

**BOAT OF GARTEN AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
(BoGCC)**

**Draft Minutes** of the Ordinary Meeting  
**Monday 12th May 2025** in Boat of Garten Community Hall

**1. Record of Attendees and Apologies Received:**

**Community Council Members:** Kathryn Gillings (KG), Chair; Alan Bennet (AB), Treasurer; Lesley Taylor (LT), Secretary; Don Walker (DW)

**Ex Officio:** Muriel Cockburn, (MC), Member, Highland Council

**Contributor:** Dan Harris (DH), CNPA Planning Manager (Forward Planning and Service Improvement); Planning and Rural Development,

**Apologies:** Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

**2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th April 2025:**

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by DW, seconded by AB.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3a. Community Action Plan (CAP)**

DW has circulated the latest draft of the CAP to the community council.

DW/KG to attend the next meeting re the CAP on 14th May 2025.

DH has been asked to update land maps of the area for this meeting.

**4. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Reports**

- Police Scotland - NMI unable to attend but provided report.

**Incidents from 18th March - 12th May 2025**

Road accidents	3	Concern for person	3
Thefts	2	Deaths	1
Road traffic complaints	2	Animals on the roadway	3
Abandoned/silent 999 call	1	Wildlife crime	1
Fires	1	Threats	1
<b>18 incidents</b>			

- CNPA

DH attended the meeting to talk through the preparation for the next Cairngorms Local Development Plan (LDP) and how the Community Action Plan (CAP) will link with this.

DH explained that the LDP update is being worked on currently. More online engagement will be coming shortly and there will also be engagement with the new CAP.

Consultation on suggestions/ideas for the use of land will be asked for around September 2025. This will usually come from landowners but may also involve community councils. DH will be involved in identifying and allocating land.

Relevant Community Councils are statutory consultees on the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan. This means they have a right to be consulted on planning applications and must be notified of any amendments to those applications within their area.

More details of the timeline for the LDP can be found here:

<https://cairngormsldp.commonplace.is/en-GB/timeline>

MC brought up proposals re community growing. DH agreed that this would be considered, along with all other identified priorities within the CAP.

AB asked DH if he knew of any examples of community benefits from battery storage projects, along the lines of community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments such as wind farms. DH didn't know of any examples.

## 6. Finance

### Boat of Garten and Vicinity Community Council

Treasurers Report for meeting 12/05/25

<b>Treasurers Account</b>	£	
Balance at 18/03/25	3319.58	
Balance at 31/03/25	<b>3812.33</b>	
Credits this Period	515.50	BOG Standard
Debits this Period	18.00	Hall hires
	4.25	Monthly Bank Service Charge
	<b>22.25</b>	
<b>Environmental Account</b>		
Balance at 18/03/25	4000.00	
Balance at 31/03/25	<b>4000.00</b>	
No transactions for this period		

## 7. Planning Matters

There was discussion with MC about various planning matters.

At the last meeting there were concerns about a lack of clarity on how/where we find the outcome of planning applications and of lack of detail in some planning applications. As a result, MC had spoken to the Area Planning Manager.

There has been no response to BoGCC as yet.

- ***MC will chase up***

After much discussion at the last meeting about one application, **Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System which will store up to 120MW of energy, together with associated infrastructure, substation, security fencing, CCTV, security lighting and landscaping**, MC has enquired further.

There has been no response to BoGCC as yet.

- ***MC will chase up***

## 8. Correspondence

### 8a. Memorial Bench

A member of the public has been in touch with the offer of funding a replacement bench within Boat of Garten, in memory of an aunt.

AB pointed out that this request could only be granted by the landowner.

- ***MC to find out who owns the land***
- ***LT then to respond to the member of the public***

### 8b. Community Resilience Funding

Information about sources of Community Resilience Funding has been sent to BoGCC recently. It was agreed that this info should be shared with the Community Company and the Community Hall.

- ***LT to forward emails***

## 9. BoG Standard Update

The BOG Standard team are currently pulling together the Summer Edition 2025. The deadline for submissions is 24th May.

It was agreed that KG's annual report should be submitted for this edition.

- ***LT submit the typed up report for editing***

## **10. AOCB**

### **10a. Wooden Signs coming into the village**

KG found the contact details for the person who made the original wooden signs - Lorraine MacDonald Griffin, lorrainemgriffin on instagram.

This may be useful if the project is to be taken forward as part of the CAP.

## **11. Questions and Contributions from the Public**

None

**The next ordinary meeting** of the Community Council is scheduled for  
Monday 8th September 2025  
at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

***Community Councils are comprised of people who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live. If this sounds like you, we would love you to join us! For more details please contact [boatofgartencc@gmail.com](mailto:boatofgartencc@gmail.com)***

### **COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK WELCOME**

*The Community Council exists to see that the opinions of local residents are properly taken into account by official bodies and generally to foster local interests. Your opinions matter and we would like to hear any comments you have on what the Community Council does or does not do.*

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