

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 8th December 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

Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th November 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

Road signs stating 'Road liable to icing' have now been erected.

3b. Road signs to Street of Kinkardine

MC following up with Craig Irvine, Roads Officer, Highland Council.

• ***MC follow up***

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

No reports received from CNPA, NHS or Police.

6. Finance

Treasurer's Report for meeting 08/12/25

Treasurer's Account	£	
Balance at 03/11/25	3315.93	
Balance at 05/12/25	4303.82	
Credits this Period	437.14	Highland Council admin grant.
	555.00	BoG Standard advertising.
	992.14	
Debits this Period	4.25	Bank monthly service charge.
	4.25	
Environmental Account		
Balance at 03/11/25	3983.00	
Balance at 05/12/25	3978.75	
Debits this period	4.25	Bank monthly service charges
Credits this period	0.00	

After the Treasurer's Report was completed, a gift of £700 was received from Reidhaven Estates. The gift is for the 'benefit of as many members of the community as possible'. BoGCC wishes to express its gratitude for this kind gift.

- **AB to write a letter of thanks**

7. Planning Matters

BoGCC noted receipt of information about a planning application to be submitted by Boat of Garten Golf & Tennis Club for a plot of land.

The application will be processed by The Highland Council Planning department in accordance with the usual procedures.

8. Emergency Planning

In follow up to the November meeting, community emergency and resilience planning was discussed.

AB said there had previously been plans to identify the Community Hall as a 'safe location' for the community in emergencies such as power cuts. There had been plans to purchase an emergency generator for the community hall to support this. With various changes in personnel, the present status of these plans is unclear.

It was agreed that BoGCC should have a conversation with the Community Hall committee re taking forward the purchase of a generator.

MC advised that we could contact VABS for advice and support in follow up to this.

- **LT contact the Community Hall committee**
- **DW to contact AF @ VABS**

In terms of next steps, MC advised contacting Ewen McIntosh (EM), Community Support Officer at Highland Council to ask for advice about templates, etc to structure emergency planning.

MC also advised that we can register details with the Highland Council Emergency/Resilience team of relevant equipment, resources, accommodation, key holders, etc within our community.

- **LT to contact EM re templates**
- **Register details with HC at a later date once agreed**

DW had looked into various funding sources, including ScrewFix, to take forward emergency/resilience planning. Unfortunately none of these appeared to be suitable.

DW asked MC about progress with getting a breakdown of the demographics of our community to aid emergency planning.

- **MC will send on the information**

9. Correspondence

9a. Village Sign competition

The village sign competition, part of the Community Action Plan, was launched through the most recent issue of the BOG Standard.

DW has corresponded with those who have expressed an interest to date.

MC advised that Highland Reuse and Repair Fund may be a source of funding for the village signs replacement.

- **LT to find out from EM**

10. BOG Standard Update

The winter edition of the BOG Standard has now been distributed.

The current editorial team have informed us that this is the final edition they will compile. They have asked anyone who is potentially interested in becoming involved in the production of the BOG Standard to get in touch via the BoGCC, boatofgartencc@gmail.com

Some members of the retiring editorial team will attend the February 2026 meeting of BoGCC to discuss the future of the BOG Standard.

BoGCC would like to send a sincere thank you to the retiring editorial team for all their hard work. We would also like to thank all contributors and advertisers for their continuing support.

11. AOCB

11a. LT asked if we could look at updating the text on the BoG website in relation to BoGCC. Everyone agreed.

- LT to draft re-wording for discussion

12. Questions and contributions from the public

None.

The next ordinary meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for
Monday 9th February 2026
at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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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