Dear Sir/Madam,

Hogganfield Community Trust SC047689

I just wanted to include further explanation to our trusts current position for 2025-2026.

The Trust finally received ownership of the land in April 2025 along with the agreed Maintenance fund of £30k legally requested through the S75 agreement, this fund is for and can only be used for maintenance on the land once the developer has carried out his obligations with the habitat and woodland plans imposed on him by Glasgow City Council planning dept as part of his housing development application.

The developer had agreed to pay the Trust legal fees as we had no funds, but then withdrew this offer restricting the amount he would pay to £3k, the Trusts legal fees came in at £6,847.20, he paid £3k leaving the Trust with £3,847.20 to find, through funding I was able to get £2,260.00 which we have paid but which has left us with an outstanding balance of £1,587.20, which has risen to £1,590.80 as the lawyers are now adding a small admin fee as it is an outstanding balance. We have now managed to get the funding to cover the remaining legal fees and this is now paid.

We hope to get funding for the charities administration charges as all costs incurred by the charity in the last 10 years have been paid by the Chairperson as we have no funds, so we do have receipts for costs incurred and hope this can be reimbursed to the chairperson at some point.

This has been a long process trying to secure this land for the community and for wildlife as it is one of the only places left for wildlife in this area due to massive infrastructure and housing developments within this and the surrounding area for miles. We now have to allow the developer the five year time slot he received to complete the woodland and habitat plans before we as a community can gain true access to the land and start realising our dream to turn this area into Natures Haven. He has said he hopes to complete his development by end of 2028.

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Hope this helps to cover the reasons why our trust has yet to fulfil its ambition of working on the land and residents and public getting the benefits the natural world can provide.

Yours

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