



Draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 12th January 2026

@Invershin Village Hall 7pm

1. Welcome/Apologies.

Present: Scott Vettters(SV), Caroline Munro (CM), Hayley Bangs (HB), Norman Macdonald (NM), Shona Paterson (SP), Iain Bowles (IB)

Apologies: Russell Smith (RS), Colin McFarlane (Cmacf), Anna Patfield

2. Chair's Welcome-

SV thanked people for attending the meeting and reminded that the meeting will be audio recorded for the purpose of minutes. Once minutes are approved the recording will be deleted

3. Minutes of 10th November 2025 meeting

Approved, one outstanding action to respond to roads at HC re speed through Invershin **HB to action**

4. Matters arising, if not on agenda

None

5. Financial report – CM

Account 1 £612,37, **Account 2** £23,180.94 (this is all Rock by sea funds as CnC is now spent) Beinn Tharsuinn £26, 313,46

6. Secretary's Update (HB)

- Rock by see applicants notified
- CnC applicants notified
- Funding records updated
- Payments details sent to CM
- Email sent to Claire Coutts re Village exhibition
- Response sent to fund applicant concerning end reporting
- BT successful applicants notified and HC advised to release payment.
- Core cost applicants contacted with further questions and /or advise to submit application
- Letter sent to HC and Ecosents re Invercassley W/F community Consultation 16/11/25
- Information regarding core cost applicant sent to members present at discussion
- Details of funds to be made sent to CM

- Reminder email sent to Phil Murray regarding extension request for Achany extension. First email sent 8/11/25 no response second email sent 20/11/25 **approval received**
- John Muir Trust petition sent to all members
- Core cost applicants notified of outcomes and where appropriate payment details passed to CM
- Signed up for Scottish Government Trust & Transparency zoom 2/12/25. Attended Zoom
- Response sent to Mark Williams- Murphys re consultation in Creich regarding new workers village
- BT fund directors' info passed to SV & NM
- Sent numerous emails from Kosdt to members in attendance at the 10/11/25 private discussion of the CC meeting, along with various agreed responses.
- Submitted JMT form re planning on behalf of CC
- Reply sent to CL, KP< Lairg & Ardgay CCs re-fund proposal meeting of three ccs
- Reminder email sent to members re deadline for Coille Beith & Coille Linne
- Coille Linne submission sent to Econsents 30/11/25
- Coille Beith submission submitted 1/12/25
- Website updated with date of next meeting and the above two submissions put on
- Facebook post out notifying community of submissions on website
- Consultation re Achinduich workers village sent to all members and post on Facebook
- Fionn windfarm proposal information sent to Bill.
- Achany Extension submission on website and post on Facebook
- Ruith Cnoc windfarm scoping request sent to all members
- New 2026 files for minutes & agendas requested on website
- Draft Agenda sent to all members
- Correspondence for discussion sent to all members
- Funding requests sent to all members
- Info re proposed fund change Achany/Rosehall sent to all members

7. Planning & Licensing – RS

Ruith Cnoc Wind Farm - proposed development comprising of up to 42 wind turbines, with a blade tip height of a maximum of up to 220m, associated infrastructure, and ancillary development- pre application scoping

8. Rosehall - SP, Bonar Bridge- HB & Invershinn – IB updates/matters raised.

There was a general discussion around the recent weather and problems with roads not being cleared and people being isolated for up to 8 days. MB was asked if he could get the approved routes because some of the roads don't appear to be on the list at all. There was discussion around why more local help is not used, some had contacted the depot to offer help and received no reply. Apparently anyone out with HC has to take out 10 Million insurance to assist in clearing but HC are not willing to pay these costs. **Action IB is to draft a letter regarding the situation and include issues with the gates on the Struie for sending to HC**

HB will look into a suggestion box for people to leave comments for all areas to be placed in the library.

9. HC Councillor's report including Tec Services –

MB - HC are supplying two flashing speed signs for BB village.
There is £9,986.96 available form HCs Invite to fund

10. Windfarm & BESS updates

- Coille Beith – submitted objection 1st December 2025
- Coille Linne – submitted objection 30th November 2025
- Balblair – Representation submitted 25/4/25
- Inveroykel- no updates
- Strath Oykel – no update
- Braelangwell – No Updates
- Invercassley – consultation in halls, *Update letter has been sent complaining about the poor montages*
- Dalchork BESS- objection lodged. *Update They have added submissions to their application including new information on construction management and a fire/water plan. There is no request for them by Econsents to re submit the application. Action SP will draft a letter of complaint*
- Allt An Tuir- representation submitted 27/3/25
- Garvery – Approved
- Sallachy- Approved update from meeting SV
- Acheilidh- no updates
- Beinn Tharsuinn repowering, extension & Bess scoping submitted 16/4/25
- 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. Update
- Ruith Cnoc – scoping to be submitted 28/1/26 *Update, there is a consultation in Rosehall Village Hall on 21st January, but the windfarm is actually in Ardgay & District. Bess is scoped out Action C Mcfar will lead on this*

11. SSEN Pylons. – Carnnaig update. *Thanks were given to Cmacf, SP & WL for their work on presenting Creich's representation. HC rejected the application.*

12. Correspondence- HB

- Letter from MB notifying of independent status
- Ardgay Station- Stairs have received listed building consent
- Scheme of Establishment
- Beinn Tharsuinn re eligibility of schools applying for funding

- Anna Patfield - Resilience. *Update The CC wondered if it would be possible to develop a volunteer list. CM will attend a meeting with the group. Action HB to pass details on*

13. Any other competent business

none

14. Date, time, and place of next meeting. 2nd March Rosehall Village Hall

Private session:

- Declarations Of Interest- None

Two applications for driving lessons approved

Inversion Hall Refurbishment Application

- Total project cost: £153,000
 - Requesting £20,000 from community council
- Conditional approval pending other funding secured

Achany/Rosehall Fund Proposal

Foundation Scotland/SSE proposing 10-year fixed allocation:

75% to 5 “anchor” organisations (LDCI £24k, Development Trust £48k, Learning Centre £30k, Hub £30k, Bradbury £30k annually)

25% (£55,000) split between 3 community councils for all other organizations

Concerns with proposal:

Awards based on expenditure rather than impact/need

Eliminates local democracy and panel oversight

Prevents new organisations from accessing significant funding

No proper community consultation conducted

Fund currently closed since January 2025, supposed to reopen January 2026

One organisation has had application on hold since March 25 application on hold since March 2024

- Representatives: Russell and Caroline (panel member attendance essential)
- All organisations (Hub, Bradbury, Learning Centre, Trust, LDCI) have received significant community benefit funding
- Continue opposition to fixed 10-year fund allocation proposal