

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting 4TH November 2025

Held at the Harbour Offices

	PRESENT		Chris Ambler (Chairman), Angela Johnson (Secretary), Christine MacKenzie, Hugh Morrison (Highland Council). Lawrence Macleod	ACTION
	GUESTS		Murdo MacPherson – NW Sutherland Geopark Boyd Alexander (Highland Council) Members of the Public - J Shaw, M Meek, S Black, I Black, D Forbes	
1	APOLOGIES		Denise MacDonald(Treasurer), Ian MacDonald	
2	MINUTES FROM 30th September 2025		The minutes from the 30 th September were proposed for approval by Lawrence and seconded by Christine. The minutes were approved.	
3	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	3.1	Discussion on requirements near the village hall. The proposal involves creating a pathway between the nursery and the primary school and determining whether responsibility lies with the roads department or another authority. The discussion emphasised the goal of keeping children off the roadside for safety, noting previous incidents involving vehicles.	Hugh
		3.2	Safety and War Memorial Updates – The request to install a gate and poppies to be made are both in hand by Jordan Duncan but won't be ready in time for Remembrance Sunday. Chris to ask Paul who is a forces veteran, if he would be willing to lay the wreath on the day.	Chris
		3.3	Bonfire is in hand for Friday 7 th November 6pm and 6:30pm for the fireworks.	Lawrence
		3.4	Application for funding was made for the school. Chris will follow up on the safety concerns for the proposed outdoor classroom and recreation shelter project.	Chris
		3.5	A cross check of the Galileo questions answered, and the ones submitted need to be checked and re-raised if found to be missing.	Angela
		3.6	RBS Bank Update	Angela
4	PROGRESS REPORTS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS	4.1	• Boyd discussed supporting communities with place plans and highlighted the need for an update, which has not yet been verified by Highland Council.	Boyd
		4.2	• Boyd will revise the community plan and share it with the group.	
		4.3	• Boyd will provide an update on the planning status of the housing development project.	

		4.4	It was suggested that the community be designated as fragile and that the new planning framework (NPF4) be utilized.	
		4.5	An architect was engaged to prepare housing paperwork, which was ready in March but delayed due to peat evaluation and certification requirements.	
		4.6	The final layout and planning submission are expected by the end of the month—three years after the initial timeline.	
5	NW2045 UPDATE. DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPDATE	5.1	The attached notes from NW2045 provide the latest update	
6	GEPARK UPDATE	6.1	Scourie Rocks is going well and may well happen next year	
		6.2	Geopark is still managing Rock stop but had to close earlier as there were issues with manning	
		6.3	Funding is coming in to support all the educational activities that the Geopark had planned	
		6.4	Staffing may need to be restructured over winter.	
7	HUGH HIGHLAND COUNCIL	7.1	The 3 Communities Development Officer position is still moving forward but a joint community discussion is required that Hugh will set up. The position to be based locally has funding in place.	Hugh
		7.2	Sheigra Cemetery – maintenance is ongoing	
		7.3	Innes place Park is still to be finished and Hugh will chase.	
		7.4	Speed limit restrictions discussions are still ongoing.	
8	CORRESPONDENCE	8.1	None.	
9	TREASURERS REPORT		KLB CC£11,507.04 Christmas lights.....£3,959.92 Brochure fund.....£56.38 Creag Riabhach.....£7,112.00	
		9.1	Denise has applied to the NWS Trust to be reimbursed for the £3000 school leavers cheques.	
10	POLICE REPORT		No Police Report.	
11	AOCB	11.1	The Christmas lights arrived two weeks ago but were of lower quality than expected. They will be ready for installation by the first week of December.	Lawrence
		11.2	Lawrence will be following up with Scott about the Christmas Tree.	

		11.3	Concerns were raised about the Windfarm Public Meeting. DF, JS, and MM noted that the questions released prior to the meeting did not cover all those originally gathered from household questionnaires. A cross-check will be carried out to identify unanswered questions, which will then be raised again with Galileo. Ian Ross has declined payment for chairing the meeting and requested the amount be donated to local charities. The £200 will be split between the nursery (£100) and the senior citizens group (£100).	Angela
		11.4	An application for funding was made for the school. Chris will follow up on the safety concerns for the proposed outdoor classroom and recreation shelter project.	Chris
		11.5	The Oldshoremore Beach Steps project is progressing well. A meeting with Highland Council and NatureScot was held to review progress. A pre-planning application has been submitted to NatureScot, and a formal planning application will be lodged with Highland Council shortly. The landowner has been consulted, and a revised design will be shared with the Osbourne family and the Grazing Committee soon.	Angela
		11.6	RBS Bank Vehicle has been very unreliable of late – it was requested that a letter be sent to the Bank Manager to establish what is happening.	Angela
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		Tuesday 24th November 2025 at 7pm at the Harbour Offices.	