

Birse Community Trust

INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A BCT TRUSTEE

What is BCT?

Birse Community Trust (BCT) is a company limited by guarantee which is owned and controlled by everyone on the Electoral Registers for Birse Parish, with its three communities of Finzean, Ballogie and Birse. Everyone on the Registers is an Ordinary (or local) Member of BCT and responsible for electing up to five local Members to be the Trustees (Company Directors) who manage BCT on the community's behalf.

BCT was set up in 1998 to promote the common good of the inhabitants of Birse parish and deliver wider public benefits and is a registered Scottish charity & company. The nature of the projects and other activities with which it is involved are described in the Annual Report sent to every household in the Parish.

Who can become a BCT Trustee?

Anyone who is a local member of BCT can stand to be elected as a BCT Trustee. He or she needs to be nominated by two other local Members. Forms are available from BCT, or can be downloaded from the website at www.birsecommunitytrust.org.uk when BCT sends every household the Notice of the AGM. The completed nomination form must be received by the Company Secretary at BCT's Registered Office - J & H Mitchell WS, 51 Atholl Road, Pitlochry. PH16 5BU - no later than fourteen days before the date of the AGM.

There is an election at every BCT AGM because at least one Trustee has to stand down each year by rotation. If the number of nominations at an AGM is no more than the number of vacancies, anyone nominated to be a Trustee is elected unopposed. Nominees are advised before the AGM whether or not a paper ballot will be required at the Annual General Meeting.

What amount of time is involved in being a Trustee?

It is hoped that each Trustee will serve for 3-5 years, the maximum period before a Trustee has to stand down by rotation. It is expected that a Trustee may spend the equivalent of around a day per month on average on BCT business. The role of Trustees follows an annual programme of Board Meetings, annual site visits to each of the properties that BCT manages plus other meetings and events where it may be helpful to have one or more Trustees present.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for BCT and operate at a decision-making and strategic level. The work required to operate the Trust and implement its projects is carried out on their behalf by several project managers and other, predominately local, contractors. When Trustees are elected, they are given an introductory package about BCT and taken on a tour of the sites which BCT owns and/or manages as part of a wider induction to help them settle into their new role.

Why become a Trustee?

BCT aims to try to make being a Trustee an interesting and positive experience and a role that can be taken on by a wide cross-section of local Members. BCT's current Trustees hope that other members of the community will continue to be willing, as others have done in the past, to become a Trustee and to view it as a worthwhile way in which they can contribute to the common good of their local community.

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