

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 13th April 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: Ben Sparham (BS), Community Growing Project

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2026:

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. Emergency Planning

It was agreed that a draft emergency plan for the village should be drafted now, which may mean without an emergency generator.

The template sent by A Fogg, VABS will be used.

- **AB and LT to draft a plan for discussion at the next meeting**

AB asked MC if there had been progress on obtaining a more detailed breakdown of the demographics of the village to aid emergency planning.

- **MC to make enquiries**
- **KG to raise at the next Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum**

3b. Village Signs Competition

DW reported that he had emailed the RSPB re funding new signs. They have informed us that projects of this type wouldn't be eligible for RSPB charitable funding.

DW has also contacted Ewen McIntosh (EW), Community Support, The Highland Council about Ward Discretionary Funding. EW said he felt that the project could be a good fit for Ward Discretionary Funding. EW sent an application form and guidance.

- **DW to take forward the application form**
- **EW to highlight that sign replacement is a priority in the community action plan**

DW asked if planning permission would be required to replace the signs.

There was also discussion about possible funding from community benefit funds.

- **MC to find out about planning permission**
- **MC to seek advice on community benefit funding**

3c. Winter Resilience Application

MC has been following up on the lack of response to the winter resilience application submitted by some members of the community.

MC was able to confirm that the application has been received and is being processed.

- **MC will continue to monitor**

3d. Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum

As agreed, we will be represented at the next meeting of the Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum scheduled for Tuesday 28th April 2026, most likely by KG.

- **KG will confirm once final details are known**

3e. Temporary Road Signs

The metal road signs discussed at the last meeting have been removed.

3f. Parking Permits for Glenmore

Season tickets are available on The Highland Council website but there is no information as yet in relation to a discounted parking permit for local residents.

- **MC to investigate**
- **KG to raise at the B&S Forum**

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

- **CNPA**

CNPA has launched a call for sites and ideas as part of preparations for the next Local Development Plan, inviting communities, individuals, organisations and landowners to help shape how the National Park develops in the years ahead. The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 19 March to 12 June 2026 and is open to anyone with an interest in the future of the National Park.

The Local Development Plan will set out where development will take place over the next 10 years and how the National Park's landscapes, communities and natural environment are protected and enhanced.

The form and its supporting information can be found here:

<https://cairngorms.co.uk/taking-part/consultations/the-next-local-development-plan/call-for-sites>

In due course, BoGCC will send a response to the draft plan.

6. Finance

Treasurer's Report for meeting 13/04/26

Treasurers Account	£	
Balance at 09/03/26	5135.57	
Balance at 09/04/26	4744.12	
Credits this Period	0.00	
Debits this Period	4.25	Bank monthly service charge.
	40.00	Hall hires Feb & Mar meetings
	97.20	Annual Insurance 2026/27
	250.00	Secretaries honorarium 25/26
	391.45	

Environmental Account

Balance at 09/03/26	3966.00	
Balance at 09/04/26	3961.75	
Debits this period	4.25	Bank monthly service charges
Credits this period	0.00	

7. Planning Matters

No matters requiring a response have been received this month.

8. Correspondence

8a. Update from Community Growing Project, April 2026

BoGCC received an email from BS with an update on the Community Growing Project. BoGCC is fully supportive of the project.

**The date of the next ordinary meeting, preceded by the AGM, is 11th May 2026
@7pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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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