BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON Wednesday 19th August 2026

1	**Members present**: Ian Williams (Chair), Gillian Spalding, Rachel Arkell, Ron Gray, Pip Johnson, Matthew Watkins, Bernardette Watkins **In Attendanc**e: Cllr T Robertson, Cllr D McDonald **Apologies**: Sine MacKay
2	**March Meeting minutes**: Proposed – Ron Gray Seconded – Pip Johnson
3	**Matters Arising –** **Torris Road –** bin not installed yet. Bin at entrance to woods at Forest Drive seems to have been moved to the corner of Wyvis and Moray Drive. **Flood Maps –** IW and RG have received flood maps from Scottish Water – they have been circulated. Areas of concern have been shared with flood risk team. Discussion around whether issues are Highland Council (HC) or Scottish Water's (SW) responsibility. Culloden Road at the vets – manhole is SW and pavement is HC. Ongoing issue around Forest Drive and Culloden Road with pothole. 100 year flood plan suggests major planning required. **Land around Balloch Primary/School Estate** – BCC has not received the plan, but some community councillors have viewed it via other means. Area for school has been decided. **Power of Attorney** – info shared on FB.
4	**Secretary –** R Arkell unable to continue with full secretary duties due to work commitments. Discussion around how roles are shared. No volunteers to take on the role but offers of help with minutes etc.
4	**Place Plan –** R Gray gave a presentation regarding the Place Plan. This will be circulated to members. Local views will be sought in due course. Many thanks to R Gray for his time and effort with this.
5	**Highland Councillors Report –** **Cllr Robertson –** new A96 is likely to prioritise Nairn Bypass. Likely to be many traffic lights on the A96 until end of September due to work being carried out. Car on A96 is being dealt with. **Cllr D McDonald –** local fire commander visited Cradlehall CC to highlight fire safety initiatives. BCC would be keen to host for future events. Member raised the increasing speed of vehicles through the village as a big concern and any support from community police would be helpful.
6	**Chair's report** – Community elections are taking place.
7	**Treasurer –** Acc 1 - £7142.09 and Acc 2 £1623.47 with invoice for mapping software to enable production of a Place Plan, to be paid.
8	**Secretary –** Request from HC Forest Office to attend meeting to discuss Chapelton woods – R Arkell to invite to October meeting. **Birds on side of A96 -** noticed several dead birds on verges. Keep an eye and report to DEFRA.
9	**AOCB** DEFIB seems to be listed on different Defib registers. G Spalding to investigate.
10	**Next Meeting – Wednesday 16th September 2026 7.30pm Balloch Hall**