

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 11th May 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

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th April 2026:

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. Emergency Planning

AB/LT have drafted a starter Emergency Plan which has been shared with BoGCC.

- **For discussion at the next meeting**

3b. Village Signs Competition Update

Planning - MC confirmed that if the new signs are of the same size and format (lighting in the same place, etc), then we would not be asked to submit an advertisement submission.

However, if the signage is bigger and in a different location or has additional illumination then we will require express consent for these and an advertisement submission will be required.

Funding - DW has been advised by CNPA Community Grants Officer that they have just opened the Cairngorms Community Led Vision Fund for 2026/27 and feel our project may be eligible for application. We have been asked to complete the Expression of Interest (Eoi) form.

This is in addition to a positive response from The Highland Council about Ward Discretionary Funding.

- **DW to investigate a final design and collate budget costs to allow fund applications to be made**

3c. Winter Resilience Application

MC was able to confirm that the bin will be in place for next winter.

3d. Parking Permits for Glenmore

AB confirmed that there is a generic season pass available via The Highland Council website. It has to be purchased via Ringo, details on HC website. There are no details available of a specific season pass for local residents.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

No reports received this month.

6. Finance

AB reported that, since the last meeting, there has been no income or expenditure on either account apart from banking charges.

AB proposed merging the 2 accounts into one and ring-fence the money from the Environmental Account for future projects. This would half bank charges. There was unanimous agreement to this proposal.

- **AB to take forward**

7. Planning Matters

LT reported back on a phone call with Jessica Boughy (JB), part of the new team of Community Support Officers, Renewables Engagement.

The team provide direct support to local community groups to enable involvement and participation in the planning process and, where appropriate, maximise local community benefit as the result of developments.

JB, and her colleague for Inverness & South Ross MacKillop (RMK), can work directly with local groups to provide information and support to build understanding and encourage participation in responding to consultations from the Council and/or Scottish Government in relation to applications for renewable energy developments. Their aim is to provide communities with the appropriate knowledge and tools to support them to consider developments coming forward and make informed representations on behalf of their local communities.

Alongside this, the team can provide direct support to groups to engage with renewable energy companies and providers to maximise community benefit. This will assist in the delivery of [Highland's Social Value Charter](#).

- **LT to contact JB and ask her to attend our next meeting**

8. Correspondence

None.

9. AOCB

None.

The date of the next ordinary meeting is 10th August 2026 @7pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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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