



Rannoch Community Trust – Board Meeting Summary 25 February 2026

The Trustees of Rannoch Community Trust met at The CornerStone and online to review current projects, finances and upcoming community initiatives.

Governance

The Board discussed publishing short summaries of Board meetings on the Trust website to support transparency. These summaries will outline key topics discussed, with further information available on request.

Trustees also noted the recent resignation of a Board member and recorded their thanks for the contribution made during their time with the Trust.

Community Projects and Partnerships

The Trust continues to support a range of community-led activities and partnerships.

- A new community choir has started and is being supported with funding for hall hire and materials.
- The Paths Group hedge project has been completed.
- Rannoch in Bloom is progressing well with plans in place for the upcoming season.
- Work is underway on a community resilience plan, including exploring funding for emergency equipment such as a generator.
- The Trust has begun discussions with the Loch Rannoch Conservation Association about potential future collaboration on heritage and environmental projects.

Community Forum

A new Community Forum has been established to strengthen dialogue between the Trust and residents. The first meeting will take place soon and will provide an opportunity to share views and discuss local priorities, including The CornerStone.

Finance

Trustees reviewed the Trust's financial position and confirmed that the organisation remains financially stable, with funds allocated across current projects.

The Board also discussed the importance of strengthening unrestricted funds to help cover core operating costs such as governance, insurance and audit.

To improve efficiency and reduce costs, the Trust agreed to move its annual accounts and audit to a single provider.

The CornerStone Community Hub

The lease between the Trust and The CornerStone has now been formally signed.

Trustees reviewed the latest operational report and discussed ways to strengthen financial monitoring and long-term sustainability. Ideas discussed included improving reporting systems and exploring future staffing options if funding allows.

The Board also discussed potential future solar energy options for the building and agreed to explore funding opportunities.

Health & Wellbeing – Heartland Cares

The Board received an update from Heartland Cares, which is developing local care services for the area.

Key updates include:

- Recruitment of local Care Connector roles (including a post based in Rannoch).
- Progress toward Care Inspectorate registration for home-care services.
- Plans for Heartland Cares to take on existing volunteer services such as befriending and hospital transport once operational.

The Trust will work with Heartland Cares to clarify funding arrangements and support the transition of relevant services.



Affordable Housing

The Trust reviewed progress on the affordable housing project, which remains a major strategic priority for the community.

Professional advisers continue to support the project, and work is progressing toward submission of a planning application by the end of March.

Trustees discussed governance responsibilities, project risks and the importance of ensuring clear communication with the community.

Two community drop-in events are planned to share information and answer questions about the project.

Upcoming Meetings

The Trust will also be meeting with representatives from the Rannoch Community Council and a local resident who has raised governance concerns, with the aim of listening to views and ensuring clear and constructive communication going forward.