

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 13th October 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

Member of the public: John MacGillivray (JMacG)

Apologies: Fiona Quirie, Community Development Officer, VABS

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th September 2025:

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. B970 Boat of Garten to Coylumbridge - Lack of Gritting - Driver Awareness

LT wrote to Highland Council (HC) Roads dept and was supported by MC.

MC update on 1st October 2025 was that she had been assured that 'signage will go up next week'. By 10th October 2025 no signage had been erected.

- ***MC to follow up***

3b. Unpleasant Smell in the village

LT contacted MC. She advised contacting Highland Council Environmental Health at env.health@highland.gov.uk and cc her in to the email.

- ***LT send email***
- ***LT update the resident***

3c. Community Action Plan (CAP) Update

DW has completed his follow up actions and submitted an article for the next BOG Standard.

The updated Community Action Plan for Boat of Garten is now available on the VABS website <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Mzl-zK53ESdChXB1QuB2NVVihd9b7eb8>

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

- **Police Scotland** - no reports received since June 2025.
- **MC to follow up**
- **CNPA**




Dan Harris, Planning Manager (Forward Planning and Service Improvement)/Planning and Rural Development CNPA, emailed a reminder about a series of surveys to collect views to help inform the next Local Development Plan.

People can provide feedback at <https://cairngormsldp.commonplace.is/>
The deadline for providing feedback is 31 October 2025.

- **NHS**

A reminder was sent for the NHS Highland Annual Review to be held on Tuesday 18th November 2025, at the Conference Suite, MacDonald Resort, Aviemore, PH22 1PN. More information can be found in the following link, <https://nhsh.uk.engagementhq.com/2025-nhs-highland-annual-review>

MC provided a reminder of the upcoming Community Networking Event hosted by the Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership:

 **Date:** Tuesday, 4th November 2025  **Time:** 14:00 – 16:00
 **Venue:** Carrbridge Village Hall.

6. Finance

6a. Treasurer’s Report for meeting 13/10/25

Treasurer’s Account	£	
Balance at 01/09/25	3806.83	
Balance at 08/10/25	3922.58	
Credits this Period	140.00	BOG Standard advertising
Debits this Period	20.00	Hall hire
	4.25	Bank monthly service charge
	24.25	
Environmental Account	£	
Balance at 01/09/25	3991.50	
Balance at 08/10/25	3987.25	
Debits this period	4.25	Bank monthly service charges
Credits this period	0.00	

6b. Bank Charges

MC confirmed that HC are looking into the legalities around supporting community councils in terms of bank charges as support will be needed for all community groups.

7. Planning Matters

7a. Short Term Let

It was reported to BoGCC that a property, presently advertising short term lets online, had recently been refused planning permission for such activity.

Advice was sought from MC, who contacted HC Planning. Their response was that this property is still within the appeal period and that HC would wait until any period for appeal has lapsed before taking any form of action. If an appeal is submitted HC would then have to await the outcome of that.

HC also informed us that the property will presumably be due to renew their license soon. Obtaining planning permission is a prerequisite for the license and operating without a license would be an offence.

7b. Battery Energy Storage System application, January 2025

DW asked MC if there was any update on this application.

MC confirmed that councillors Bill Lobban (BL) and Russell Jones (RJ) are looking into the matter.

- ***MC check in with BL/RJ for update***

8. Correspondence

All items have been covered within the agenda.

9. BOG Standard Update

DW has submitted an article related to the CAP project, 'Run Village Entry Sign Competition, Aim for Installation in 2026', for the next edition of the BOG Standard.

10. AOCB

10a. Festive lights & Remembrance Day Wreath

AB asked if BoGCC were agreeable to him submitting a request to HC for provision of the annual festive lights and Christmas tree.

All agreed.

KG has organised a wreath for the Remembrance Day ceremony on 9th November.

- ***KG to attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the community***

11. Questions and Contributions from the Public

11a. Signage for Street of Kincardine

JMacG raised a concern about the lack of signage for Street of Kincardine at the hammerhead junction from Boat of Garten onto the B970.

Many visitors get to the junction and, due to lack of signage, turn left. Significant numbers end up at JMacG's property asking for directions.

- **MC to raise with HC roads team**

The next ordinary meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for
Monday 10th November 2025
at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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

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.

Residents are welcome at all our meetings and, subject to the guidance of the Chair, may contribute to all discussion. The Community Council is registered with the Information Commissioner in terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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