



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON Wednesday 20th May 2026

1	Members present: Ian Williams (Chair), Gillian Spalding, Rachel Arkell, Ron Gray In Attendance: Cllr T Robertson, Cllr Reid, 2 members of local community Apologies: Sine MacKay
2	March Meeting minutes: Proposed – Ron Gray Seconded – Gillian Spalding
2	Matters Arising – Cherry Park road markings – feet and stop, look and listen signs have been painted in Cherry Park and around the school. Any feedback to Cllr Reid. Flooding – Cllr Reid had requested a meeting with HC Flood Risk Management Team. A. Fraser from the team asked for locations of issues to be sent to him and attached a map for the BCC to comment on. This will be circulated and issues sent to the Flood team. Discussion around problem points in the village and the state of Culloden Road after the down pours last summer where the road bubbled and the pavement raised. Pavement has still not been fixed. Graffiti at bridge – Network Rail's responsibility. Cllr Robertson to contact again. Community Police – R Arkell emailed with update about cannisters found in woods beside the Keppoch junction.
3	Place Plan – IW has signed BCC up for map portal for one year to assist with Place Plan creation. Much discussion around the capacity of members to complete this plan and how other community council areas do it. Othe areas have engaged consultants to get project started and funding may be available. Cllr Reid to send details of consultants for BCC to discuss. BCC have submitted a plan that was returned with points to consider and update. Starting point seems to be with maps to identify areas that could be developed. Then look at ownership and options to protect. Finally consult with the community.
4	Highland Councillors Report. Cllr Robertson – Dog Poo bin for Torris Road has been ordered. Not installed yet.
5	CHAIR REPORT – Feabuie Road – IW has reported the large pot hole/road edge close to the Feabuie Road end. It has been temporarily fixed but will require further work. Road improvements – work has started on the B9006. Pillars in for signage and road markings in place. Some confusion over speed limits with old signs. Still excessive speeding throughout Balloch and around the junction at the Keppoch. Suggestion made that the bus stop at Viewhill should have lines painted to separate it from the road. Forest operations – Moray Estates concerned about walker and cyclists ignoring signage and entering areas being felled. BCC posted a notice on FB concerning this and asked for members of the public to obey all signage. Thank you to Ron Gray for joining BCC and taking on the role of treasurer. Thank you to Sine MacKay for taking on the upkeep of the noticeboard outside Balloch Shop.
7	Treasurer – Acc 1 - £7133.20 on 11/05/26 and Acc 2 £1881.39 on 20/05/26. End of year accounts have been prepared and will be validated for June AGM.
8	Secretary – Abandoned car – R Arkell to report Short Term Let – not in our area
9	AOCB Graffiti on shed in park – R Arkell will find out if still in use and what can be done to remove/paint over. Excessive speeding – 2 members of the public reported the continued speed of vehicles on Culloden Road. Cllr Robertson to report concerns to C Ross from the roads team.
10	Next Meeting – AGM Wednesday 17th June 2026 7.30pm Balloch Hall

