

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

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 12th October 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); Muriel Cockburn, (MC), Member, Highland Council

The Highland Council: Jessica Boughey (JB), Community Support Officer, Renewables Engagement – Inverness & South

Member of the public: Scott Kerr (SK)

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th September 2026:

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. Renewables

Temporis Capital replied to BoGCC expressing willingness to talk about community benefits. Unfortunately, we were not able to do the original dates they suggested.

JB agreed to open the discussions by emailing Temporis with a list of key points for discussion.

KG and LT will join JB for a Teams meet with Temporis when a suitable date/time can be agreed.

- **LT book a meeting room at hall**

To help inform discussions, JB has looked at the community benefits offered by other BESS facilities around Scotland. The Scottish Government also has guidelines and JB advised that Temporis Capital have an 'Environmental, Social and Governance Policy', dated July 2025.

JB highlighted the need for clarity on how funding received will be managed and has produced a leaflet which was shared with BoGCC.

It was agreed that this can be looked at in more detail once funding has been secured.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Co-option of new members to the Community Council

There was unanimous agreement that SK, if agreeable, should be co-opted to serve on BoGCC. SK agreed.

We are delighted to welcome SK onto BoGCC.

6. Reports

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that 'Reports' should be removed as a standing item on agendas.

Police reports are no longer received on a regular basis and other updates can be covered under 'Correspondence' as and when appropriate.

7. Finance

AB reported only two transactions since our September meeting, September hall hire at £21.00 and a bank service charge of £4.25.

Therefore the balance on 12th October 2026 stands at £5376.76 in the Treasurer's account and £3940.50 in the Environmental account.

8. Planning Matters

There were no specific applications requiring comment. However, there was concern about items which seem to come through to us with an 'Expiry Date for lodging Representations' in the future but, when checked on the Highland Council website, the applications appear as 'Approved'

It was agreed that we should ask for this to be on the agenda for the next Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum in November.

- **LT email B&S Forum**

9. Correspondence

9a. Highland Council Tenants

The Tenant Participation Team are actively recruiting interested and engaged tenants to join the strategic working groups as the numbers have fallen over the past twelve months.

Information on how you can participate can be found at the link below:

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/council-social-housing/get-involved-tenant-participation>

9b. Highland Council Christmas Lighting Provision 2026

Reidhaven Estate have again offered the gift of a Christmas tree to Boat of Garten for Christmas 2026.

An email was received on 2nd October from HC outlining a planned change of procedure for Christmas Lights service.

The new procedure, starting in autumn of 2026/27, will involve a quote for the works being provided by the service upfront. Only following the quote acceptance and payment will the installation works proceed.

An initial quote looks to be moving from approx £600 in previous years to approx £1900 under the new arrangements. This would be well outside the budget of BoGCC.

- **MC to investigate the situation**
- **LT email HC to ask if the costs change given that we have a tree**

9c. Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum

The next meeting of this group is scheduled for Tuesday 17th November 2026 from 6.30pm to 8pm - in person and via MS Teams at the Grantown-on-Spey Courthouse.

BoGCC to agree who will attend at our November meeting.

We have not received minutes of the 2 previous meetings.

- **LT email HC informing of intention to attend and asking for minutes**

9d. Disability Snowsport UK - Aviemore Santa Run 2026

We have been asked to share information about the Aviemore Santa Run at Glenmore Lodge on Saturday 12 December 2026, starting at 12 noon. (Link below.)

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/116387>

Disability Snowsport UK are also looking for local volunteers to help deliver the event, including route marshals and people to support registration and participants on the day. If you are interested please email at fundraising@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk

10. AOCB

10a. Grit bins

LT reported that the grit bin requested for Birch Grove has now been delivered.

11. Questions and contributions from the public

None.

The date of the next ordinary meeting is 9th November 2026 @7pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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.