

Oreich Community Council - Minutes of AGM 9th June 2025 @ 7pm Bonar Bridge Hall

 Present: Scott Vetters (SV), Hayley Bangs (HB), Shona Patterson (SP), Caroline Munro (CM), Iain Bowles (IB), Norman MacDonald (NM), Russell Smith (RS), Colin Macfarlane (CM)

Cllr Michael Baird (MB)

2. Adoption of minutes of AGM June 17th 2024 CM proposed, SV second, minutes approved

3. Report from the Chair

First year of newly elected community council, learning curve for him. Chair thanked everyone for their hard work representing the residents of Creich.

Over the course of the year the CC has made 12 representations concerning developments, scoping, planning, and consultations including the visitor levy, community benefit funds, and rural development plans. Additionally, we have worked on the Local Place Plan. These have been large, time-consuming pieces of work that are likely to continue.

Thanks to Colin, Bill, and David for their help with renewable energy responses etc. Not all CCs have access to people with such expertise and knowledge. They have made the work of the CC easier. Also particular thanks to HB for the enormous amount of work she puts in.

When the CC reformed we looked at community council benefit funding and made some changes. We are pleased to announce we have made:

13 awards from Beinn Tharsuinn 5 Coire Na Cloiche 22 Rock by Sea

These funds are for local groups and organisations to facilitate local opportunities for residents. This money is community money, please do apply for funding, speak to us, this money is yours.

Rock by Sea is currently supporting driving lessons and training support for local individuals particularly young people

4. Treasurers Report

Accounts Audited April 2024-March 2025

Account Balances:

- 1) £444
- 2) £41,036
- 3) Endowment Fund £69,458

HB proposed, SP seconded. Accounts approved

5. Election of Office Bearers (Cllr Michael Blair)

Chair: Scott Vetters, proposed by HB, seconded CM

Vice-Chair: nomination postponed

Secretary: Hayley Bangs, proposed by SP, seconded CM Treasurer: Caroline Munro, proposed SV, seconded SP

Minute Secretary: Miranda Jones

6. Any other Business

The council is currently one member short allowing for co-option.

HB to put out a post calling for anyone interested in becoming a community councillor to get in touch

7. Date, Time & Place of next meeting

June 2026, exact date tbc