

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting 25th March 2026
Held at the Harbour Offices

	PRESENT		Chris Ambler (Chairman), Angela Johnson (Secretary), Christine MacKenzie, Hugh Morrison (Highland Council). Ian MacDonald	ACTION
	GUESTS		Members of the Public - J Shaw, David Forbes	-
1	APOLOGIES		Lawrence Macleod, Denise MacDonald(Treasurer), Murdo Macpherson	-
2	MINUTES FROM 25th Feb	2.0	The minutes from the 25 th Feb summarised. The minutes were proposed by Chris Ambler and seconded by Ian Macdonald	Chris /Ian
3	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	3.1	War Memorial Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing power supply confirmed from lamppost. • Trenching required: • From lamppost to war memorial • Additional trench if lighting the poppy feature • Depth: approx. 2 feet • Quote received (to be reviewed). • Downlight cost approx. £900. • Timer system proposed (off midnight–5am). Actions: Reviewed contractor quote from Davey Ross – £710.40 Work approved to commence Chris proposed Ian seconded	Chris
		3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify master plan consultation issues and revised date for meeting 	Chris/ Angela
		3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with Sallachy developers on when they are coming up to KLB 	Chris/ Angela
		3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further progress to find solution to Oldshoremore Replacement Steps 	Angela / Community Company
		3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange and advertise AGM 	Chris/Angela
4	KLB Community	4.1	Upcoming Events in Community Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event planned 9th May: • Over-35s football (Kinlochbervie vs Lairg) • Licensed dance 	Christine
		4.2	Loch Clash Parking arrangements required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure challenging • Limited electrical hook-ups for motor homes (only 3 working currently) • Possible upgrade required 	Christine
5	NW2045 UPDATE.	5.1	General Update	Angela/Sara

	DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPDATE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seaweed project progressing and application for support submitted Childcare support and requirements presentation recently held in Ullapool – awaiting feedback Land Use Partnership meeting postponed to May Online action tracker being developed – hoping to be online in June/July. 	
6	GEPARK UPDATE	6.1	Not in attendance	
7	HUGH HIGHLAND COUNCIL	7.1	<p>Development Officer Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost: ~£40,000/year Funding partly secured (~£25,000) Role to be shared across communities Will be probation period <p>Discussion Points: Importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear objectives Local knowledge Performance monitoring 5-year funding seen as positive 	Hugh
		7.2	<p>Place Plan / Master Plan Issues Concerns raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of consultation Confusion between multiple plans Stakeholders not engaged (e.g. harbour users) <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek clarification from planners on when next meeting is taking place 	Angela/Chris
		7.3	<p>Wind Farm & Road Works for Sallachy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lairg Road - Bridge closure planned (3–4 weeks) Road widening and passing places planned Public consultation expected April <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on businesses Increased travel times Lack of communication <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with developers Request detailed consultation 	Hugh
		7.4	<p>Care Home Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure (water/sewage) underway Staff housing progressing 	Hugh
		7.5	<p>Winter Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A winter resilience plan needs to be developed. Scourie and Lairg already have plans in place that we can use as benchmarks; Hugh will obtain copies for reference. Meetings will be scheduled once a draft plan is ready for review and discussion. 	Hugh / Angela

8	CORRESPONDENCE	8.1	School Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent by Denise Awaiting response 	Denise
		8.2	Letter from Scott Macdonald – VGS Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather permitting Voluntary Groups Sutherland outreach surgeries will be based in:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinlochbervie, CAB Office on Thursday 9 April, 10am to 3pm, Bettyhill, Naver Telecentre Monday 13th April, 10am to 3pm. 	All
		8.3	Email from Peter Finnie Public Affairs Scottish Environment Protection Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation closes on April 22nd he would like anyone to complete the consultation on one of the following: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/scottish-environment-protection-agency_flooding-have-your-say-activi... https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1817655035597088 	All
		8.4	Application for Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £4400.70 requested from Sutherland Community Seaweed Company They are raising £50k overall and aiming to create employment for up to 6 people Money will support start up, consultation, IT, website design Application Status – Committee in agreement to approve - this project primarily contributes to community development (e) through local job creation and economic resilience, and environmental protection (i) through sustainable seaweed cultivation. It may also support education (b) via training and skills development and contributes to poverty prevention (a) by providing employment opportunities in a rural area. Full criteria details here - https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/charity-details?number=SC046029	CC
9	TREASURERS REPORT	9.1	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Council account: £13,640.81 Christmas Lights account: £3,959.59 £5,000 received from community bus Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lights spending nearing completion Potential purchase of additional silhouettes for War Memorial 	Chris in Denises absence
10	POLICE REPORT	10.1	None	
11	AOCB	11.1	Recycling Batteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery recycling is limited (Spar shop has a bin in the store room and will accept old batteries) 	Christine

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical waste handled via ILM and can be left in a tidy way near the white goods at the Harbour 	
		11.2	Oil Prices / Cost of Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns raised about rising heating oil costs Rural areas disproportionately affected 	For information
		11.3	Oldshoremore Replacement Steps Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding pledges: £28,000 which is more than needed All planning approved and everything in place Contractor willing to do work in July 2026 Issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Funders require the applicant D&KLB Angling Club to have charitable status, which they haven't so cannot continue with the project. KLB Community Company have been approached to adopt the project The project has huge community benefit to residents and visitors Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask to be tabled at next CIC meeting 1st April 26 Update at next CC meeting 	Angela
		11.4	Crofting Register <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Forbes noted the majority of croft allotments and their owners can be found on the Register of Scotland website – use the map to expand He stated it had potential relevance to planning/development 	For information
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM: May 27th Must be advertised at least 2 weeks prior <p>Meetings for 2026 on Wednesdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 24th August 26th September 30th October 28th November 25th <p>Please note – no meetings in April, July or December</p>	Angela /Chris