# Dunning Community Trust
# (Kincladie Wood)
# Annual General Meeting 11th November 2025

The Chair welcomed all those present. The 11 members included committee trustees. Apologies were offered by Andrew Paterson, James and Wilma Marshall, Alan Mcfarlane, Archie Jamieson and Ewan Cameron

**1) Minutes of AGM 2024**

The Chair detailed some of the details of the previous year's AGM as follows: a) The purchase of the picnic bench b)The report from Nathan on Scout group activities; c) The financial report from Andrew and donations received. The plans for the forthcoming year 2023 / 2024

Proposed by Duncan and seconded by Amanda, the minutes were adopted.

**2) Report from the Chair.**

Based on a summary sent out to all members with the AGM notice, the Chair spoke to a full report given to those attending.

MV commented on the continuing success of the Scout shelter and recorded the fact that the Strathearn Wildlife Watch Group are making good use of the shelter as a base for their activities.

The Chair reported on the work that had been undertaken in the wood during the year and thanked all of those who support the Trust in managing the wood for the community. Thanks to Davy Methven for, once again, cutting the grass on the Roman embankment and for the gift of two suitable benches.

MV noted that the leafblower gifted by Ian Philip is being used to clear the paths.

Wildlife continues to thrive in the wood. Red squirrels are regularly seen along with owls and field hares. The Pine Marten box is in place , although no Martens yet.

The meeting expressed some concern about Squirrel Pox moving north and potentially, affecting Kincladie and the red population. No decision was reached.

The triangular area near the car park, needs to have some of the self seeded trees removed (Andrew has made a start on this) and the same applies to the self seeded beeches further along the lower track.

Nathan spoke about the activities of the Scout group and outlined various activities being undertaken. He gave details of the number of young people involved. The Scout group has seeded an area outside the shelter to improve drainage; more work will be necessary.

It was reported that professional dog walkers are using the Wood, but that there does not appear to be an increase in dog faeces on the paths.

The committee is now in a Whats App group, which aids communication and Duncan continues to post on facebook.

**3) Report on the accounts.**
In the absence of the Treasurer, Andrew Paterson, the meeting discussed the accounts summary paper given to those attending. We are comfortably off at present and Andrew is keen to put some of our funds into an interest bearing account. This is proving to be somewhat complicated. Thanks to Andrew.
Proposed by Colin and seconded by Duncan, the accounts were adopted.

**4) The Committee – resignations and elections.**
All current committee trustees agreed to continue. The chair thanked the committee for their work over the previous year.

**5) Accountancy arrangements.**
The accounts will be independently certified - thanks to Julie Jenkins who will continue to sign off our accounts. To be submitted to OSCR by the end of the year

**6) Membership fees.**
It was agreed that the membership fees will remain the same for the forthcoming year – 2026 / 27 at £5 for adults and £1 for junior members. There are currently around70 members.
Thanks to Colin.

**7) Plans for next year:**
* further work on the area around the Scout shelter – improve drainage, and continue planting.
* monitor / clear the drainage channels - leaf fall. (Scout group may assist with this)
* Attend to the car park if / when necessary
* Continue to tackle storm damage Eowyn and Amy.
* Clear ash trees. (see below)

**8) AOCB**
* The meeting discussed the issue of the overhanging trees along the road. Two proposals were made: i) that we ask D. Methven to give us a formal note of his views / potential expense; and ii) that we speak to Phil Gordon to get his views. Colin agreed to do this.
* It was noted that tree roots are showing above the path, forming a potential trip hazard. On the next leaf blowing session, MV will note problem areas.
* Some of the plastic protectors around sapling that have not worked should be removed, as should self seeded oak where these are not wanted.
* Some concern was expressed about piles of branches at the side of the path. The result of clearing windfall off the path. It was agreed that we should make it a priority to clear two fallen ash from David Myles land.
* Amanda agreed to speak to SSE about their volunteer system in the light of a possible “clear up day” involving the community.
* The interpretation board in the village and the two in the wood need to be repaired. MV will undertake this in due course.