro grant scheme applicants – All applicants are to be informed that a contribution toward any funding would be advantageous with future applications. H) Hall lights – Jason, the technician, has shown no interest in coming back with a price. We discussed what the board would like to do with the current lights that are too complex to use and are currently not working with the mixing unit. The board are happy for them to be removed so that the hall may be used with better height for badminton, etc. I) Fence Trust & resident – Helen tasked with obtaining deeds to see who had responsibility. A resident is happy to carry out the work but will need materials to be paid for. Helen to get the deeds from the solicitors and keep on file.	KS/LD HT HT
8	AOB - Generator – George had looked into the pros and cons of having a generator at the centre. He had spoken with Becky from D&G Council, she had said SPN might help, after speaking with SPN it was not something they would help with. George mentioned that if we didn't have a generator we would a specific change over switch. – George will check the plant room to see if we have such a switch. - Allotment – It has been brought to our attention that the allotment is needing a really good tidy of the hedges, it's beyond the people who have plots. A proposal was made to hire a local to get a price to carrying out the work. The board agreed. - DETAS – Helen and George attended a meeting about a new fund that is due to be launched this year, the fund is for capital projects/ boards, not aimed directly at communities. Helen proposed that a redesign of the reception / admin area was needed for better work focus. David and Mhari	GM HT

	mentioned the old school house by the school and help that might be needed with that project. - Switch on – Date needed for Christmas light switch on , 29th of November was agreed. - Remembrance Sunday – 2 pm, November 9th will be Johnstonebridge wreath laying service. The school and Minister have said they will both be in attendance. - Music licence – We have been given a large invoice for our PPL PRS this year, Helen to investigate why. - Wamphray Church – Wamphray Church is due to go for sale in December. There is a group forming to try and save the building, the Trust have offered to help where they can. The old schoolhouse in Johnstonebridge was also discussed, and any help the trust can give the school has been offered.	HT
	Date of Next meeting: 4th December 2025 7.00pm	