

APPROVED

Minutes: Board Meeting held at The Field, 28th May 2026

1. WELCOME & MEMBERS INTERESTS

Present: Elspeth Baillie-Field (EB), Jane Bremner (JB), David Bee (DB), Sally Bee (SB), Gail Chapman (GC), Alan Dobie (AD), Linda Simpson (LS), Raymond Simpson (RS)

APOLOGIES: Dave Amos (DA), Jim Cockburn (JC), Dave Roberts (DR),

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Draft Minutes of 23rd April 2026 were approved without alteration.

3. ACTION POINTS, MATTERS ARISING, ANY AOB's for later?

Action points from previous meeting are in progress.

4. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

No report on this occasion

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

No financial update on this occasion

6. ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

All reported satisfactory

7. IRRIGATION & WATER PIPE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Johnny Agnew joined the meeting to present his suggestions for improving the efficiency and robustness of our irrigation arrangements.

He outlined various improvements, both to the existing system and to install additional standpipe/sprinkler capacity. Drawings and outline costs were presented.

Trustees approved his proposals for existing infrastructure upgrades as discussed and to install one standpipe and 2 sprinklers for plots 1-6, and one standpipe and one sprinkler for plots 7-9, both with the necessary black pipe with required amounts of yellow hose. The detail will be finalised through further dialogue.

Discussion followed amongst trustees about the long-term use of plots 1-6, having regard to the continuing challenges of couch grass encroachment and the demands the existing scale of operations places on a limited number of volunteers. To be considered further.

8. PLOT REVIEW & FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

RS led a brief review of the current state-of-play. Ground preparation, sowing and planting out are all in full swing.

9. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

Polytunnel – planting progressing well

Flowers – progressing well

10. SAINT JEROME CHAPEL SITE

Approval was given for the group to carry out further excavation works on the site.

10. AOCB

Rat issues were discussed and it was agreed that DB & SB would continue to monitor and take any action needed.

Proposals were approved to hold an extended work day on Thursday 11th June. Soup and bread from DB, cake from GC.

12. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2 July, 19:00 in the new polytunnel.