



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21st May 2025

- 1 **Chair:** Ian Williams
Members present: Rachel Arkell, Moira Stuart, Gillian Spalding
In Attendance: Cllr Trish Robertson, Cllr Duncan McDonald
Apologies: Sine Mackay, Pip Johnson, Charles Stephen, Cllr Morven Reid
- 2 **Minutes of last AGM – May 2024**
Proposed M Stuart, Seconded I Williams
- 3 **Re-election of Officers and Change of Committee Membership**
Officers re-elected as follows -

Chair	-	Ian Williams	Nominated by G Spalding, seconded by M Stuart
Secretary	-	Rachel Arkell	Nominated by I Williams, seconded by M Stuart
Treasurer	-	Moira Stuart	Nominated by R Arkell, seconded by G Spalding
- 4 **Annual Accounts**
Annual accounts independently verified by Mrs Mary Quemby, were agreed and ratified unanimously by Balloch Community Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21st May 2025

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2	Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposed: Moira Stuart Seconded: I Williams
3	Matters Arising: Cherry Park – no update Place Plans – C Stephen has looked at the feedback from BCC’s original submission and felt that the level of detail required would be very time consuming and would perhaps require employing someone to do the work. General feeling was the level required was rather overwhelming but the guidance from Cllr’s present was that BCC should have a Place Plan in place of some sort. Much discussion around how we move forward – general feeling was by including a map showing what areas we did not want developed and gauging wants/do not wants from residents we may be able to pull something together. Decided that a question on FB – what 3 things you would like in Balloch/not want in Balloch and a comments box in the shop would allow us to be informed about community feeling. Discussion of information will take place at the June meeting. Thank you to Charles for his work on this. Trees in woods – no action from FLS to clear up those covering main paths up and down from the first crossing. Flooding – no update Hedges Path – thank you to Sandy Maclean for clearing the Hedges path, thanks to Billy Lowrie for his input.
4	Chapelton Update – visits to the housing site have been organised. Cllr Robertson has asked the Highland Council to place a fence to separate community and school land in the field. No word on progress with the status of the field.
6	Chair’s Report: Community Woodland Membership – I Williams to pay online and M Stuart will reimburse. Entrance to woods – majority of building materials have been cleared up, wood pile remains. Woodland Management Plan is being prepared by I Williams – Phase 1 will be a tidy up with brash piles made and drainage looked at. Work to take place end of summer. Look to get a work

	party involved. Hope to involve local nursery/school in how area should develop. Look at trees that need to stay and go. G Spalding to speak to School of Forestry and FLS to see if any of their students can support work in the woodland. Grit Bin – resident in Edgemoor Park has nominated area for a grit bin – BCC to support. Letter - from a Balloch resident regarding Chapelton Wood ownership has been received. I Williams has responded explaining who owns the areas. Red Cross – information was shared by I Williams regarding Community Resilience Plan. Green Energy – discussion around the various renewables projects that BCC need to be keeping an eye on – wind turbines, battery storage etc. Travellers – some concerns were shared with the BCC. Rubbish on site had been bagged up and left for collection.
7	Highland Council Report Cllr Trish Robertson – Barn Church Community Garden Open Day on 31st May – shared on FB. - Problems getting buses for school trips. Cllr Duncan McDonald – launch of BID QR code for reporting crime as an email to 101. Will share code once located.
8	Treasurer's Report. Business Bank Account balance on 16/04/2025 £7078.94 Treasurer's Account balance on 10/03/2025 £1790.78
9	Secretary's Correspondence – Short Let Licence – hearing to take place on 3rd June 2025, R Arkell unable to attend. Teleswitch – info shared on FB.
10	Any Other Business: MS – rubbish being left at bus stop on Culloden Road during school hours by pupils waiting on bus back to school – MS to contact Culloden Academy. GS – concerned about conifer trees looking dead in area above bridge. I Williams shared how to report info.
	Date of Next Meeting: 18th June 7.30pm