



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON Wednesday 19th November 2025

1	Members present: I Williams, P Johnson, R Arkell, G Spalding, M Stuart In Attendance: Cllr T Robertson, 1 member of the public Apologies: S MacKay
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting : Proposed: R Arkell Seconded: I Williams
3	Matters Arising Cherry Park Road markings – awaiting final plan – ongoing. Planning – application for pods - Cllr Robertson gave update regarding the flood impact assessment. Resident has revised plans for pods for the time being. Flooding – discussion of the flooding issues that Balloch faces and the impact this is having on the roads especially beside the chicane on Culloden Rd. Road has been repaired but the pavement has not and there is concern for how the infrastructure can cope. Cllr Robertson to request that drains are checked/cleared. Cllr Reid to arrange meeting between Scottish Water, Highland Council and BCC to discuss these issues. Grit Bin – Cllr Reid has filled out a form for a grit bin to be situated close to the Viewhill Farm bus stop. A list of volunteers is to be compiled and GS has agreed to be a volunteer. Fence Panels – Cllr Robertson to contact HC regarding fencing panels on the pitch. Sec note: Since meeting temporary panels have been secured around the pitch.
4	Speed Limits/Traffic Calming Measures – Cllr Reid had circulated the information on the 20mph speed area and the reasons why it was changed to 30mph in some places. A point of interest was feedback that supported a 30mph limit but BCC has not seen this feedback. IW to ask for the feedback. Further discussion around the ongoing issues of excessive speed and the danger this presents within Balloch. The meeting felt that the chicane doesn't work and raised tables like those in Tornagrain would be more able to slow drivers down. IW to ask L Mackellaich to our next meeting to discuss what can be done. Speeding B9006 Meeting – Cllr Robertson gave update from meeting held in Croy which was well attended and discussed the many issues contributing to the increased use of this road e.g. roadworks and traffic lights on the A96 meaning drivers take the B9006. Speedchecks – unsure if these were carried out. IW to ask for where and when.
5	Woodland Paths – FLS have shared that they intend to begin the clear up/felling of the Cullernie woods towards the end of 2005/start of 2026. Any information provided by FLS will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Community Woodland – IW to contact Culloden Academy to see if they would like to help clearing and developing the woodland.
6	Off-Shore Projects – meeting held with over 600 in attendance. Strong resistance to the proposal. Keep eye in media for further updates.
7	Place Plan – Strathdearn CC have circulated their plan. Balloch resident has written a proposal with ideas for taking this forward. R Arkell will circulate, all members to read and comment on at next meeting.
8	Highland Councillors Report; Cllr Robertson – survey to have the powers of Community Councils increased to have a bigger say in planning and issues that affect communities. IW to sign on behalf of BCC. Master Planning Consent Areas – These are being formulated and will identify areas to develop to meet the housing needs. This is a Scottish Government project. Discussion around the pressure on services with schools and hospitals already at capacity. MCA going to HC in December.
9	CHAIR REPORT – BCC needs clarification around public liability insurance situation. Cllr Robertson will request guidance from HC. R Arkell to email HC legal services.
10	Treasurer – Business Banking Account as of 9 th October 2025 - £7110.33. Community Account as of 30 th September - £2108.68
11	Secretary Report - Highland Sustainable Development Summit – 25 th – 26 th November Community Celebration – 29 th November 2025
12	AOB – None
13	Next Meeting – 21st January 2026 Merry Christmas everyone  