BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17th June 2026

1 **Chair:** Ian Williams
Members present: Rachel Arkell, Sine MacKay, Pip Johnson, Ron Gray
In Attendance: Cllr Trish Robertson, Cllr Duncan McDonald
Apologies: None

2 **Minutes of last AGM –** May 2025
Proposed R Arkell, Seconded I Williams

3 **Re-election of Officers and Change of Committee Membership**
Officers re-elected as follows -

Chair	-	Ian Williams	Nominated by S MacKay, seconded by R Arkell
Secretary	-	Rachel Arkell	Nominated by I Williams, seconded S MacKay
Treasurer	-	R Gray	Nominated by S MacKay, seconded by R Arkell

Co-opting Members
- Matthew Watkins – proposed by S MacKay, seconded R Arkell
- Bernardette Watkins – proposed R Arkell, seconded S MacKay

4 **Annual Accounts**
Annual accounts were agreed and ratified unanimously by Balloch Community Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17th June 2026

1	**Chair:** Ian Williams **Members present:** R Arkell, S MacKay, P Johnson, R Gray, M Watkins, B Watkins **In Attendance**: Cllr Trish Robertson, Cllr Duncan McDonald **Apologies**: None
2	**Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposed**: I Williams **Seconded**: R Arkell
3	**Matters Arising:** **Torris Road –** dog bin ordered but not yet installed. Forest Drive bin seems to have been moved onto Moray Drive – bin should not be on a pavement. **Viewhill Bus Stop Line** – request in for this to be carried out. Shed – thank you to the Balloch Resident who took time to paint the shed beside the park after complaints about the words on show.
4	**Flooding** – I William and R Gray met with Highland Council (HC) Flood Risk Management Dept. Maps of the drainage system were viewed with electronic and hard copies to be provided to BCC. It seems responsibilities are split between HC and Scottish Water with HC being point of contact. No Scottish Water map available to show the road drainage system. If flooding occurs in the village, precise locations need to be shared and then matched/linked up to maps – e.g. school playground, Culloden Road. Maps with different overlays were supplies and studied. These will be sent in PDF form for BCC to share. The pavement damage at the vets has been reported and HC is speaking to Scottish water regarding repairs. Discussion around the complications with the current system with grey water, foul water and sewer systems. HC plan is up to date. Scottish Water is as up to date as possible.
5	**Place Plan –** Strathdearn Draft Place Plan has been circulated. BCC can pick out good parts. Starting point is what we want and don't want. BCC members to comment on areas in the village that we need to be clear about protecting and ensuring development fits with our community. R Gray will put points in format that can be shared. BCC members send comments to R Gray.
6	**Highland Council Report** **Cllr Trish Robertson –** HC with funding from Scottish Govt are developing a rural cycle path

	network. Amenities and Roads being merged – unsure what this will look like. Field of Hope – not being cut as dispute over ownership between HC and Barratt Homes. Culloden West development now has amenity manager. BE Connected – can be found on HC website for projects that are being developed. These can be registered and when funding becomes available it will be directed to projects. S Lamb from HC can assist with this. Primary School – Estates has not provided a survey of field around the school. **Cllr Duncan McDonald** – Gull survey and report available on HC website. Members of public urged to report any incidents. Campaign to raise awareness of the importance of Power of Attorney. Link to be posted on FB and Website.
7	**Chair Report –** update contact details for BCC and circulate community council policy to new members.
8	**Treasurer's Report.** Business Bank Account balance on 17/06/2026 £7136.03 Treasurer's Account balance on 17/06/2026 £1841.14
9	**Secretary's Correspondence –** **Torris Road Car –** car was reported to HC. It is owned by a local resident who has assured HC it will be moved once fixed.
10	**Any Other Business**: Ward Discretionary Funds – available to any projects requiring funding. Litter – increased litter around the Barn Church Road area. Graffiti – more evidence of tags in blue and white paint. Police have been dealing with similar problems in town centre. Graffiti still on railway bridge.
	Date of Next Meeting: 19th August 2026