



Draft Minutes of Creich CC meeting 23rd March 2026

@Rosehall Village Hall 7pm

1. Welcome/Apologies

No Apologies

In attendance- Scott Veters(SV) Caroline Munro(CM) Hayley Bangs(HB) Colin MacFarlane(Cmcf) Norman MacDonald(NM) Russell Smith(RS) Shona Patterson(SP) CLLR Michael Baird (MB)

11 public attendants

2. Chair's Welcome- SV

SV welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded that the meeting was being recorded for minutes purposes. Advised that we had a long agenda to get through with an hour and half for the main meeting.

3. Minutes of 10th November 2025 meeting

Approved by CM & SV no objections

4. Matters arising, if not on agenda

IB draft letter re roads agreed to be sent out. **HB to action**

Roads responded regarding speed reduction request through Invershin Village and from Bonar Bridge to Balblair woods. This needs further investigation. **Action HB & IB to look at it**

It was also raised that a request on a cycle path on the Struie is requested. Action required

CM has been added to the resilience group as CC representative

HB had requested community comment box to be placed in the library. A request for what information would be on the forms was sent in but no reply received.

5. VGS apprenticeship update By Christine Ross

Fund reopened with £12,000 over 3 years for each apprenticeship

Covers preferentially Creich Ardgay and Lairg area, ages 16-24 but is working with Gordonbush scheme also

Requires SVQ3 or SCQF Level 7-8 qualification outcome, can be admin roles as well as traditional apprenticeships

Funding from Achany wind farm community benefit (£21,000 annually since 2009)

Business support available for taking on apprentices

Contact: Christine or Creich CC for CR email

6. Presentation by mark Williams Murphys re Achinduich Worker Village

Mark Williams (Murphy's Operations Manager) presented plans for temporary worker accommodation at Achinduich

8.71 hectare site east of A836 between Achinduich and Lairg

- Housing 100-150 workers for 5-year duration supporting SSEN pathways project
- Modular buildings, fully reinstated after completion
- Community legacy benefits discussion include
 - Direct: apprenticeships, supply chain jobs, early careers
 - Indirect: local investment to support worker village
 - Wider taken from community development plan items including the Community Action Plan
- Key concerns raised
 - Vehicle tracking for speeding control - Murphy's tracks all vehicles, supply chain requirements TBD
 - Medical/dental provision - bringing own services to avoid impacting local capacity
 - Licensed premises - cans only, 3 per night limit, random drug/alcohol testing
 - Water supply - will bring in if local supply insufficient
- Planning application submission in 5-6 weeks
 - Need community council meeting before submission
 - Mark to send details of proposed facilities for review

HB to email Mark Williams tomorrow to arrange community council meeting before planning submission

7. Financial report – CM

Account balances

Account 1: £3,406.65 (after insurance £143.27, website £108)

Account 2: £22,572.44

Beinn Tharsuinn fund: £26,313.46

8. Secretary's Update 13/1/26 – 22/3/26

- Notified Invershin Hall of funding request
- Approved minutes put on website and Facebook post out
- Notified 2 RbS applicants of fund request
- Ruith Cnoc windfarm scoping info sent to Bill L

- (PAC) events for the Shin to Loch Buidhe 132 kilovolt (kV) Overhead Line (OHL) Rebuild project (the 'project' sent to Bill L
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- Draft minutes sent to all members
- Ruith Conc windfarm exhibition posted on Facebook
- Approved draft minutes put on website.
- Achany & Rosehall MOUs sent to members
- Response sent to CL & KP re email regarding CC meeting on fund proposal
- Information sent to 2 CC reps who will be attending fund proposal meeting
- Temporary traffic order sent to all members
- Proposed closure (Martin Godwin) sent to all members
- Invitation to community council convention sent to all members
- Ruith Conc scoping submission put on website
- Date of next meeting updated on website
- Contacted library re suggestion box
- Change of meeting date updated on Facebook
- HC insurance questions/issues sent to all members
- Replied to AP re resilience with CM as Creich Rep
- Relied to Joanne Sutherland re Invershin and Balblair woods reduced speed request
- Creachan info sent to all members
- Inveroykel info sent to all members
- Shin to Loch Budhie scoping sent to all members
- Emailed Spanglefish re website invoice
- Edinburgh round table discussion sent to Ardgay CC
- Letter from Kosdt – staff sent to all members
- Response to Kosdt – Staff sent
- Letter to SSE/FS re Kosdt staff letter sent
- Spanglefish invoice sent to CM- Paid by CM
- Email re WL Edinburgh round table sent to all members
- Replied to 3 RbS applicants seeking further information
- Proposed speech by WL sent to all members for approval – Agreed
- Replied to Callum Goskirk re CC minutes and accounts
- Resilience email sent to CM
- Change of meeting date updated on website
- Shin to Buidhe OHL submission uploaded to website
- Bonar Bridge School invite sent to all members
- Creachan submission put on website and post advising community on Facebook
- Draft Agenda sent to all members
- Kosdt Staff communication thread sent to all members
- Kosdt Strategic plan sent to all members
- ECU Spital to Beaulay sent to all members – submission due by 3/4/26
- Scoping request for Garvery 11 sent to all members
- Community Council Support & Guidance Sessions March 2026
- Correspondence form Cyrolex sent to all members – submission due by 13/4/26

- Introduction to a new Community Support Service from the Highland Social Value Charter team sent to all members
- HC Local Place Plan update sent to all members
- Rosehall/Achany fund meeting update sent to all members
- Minutes from Rural Scotland Convention on Major Energy Infrastructure - Community Council Round Table sent by BL passed to all members
- Replied to Bradbury re their end of fund report – now closed
- Funding records updated
- Rosemary Chambers email re Garvery 11 sent to all members
- Noros spreadsheet sent to all members
- BB school funding report sent to all members
- Attended BB school trim trail opening event with CM & SV
- Turnaig native woodland creation email sent to all members
- BT applications sent to all members
- RbS applications sent to all members
- Resilience email from AP & GC sent to CM
- Draft roads letter from IB sent to all members
- Final agenda sent to all members
- Agenda put on Facebook & website
- Fund records sent to all members
- Secretary report sent to all members
- Shin to Loch Budhie 132v OHL rebuild pre app consultation put on Facebook

9. Planning & Licensing – RS

None to report other than windfarms to be discussed later in the meeting

10. Rosehall - SP, Bonar Bridge- HB & Invershin – IB updates/matters raised.

Roads conditions and speeding continue to be major concerns in all areas

11. HC Councillor’s report including Tec Services –

Speed monitoring equipment placement questioned. Signs positioned 50-60 yards into village rather than at entrances. Request for logic explanation and why not at all three village entrances
MB to Action

Bonar Bridge road conditions critical. Front street “horrific” affecting hospital transport. Multiple residents impacted by poor road surface

Pavement work progress

Pavement completed outside Mackenzie house after 20+ years

Spar to chemist section delayed due to curved stones and drainage issues funding secured over year ago, work overdue.

12. Windfarm & BESS updates

- Holyrood round table - Thanks given to BL for his representation and Cmc for all his submissions.

- Coille Beith – submitted objection 1st December 2025
- Coille Linne – submitted objection 30th November 2025
- Balblair – Representation submitted 25/4/25. Developers have been awarded an extension
- Inveroykel- 7th April Submission due – **Action HB to request extension Cmcfc to prepare submission**
- Strath Oykel – No Updates
- Braelangwell – No Updates
- Invercassley – consultation in halls
- Dalchork BESS- objection lodged- further submission to be **prepared by Cmcfc**
- Allt An Tuir- representation submitted 27/3/25
- Garvary – Approved
 - Garvary 11 scoping to be submitted by 13/4/26 **Cmcfc to prepare submission**
 - Garvary 2 scoping consultation received
 - Community benefit offered on old rates - need to challenge
- Meeting offer from developers to be considered **HB to contact**
- Sallachy- Approved update from meeting SV – additional new turbine scoping submission due 26th April **Cmcfc to prepare**
- Acheilidh- no updates
- Beinn Tharsuinn repowering, extension & Bess scoping submitted 16/4/25 – need to include removal of existing
- Meall Budhie – objection submitted 17/7/25
- Achany Extension- objection sent 2/7/25 – new proposal submissions required by 17th December. Objection Submitted
- Fionn – not in scoping yet
- Ruith Cnoc – scoping to be submitted 28/1/26
- Creachan – submission submitted
 - New RWE application south east of Creagan: 7th May deadline not in Creich

13. SSEN Pylons, Spital to Beauly, Carnaig Substation (now going to appeal to SG), Shin to loch Budhie (scoping 3/3/26)

Spittle to Beauly 400kV line inquiry postponed to September (was June 29-30) Due to SAC involvement in Beauly to Peterhead inquiry

14. Community Resilience – CM

Highland Council online seminar attended by Caroline

Individual liability insurance concerns for volunteers

MOP AP Three levels: personal, community, emergency disaster response

Proposal to employ coordinator for medium-level community resilience plan Estimated £5,000-£10,000 for 50-100 hours coordination work Funding available through wind farm community benefit

AP will send 10 point plan

15. Kosdt Strategic Plan

Development Trust strategic plan now public no update for cancelled community presentation,

Concerns about the many mentions of the Kosdt managing, administering and negotiating community benefit funds despite this clearly not being a want of the community noted in the Community Action Plan

The Strategic plan specified broad representations and no actions, timelines of achieved outcomes. It is a basic representation of community planning

Consultation questions can be submitted via email to the trust

16. Correspondence- HB

No Issues arising from majority correspondence received and previously sent to all members, apart from a company called Cylerx regarding cycle route promotion and accessing local windfarm money of £25,000. The CC unanimously did not support this. **HB to reply**

Question was raised as to why our LPP has not been verified. **HB to email**

17. Any other competent business - None

18. Date, time, and place of next meeting.

Private session:

- Declarations Of Interest

CM, HB

Beinn Tharsuinn 2 awarded to RADAG £150 for fencing maintenance £1,000 for community fun day

Rock by Sea Fund 3 awarded

TB & AR £790 for deer management course, MH £450 Deer management course, Kosh £810 various training courses

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- Invershin Hall update, hall were successful in securing £70,000 from SSE Hydro
- Kosdt – Staff letter

- Endowment Fund
- Achany / Rosehall fund proposals update

Next meeting Monday 27th April, 7pm, Bonner Bridge