

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 9th March 2026 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 9th February 2026:

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. Road signs to Street of Kincardine

MC continues to follow up.

- ***LT to send details of member of the public who raised concern to MC***

3b. Emergency Planning

We haven't had any feedback from the Hall committee as yet. It is not clear if there has been any further discussion about the purchase of an emergency generator.

There was agreement that BoGCC would want to support the Hall Committee in taking this forward.

- ***LT to contact A Gristwood***

Carrbridge Community Council have been in touch re discussing how their emergency planning has progressed and areas where we may work together.

BoGCC agreed that these discussions should wait until we have a clearer picture of how things will go forward in Boat of Garten.

- ***LT contact Carrbridge***

DW received a template from Alice Fogg, VABS to capture our plans.

- ***For completion once emergency plans agreed***

To aid emergency planning, a breakdown of the demographics of the village had been requested by BoGCC. MC suggested that this may be a suitable topic for discussion at the next Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum scheduled for Tuesday 28th April 2026.

- ***BoGCC reps to raise this matter at the Forum meeting***

3c. Village Signs Competition

DW has been following up on possible funding routes for new village signs.

The Community Regeneration Fund was investigated but DW was advised that we should be looking at CNPA funding options.

DW contacted Adam Streeter Smith, CNPA Recreation and Access Manager. DW was advised that funding was unlikely but that we should register our request.

DW has written, twice, to enquire about Community Grants from Highland Council. He is still awaiting a reply. MC advised that we should hear soon now that the Highland Council budget for 26/27 has been agreed.

MC suggested investigating Ward Discretionary Funding and advised that we get guidance from Ewan McIntosh, Community Support, The Highland Council.

MC also suggested contacting the RSPB re possible funding as we are 'The Osprey Village'

- ***DW to email Ewan McIntosh***
- ***DW to contact RSPB***

BoGCC agreed that we should delay a decision on how to move forward with the design of a new sign until we have a clear funding route.

3d. Winter Resilience Application

An application for Winter Resilience Support was submitted by the members of the community who had requested access to a sand/grit/saltbox.

There has been no response from Highland Council so far.

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

3e. Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum

An invite has been received to the next meeting of the Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum scheduled for Tuesday 28th April 2026.

It was agreed that we should be represented at the meeting.

- ***Representatives to be agreed at the April meeting***

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

- **CNPA**

In follow up to the Active Communities discussions with representatives of CNPA at our last meeting, AB, LT and DW met to draft a response summarising our priorities from the suggested plans. The response was submitted to CNPA.

6. Finance

Treasurer's Report for meeting 09/03/26

AB reported that there has been no new income since the February meeting. The only expenditure has been for the Bank of Scotland monthly service charge.

This means the current balance in the Treasurer's account is £5,135.57 and the Environmental account is £3,966.00.

7. Planning Matters

We received information about the impartial advice, support and guidance service available from the Highland Council's Community Support and Engagement team in relation to new, consented or existing Renewable and Green Energy developments within our area.

- ***LT to email the team re a recently proposed new battery farm for advice***

8. Correspondence

8a. Community Council Year-end Procedures

An early reminder of the year end procedures was received from the Highland Council Community Support and Engagement Team.

All requirements are in hand.

8b. Temporary Road Signs

KG reported a member of the community had expressed concerns about metal road signs left on pavements and roads after work had been completed and the hazard they presented.

- ***MC to speak to Roads dept about having them removed***

8c. Strategic Action Plan on Wildfires

We received a letter from Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety and Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity in relation to the Scottish Government Wildfire Strategic Action Plan. The Action Plan has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806438983>

9. BOG Standard Update

One person has expressed an interest in being involved as part of a new team. They will be kept informed of any developments or potential team members coming forward.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact BoGCC at boatofgartenc@gmail.com

10. AOCB

10a. Parking Permits for Glenmore

AB asked MC when a discounted parking permit for residents of Badenoch and Strathspey would be available.

- **MC to look in to this and report back**

10b. 2025/26 honorarium to the Secretary

AB asked for BoGCC to approve the 2025/26 honorarium of £250 to the Secretary per Highland Council guidelines. All agreed.

11. Questions and contributions from the public

None.

The next ordinary meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday 13th April 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 boatofgartenc@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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