

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes: 6 January 2026

Present	Jenny Bloom
	Zhi Kang Chua
	Jenny Glover
	Neil Barton
	Steffie Sutherland
	Robert Lee
	Andy MacLeod (Contractor)
	Tom Watton (Contractor)
	Sarah Barr (Blue)
	Lisette Boxman (Contractor)
	John Wilson (Blue)
	Simone (Blue)
Apologies:	C'tri Goudie
	Gabby Sloss
Un-notified Absence:	None

MINUTE REF		ACTION BY	ACTION DATE
<b>M26/01</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>		
<b>01.1</b>	All were welcomed, apologies noted, no declarations intimated. Check ins were checked. Welcome to Sarah, attending for the first time as a Blue.		
<b>01.2</b>	Thank you Steffie and COs for getting the volunteer survey results out!		
<b>M26/02</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>		
<b>02.1</b>	Minutes of 17 November 2025 were approved as an accurate record,		
<b>M26/03</b>	<b>ACTION LOG AND MATTERS ARISING</b>		
<b>03.1</b>	The action log was noted.		
<b>M26/04</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
<b>04.1</b>	Next meeting to be on 10 Feb 2026.	ZKC	
<b>M26/05</b>	<b>DATES FOR BELTANE</b>		
<b>05.1</b>	GO timeline - open applications on 12 Jan, closing on 29 Jan, GO selection on 31 Jan (Saturday), start at 11:00, at Beltonia. Subject to Blues' availability.		
<b>05.2</b>	GO application to go out by 12 Jan.	ZKC/SS	
<b>05.3</b>	Pre-GO meeting on 17 Jan at 13:00 after the Calton Hill Litter Pick. Jenny G to book, Sarah and Steffie to work on the shout-out. GO meetings to start on 24 Feb.		

<b>M26/06</b>	<b>SAMHUINN SELECTION REFLECTIONS</b>		
<b>06.1</b>	Jenny B to send out prospective dates tomorrow, get back to them by Friday.		
<b>M26/07</b>	<b>BLUES UPDATE</b>		
<b>07.1</b>	Nate and Romaine stepping back as Blue, Sarah has stepped up. 3 more potential candidates. Will have a more formal welcome for new Blues once they confirm.		
<b>07.2</b>	May Queen has been selected. We have a closing ritual for unselected candidates 14th..		
<b>07.3</b>	Green Man shout outs are out. The trustee on the selection panel will be Jenny G		
<b>M26/08</b>	<b>CONTRACTORS UPDATE</b>		
<b>08.1</b>	Contract renewals are due, yay.		
<b>08.2</b>	Update noted on bills and rent on Beltonia. In touch with landlord/lessor to discuss future.		
<b>08.3</b>	Beltane paperwork for 2026 is now in. Looking at flow of traffic at the pinch point just up Regent Road, looking at restricting road traffic on that stretch for pedestrian safety. Tricky situation with toilets, we may need to switch suppliers.		
<b>08.4</b>	Look at Samhuinn pain points sheet.	All	
<b>M26/09</b>	<b>SYSADMIN UPDATE</b>		
<b>09.1</b>	The group accounts shutdown process is in progress (groups have been warned but not yet suspended), have destroyed all medical and NOK information from Samhuinn 2025 on 14 Dec 2025.		
<b>09.2</b>	Membership spreadsheet not fully accurate. Have rectified it.		
<b>09.3</b>	Expired members have been removed from the membership list on 14 Dec 2025.		
<b>09.4</b>	Request for centralised calendar for internal and external comms. Gabbi to cc ZK to help make the Big Calendar of Everything when sending to SysAdmin team.	Gabbi	ASAP
<b>M26/10</b>	<b>POSTER ARTIST UPDATE</b>		
<b>10.1</b>	Composition of poster artist selection panel confirmed. Selection to conclude on 23 Jan.		
<b>M26/11</b>	<b>SUPPORT AND EXPECTATIONS FOR TRUSTEES</b>		
<b>11.1</b>	Feel free to throw things at Tom and the other contractors where it is relevant to their job.		
<b>11.2</b>	ZK expressed frustration with lack of clarity in responsibility scopes, discussing with Jenny offline.		

11.3	Tom noted that the volunteer survey was a key thing contributing to burnout. SS and JB to look at reviewing the survey. ZK offered to help too.	SS/JB	
11.4	Blues restated that their pastoral care role extends to Board and contractors too.		
<b>M26/12</b>	<b>REVIEW PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ROLE REMIT</b>		
12.1	Discussion around moving away from Facebook. Substantive discussion moved to next meeting.		
<b>M26/13</b>	<b>MAY QUEEN SELECTION REFLECTIONS</b>		
13.1	Noted some feedback from the community regarding selection and non-selection. Questions were raised on whether policies were followed.		
13.2	To bring offline into a smaller group, to review the policy and publicise to all panel members in future. The group was to meet before Green Man selection panel. The integrity of the selection process was reaffirmed and the Board was assured that the selection process remained fair.		
13.3	A thank you email was being drafted for wider dissemination to the society, to be sent off once final inputs have been had.	JB	
13.4	Congratulations to the new May Queen and a huge thank you to all 14 applicants.		
<b>M26/14</b>	<b>EQUALITY AND EQUITY IN BELTANE</b>		
14.1	Noted sentiments that the Society was not a safe space for non-white people. It was noted that the Board had looked at this issue in the past. It was acknowledged that the Society was overwhelmingly white, and more needed to be done to encourage diversity.		
14.2	The Society is also not very class accessible.		
14.3	We can do a survey to understand the demographics of the Society, perhaps appended to the end of the volunteer agreement. It needs to be a separate form to preserve anonymity and confidentiality.		
<b>M26/15</b>	<b>NATE KELSO'S COMMUNITY ORGANISER APPLICATION</b>		
15.1	Approved.		
<b>M26/16</b>	<b>FINANCE UPDATE</b>		
16.1	Noted November and December 2025 accounts. We should have everything in for Samhuinn, most invoices are in and paid.		
16.2	In 2025, we made a deficit of £22k. Individual festivals' revenue down this year, costs up. Deficit needed to be reversed, while still keeping tickets affordable. Not much we can do to decrease costs, as we spend as little as we can already on production costs. Extra costs came in as result of increased core costs and mandatory safety costs. Should the society be designated as a non-commercial entity, this would reduce some costs.		

<b>16.3</b>	Proposed to drop the ticket price to £15 plus booking costs, for advanced bookings. Tickets at the gate to be £20. To be finalised by the Open Meeting.		