



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON Wednesday 21st January 2026

1	Members present: I Williams, P Johnson, R Arkell, G Spalding, M Stuart In Attendance: Colin Ross Highland Council Infrastructure, Cllr Duncan Macpherson, Cllr Morven Reid, Cllr Duncan McDonald Apologies: S MacKay, Cllr Trish Robertson,
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: G Spalding Seconded: M Stewart
3	Matters Arising Cherry Park Road markings – plan is for road markings to be redone/updated at raised crossing in Cherry Park, on the path to school and around the playpark by end of March when the weather improves. Flooding – ongoing issue. Discussion around the lack of drain cleaning in neighbouring areas and the spring at the bridge that regularly requires the road to be maintained. Cllr Reid to arrange a MS Teams meeting with herself, the HC flood team and BCC. Grit Bin – during the recent cold spell Grit was dropped off to the bus turning circle. It was well used. Cllr Reid is organising a grit bin for the Viewhill bus stop. GS and SM have agreed to be volunteers. Speed Checks – IW requested speed statistics from PC Nicola Bain (community beat officer). Cllr Reid shared that regular speed checks are planned in the area. Woodland – IW contacted Culloden Academy to explore assistance by pupils in planting and maintenance in the Community woodland. This is limited by transport for the pupils to the woodland. Cllr Reid shared that Planet Youth may have funding available. GS will find out if HNC Horticulture students can assist with tree planting in the community woods.
4	Speed Limits/Traffic Calming Measures – Colin Ross (CR) from the Infrastructure Dept gave a briefing on the traffic calming measures on Culloden Road and the impact of changes to speed limits. Residents and BCC members have ongoing concerns with the roundabouts, chicane at the vet and general speed of vehicles on Culloden Road. CR gave an overview of evidence on the speed reduction of traffic on Culloden Road. Overall, the data shows that compliance is high. It is the view of CR that the calming issues work and while there will always be those who do not stick to the limits, overall, the measures do reduce speed on Culloden Road. Concerns around the visibility on Forest Drive and Braeside Park roundabouts were raised and the issue of signage to encourage drivers to stop and give way especially at Braeside Park. CR agreed that better signs and road markings could help to slow down traffic and this will be investigated. Forest Drive area could have a raised table on the flat part which would slow traffic. Detailed discussion around the chicanes with concerns over how effective they are and how congested the area up the hill can become when large vehicles and cars are all attempting to go down the hill. The access to and from the vet's parking area is also a problem as it is impossible to see the traffic coming up the hill. Buses can often come close to pedestrians at this point. CR stated that speed surveys have shown that the chicane slows traffic and if it was removed and there was an incident due to speeding traffic, it would be impossible to justify this action. There was discussion around how they could be improved. Suggestions included the removal of the bike lanes, relocate the bus stop and placing the give way road marking up the hill slightly to help with access from the vets. CR will work on plans to improve and share with the community council. CR offered a further update on the measures around the improvement of the junction at the Culloden Moor Inn on the B9006 road. Speed limits will be reduced to 40mph on all approaches to the junction with dynamic signage alerting drivers to speeds over the limits, pedestrians and turning traffic. Signage around the junction will be simplified with unauthorised signs removed. There will be ongoing discussion around a safety barrier for the Culloden Moor Inn. Additional lighting will be provided on safety bollards at the junction rather than street lighting. We will provide further updates on these plans in the near future.
5	Place Plan –Maps are required and any plan should refer to the development plan. Needs to be community consultation within the village. Cllr Macpherson can supply maps appropriate for consultation.

6	Highland Councillors Report. Cllr Reid – to arrange a meeting with Robert Campbell (HC), Ian Williams (BCC) and Tracy Maclean (Balloch Primary Parent Council) regarding the land around the school. Cllr McDonald – Highlife card available for free from the library. This allows you to purchase the Highlander Pass for £20 which will give access to the Castle Experience for a year except between April-October.
7	CHAIR REPORT. On behalf of the Scottish Government the Rural & Environmental Science and Analytical Services requested information on the ownership of the Community Woodland. This was provided.
8	Secretary Report – forwarded to next meeting
9	Treasurer – Business Banking Account as of 21 st January - £7117.46. Community Account as of 30 th December - £1982.93
10	AOB – Graffiti on Railbridge – Cllr Macpherson will contact Alison Clark, Head of Policy and Reform for removal.
11	Next Meeting – 18th February 2026