

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 10th November 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: Steven Malcolm, Carrbridge CC (SM)

Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th October 2025:

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

3. Matters Arising

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

Still no progress at the time of the meeting.

- *MC to follow up*

3b. Unpleasant Smell in the village

LT sent an email to env.health@highland.gov.uk on 14 October 2025.

No response to date.

- *LT forward email to MC for her to follow up*

3c. Road signs to Street of Kinkardine

MC will discuss with Craig Irvine, Roads Officer, Highland Council.

- *MC follow up*

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

- **Police Scotland** - no reports received since June 2025.

MC investigated after the last meeting and we were told that a report would be emailed to us. No report received to date.

- *MC to follow up*

- **NHS**

The Community Networking Event hosted by the Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership on 4th November 2025 received positive feedback.

6. Finance

Treasurers Report for meeting 10/11/25

Treasurers Account £

Balance at 08/10/25 3922.58

Balance at 03/11/25 3315.93

Credits this Period	0.00
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Debits this Period	547.00	Printing of BoG Standard
	35.40	Poppy Wreath
	20.00	Hall hire
	4.25	Bank monthly service charge
	606.65	

Environmental Account

Balance at 08/10/25	3987.25
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Balance at 03/11/25 **3983.00**

Debits this period	4.25 Bank monthly service charges
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Credits this period	0.00
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7. Planning Matters

No new applications requiring discussion.

8. Correspondence

8a. Highland Council Winter Resilience Programme

Discussion of Highland Council publicity urging community groups to 'apply now' for its Winter Resilience Programme if they want grit bins in their local communities.

For those who may wish to apply for assistance, details can be found at [Winter Resilience assistance to communities | Winter road maintenance | The Highland Council](#)

8b. Free Bus Pass Survey

Badenoch and Strathspey Access Panel informed BoGCC of a survey commissioned by Transport Scotland to help evaluate the Older and Disabled Persons Free Bus Pass Scheme. The online survey aims to help understand how the pass is used and the impacts it has had. The survey will be live until 23 November and can be accessed at: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ODPS>

9. BOG Standard Update

The winter edition of the BOG Standard is printed and due for distribution now.

10. AOCB

10a. Highland Licensing Board.

New premises application received from Highland Licensing Board for Easter Cullachie Cottage B & B. Agreement that there were no objections to the application.

11. Questions and Contributions from the Public

11a. Emergency Recovery Planning

SM attended on behalf of Carrbridge Community Council (CCC) to discuss their emergency recovery plans. Scenarios, such as wildfires, may need evacuation of vulnerable persons from the village to a safe location.

SM proposed that Carrbridge 'twin' with Boat of Garten in terms of reciprocal arrangements to provide a safe location in such an event. In Carrbridge this will be the Carrbridge Hotel. In Boat of Garten this could be the Community Hall.

AB asked MC if we have access to the information about the village population and demographic to aid emergency planning.

MC said that CNPA should have the information about population.

- ***MC will look into how we get the information***

The general consensus was that this proposal made sense. However, a number of organisations, along with BoGCC, would have to be involved in discussions to formally agree to such an arrangement.

- ***Full discussion and revisit of emergency plans to be put on the agenda of the December meeting***

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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.

Copies of agendas and minutes, besides those circulated to members, Highland Councillors & officials etc.; can also be sent to residents who have expressed an interest in the work of the Council. If you would like to be included in this e-mail circulation, please contact the Secretary at boatofgartencc@gmail.com.