



## BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF MEETING ON Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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| 1  | <b>Members present:</b> I Williams, M Stuart, P Johnson, R Arkell, S Mackay, C Stephen<br><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr T Robertson, Cllr M Reid, Cllr K Gowans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2  | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting :</b> <b>Proposed:</b> M Stuart <b>Seconded:</b> P Johnson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2  | <b>Matters Arising:</b><br><b>Cherry Park Road markings</b> – no update, M Reid to progress.<br><b>Place Plans</b> – C Stephen to look at reply and changes required – R Arkell to resend all the information.<br><b>Fallen Trees in Woods</b> – Main path was cleared. I Williams to ask FLS to clear trees on paths towards railway and down towards the houses from the main crossroads.<br><b>Nairn Community Council</b> – unsure of our role, no reply to email.<br><b>Flooding issues</b> – M Reid still to get a date for a meeting.<br><b>Hedges</b> – clearing of path – no reply from IBI – vegetation will need cut back to maintain width of road – autumn task. Community effort – item to be kept on agenda for Autumn action. |
| 3  | <b>Chapelton Update</b> - entry to houses further delayed until June due to work required on the water main by Scottish Water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4  | <b>Short Term Lets</b> – no response to our objection, presume it was accepted. Discussion around licensing board and how the process operates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5  | <b>Community Woodland</b> – I Williams updated meeting on unauthorised felling within the community woodland. There is to be a possible police investigation.<br>Letter has been sent to JFS regarding the use of community land for the operation of a business. This states that the area is to be cleared of machinery, waste and the wood pile is to be removed. This letter will be sent via email too.<br>Woodland requires attention with paths to be reinstated and brash piles made. Planting of trees and wildflowers required. Community effort with a workday to be planned. M Stuart to ask the Forestry college about helping with some of the work.                                                                            |
| 6  | <b>Highland Councillors Report;</b><br><b>Cllr T Robertson</b> – delay in Scottish Water work for new homes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7  | <b>UKRAINE COLLECTION</b> – awaiting date to advertise. Hall to be used as a collection point for clothes, blankets, household items. Will be advertised when confirmed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8  | <b>CHAIR REPORT</b> – Wind farms – Strathnairn CC circulated information regarding the increase in operational requirements for windfarms. Turbines are to increase in size and will require additional lights which could impact communities. R Arkell to summarise information for FB and Website to ensure public are informed. <b>Highland Councillors did not take part in this discussion.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9  | <b>Treasurer – Business Acc - £7078.94 – 10/03/25</b><br><b>Treasurer's Acc - £1790.78 – 10/03/25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10 | <b>Secretary Report</b> - Paths around Culloden Battlefield – work to commence on 21 <sup>st</sup> April.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11 | <b>AOB</b> – field around the school – no progress. I Williams has received no reply to his request for clarification around boundaries. General feeling is that if HC would fence off the portion required for the school then the community could progress on the part remaining.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12 | <b>Next Meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |