MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF FINTRY KIRK RESILIENCE and COMMUNITY TRUST HELD IN THE HUB, FINTRY ON TUESDAY 18th AUGUST AT 7 pm.

WELCOME Chairman Mr Chris Drapper warmly thanks everyone for attending the Trust's second AGM and confirmed a Quorum was present.

PRESENT Chairman Mr Chris Drapper, Joint Secretaries Mrs Meg Duckworth and Mr Hugh Edmond, Mr David Smith, Mrs Katherine Cowtan, Mrs Sandra Smith, Mr Gary O'Donnell, Mr Nat Turner, Miss Michelle Bennett, Mr Oscar English, Mrs Gilly Drapper, Mrs Wendy Palgrave, Mr Oscar Wilde, Mrs Margaret Rowan and six members of the public.

APOLOGIES Mr Alex Hailstones, Mrs Sandy Kelso, Mr Joe Norman, Mrs Hazel Norman, Mrs Heather Smith, Mrs Rosie Walters, Mrs Barbara McLeod.

MINUTES The Minutes of the Trust A.G.M. On 23rd July 2025 were circulated electronically before the meeting. No issues with the Minutes were raised. They were proposed by Mr David Smith and Seconded by Miss Michelle Bennett.

CONFIRMATION OF THE TRUSTEES and BOARD.

At the A.G.M. On 23rd July 2025 the following were elected as Trustees.
Mr Chris Drapper, Chairman.
Mrs Meg Duckworth, Joint Secretary.
Mr Hugh Edmond, Joint Secretary.
Mr David Smith.
Mr Gary O'Donnell.
Mr James McMinn.
Mrs Rosie Walters, Fintry Session Elder - Appointed Trustee.
Miss Michelle Bennett, Fintry Resilience Team – Appointed Trustee.
Mr Alex Hailstones, Co-Opted Trustee.
Mr Oscar English, Co-Opted Trustee.
Mrs Katherine Cowtan. Co-Opted Trustee.
Mrs Sandra Smith was elected Treasurer.

Since the last A.G.M. Mr McGinn has moved away from Fintry and stepped down as a Trustee. Mr Nat Turner agreed to step forward which was accepted by the Trustees.

All the Trustees wish to continue their duties. There were no proposals or suggestions to alter the Trustees or the Board. Mr David Smith proposed the Trust officials in place remain in place. Miss Michelle Bennett seconded the proposal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Drapper said “it was a pleasure to report on what has been a remarkable year for the Fintry Kirk Resilience and Community Trust.” He said, “Last year we were still working towards acquiring the Kirk. Twelve months later Fintry Kirk belongs to the community.”

Acquisition Of Fintry Kirk

“Following completion of our Business Plan and a successful Stage 2 application, the Scottish Land Fund awarded £24,570 towards the purchase and associated professional costs. Title transferred to the Trust on 6th February 2026. The net acquisition cost to the Trust was approximately £1,000.”

Moving Into Community Ownership
"Insurance, electricity, statutory compliance and other essential arrangements were put in place, allowing the Trust to operate the Kirk safely and responsibly."

The Session House
"Ownership remains unsolved while Stirling Council completes registration of its Title. Once this is concluded, we intend to progress our Community Asset Transfer application and formalise access arrangements."

Bringing The Kirk Back Into Use
"The congregation of Balfron and Fintry Church of Scotland continue to worship in the Kirk. We have introduced a Community Choir, concerts, exhibitions, heritage displays and other community activities. The December celebration and the Spring Plant Sale were particularly successful."

Events Co-Ordinator
"Considerable work has gone into developing this role. We secured £19,000 from National Lottery Awards For All, together with £800 from Stirling Council towards IT and resources, allowing recruitment to proceed."

Membership And Community Support
"Our Membership drive increased support to more than 170 Members and Associated Members, demonstrating the strength of local support for the Trust."

Building And Energy Improvements
"The roof remains our main capital priority. We are investigating roof repairs together with solar PV, battery storage and other energy efficiency measures, supported by advice from Business Energy Scotland and the Architectural Heritage Fund."

Financial Stability
"The Trust ended the financial year with total funds of £14,494.49. We also secured a £3,000 Corra Foundation grant towards insurance electricity and heating and are establishing a dedicated Reserve Fund."

Looking Ahead
"Looking ahead, our priorities are straightforward – to increase the use of the Kirk, develop sustainable income, appoint and support our Events Co-Ordinator, progress the Session House transfer, develop our website, internet and booking facilities, continue expanding our programme of community events and tackle the essential roof and energy works."

"The Trust's constitution requires that from next year, one third of the Trustees step down at each A.G.M. With a Board of 12, this means that four of the Trustees will be required to resign at the next A.G.M., although each will be eligible for re-election should they wish to continue. In addition, Sandra, our Treasurer, who serves as a Board member but is not a Trustee, has indicated she intends to step down by the next A.G.M. The Trust must therefore identify and appoint a replacement Treasurer in advance of that meeting."

"The progress made over the past year has been considerable. We have moved from trying to save the Kirk to owning it, operating it and beginning to realise its potential."

"None of this would have been possible without the commitment of our Trustees, members, volunteers, advisors, funders and the wider Fintry community."

"I would particularly like to thank our Joint Secretaries, Treasurer and fellow Trustees for the considerable time and effort they have given in what has been an exceptionally busy year."

"There remains much to do, but we now have a strong foundation upon which to build the future of Fintry Kirk".

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Mrs Sandra Smith presented the Fintry Kirk Resilience and Community Trust Trustees Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2026.

Copies of the report were circulated to all attending the meeting and will be included in Minutes of the A.G.M.

The Accounts detailed ten receipts amounting to £9,950.42 and payments made of £4,512.12. This resulted in an excess of Receipts over Payments of £5,438.30 with £5,000 transferred to a Deposit Account.

The Bank Balance at 1st June 2025 is £6,052.90.
The Bank and Deposit Balance as at 31st May 2026 has £9,491.20 in the General Fund and £5,003.29 in the Deposit Account and gives a total on 31st May 2026 of £14,494.49.

Sandra also included Notes to the Accounts.

No Trustees received reimbursement of expenses.
The Trust received generous Donations throughout the year of £605.00 also Gift Aid donations totalling £5,450.00.
The Trust also received funding from Scottish Land Fund towards the purchase of the Kirk amounting to £24,570.00.
A grant of £3,000 was also received, from the Corra Foundation, towards the cost of Insurance, Electricity and Heating.
Fund raising amounted to £1,197.86 with thanks to all who gave their time and support to these events.
Gift Aid donations generated a refund from HMRC of £1,363.06.
Income was also received from Rental of the Premises and Stirling Lottery.
In March 2026 the Trustees agreed to open a deposit account with £5,000 transferred from the General fund
The Trust thanks everyone in the community for their support throughout the year.

On 17th August 2026 the Accounts were Prepared by Treasurer Mrs Sandra Smith and Examined and Approved by Mrs Janet Hulme.

A.O.C.B.
There was none and a Vote of Thanks was given to Chairman Mr Chris Drapper.

DATE OF THE NEXT A.G.M.
To Be Confirmed.

Signed ….....

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