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1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>FB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were as above.</p>

2.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. These were proposed by AA and seconded by DMn.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising register: please note some items are addressed via their appropriate agenda item.</p> <p>3.1 Brown Bins: MMM confirmed that both brown bins will be provided free of charge, with the second bin being located at the primary school. THC are unable to provide a locking device for the bins, however there are mechanisms available online that we may wish to purchase. MMM to confirm that the new bin will be on a collection route. This must be a clarified before the spring.</p> <p>3.2 Resilience Plan: RB is seeking volunteers to form a sub-group to work on Emergency Action Plans & Resilience Plans (these will also link with the Flood plan) for our ward area. This will be carried forward to the February meeting.</p> <p>RB has been contacted by Theo Stratton, the Chair of Fortrose & Rosemarkie CC with a view to working together when developing winter resilience plans.</p> <p>RB has also been contacted by Sadie-Michaela Harris, the secretary of Garve and District CC. They are looking to develop a Highland register for existing or potential Community Warming Hubs. At present we do not have anything set up formally, however the Community Centre and the Pavillion have both been made available in the past. RB to reply to GDCC. RB to firm up emergency contacts/arrangements currently in place.</p> <p>3.3 Railway Access: CE has identified who holds the key and will confirm contact details</p> <p>3.4 Road safety: MMM explained that white lining the A*£” road between Munloch and the A9 and the section for pedestrians from Gowans Place can’t happen until the spring. THC are due to assess the condition of the surface at Rose Street and the safety concerns re the harbour wall. DMn commented that there are some yellow “repair” markings on Rose Street, but these do not appear to go all the way up to the shop. AA asked that the Knockmuir road also remain a consideration. All items are to remain on the agenda.</p> <p>3.5 Armistice Day: FB & DMn laid a wreath on behalf of AKCC. MMM laid a wreath on behalf of THC. Local residents, The Hairy Piper and his wife create the poppy display each year. They are keen to involve the primary children next year. The aim is to ask for their help to make the poppies and for some pupils to attend on the day. RB has been in touch with the head teacher and plans are underway to make this happen.</p> <p>3.6 Football Nets: The nets have not yet been removed. NdP to recontact Avoch Rovers to ask that they be moved, tidied up or disposed of.</p> <p>3.7 Memorial Cleaning: MMM has provided RB with contact details for the cleaning of the memorial. RB to send photos to see what can be done.</p> <p>3.8 Defibrillator Pads: DdP confirmed that Scotmid are responsible for checking and replacing the batteries and pads.</p> <p>3.9 Bus Shelter: The defunct power supply has now been removed. THC will be responsible for replacing the missing panel at the back of the shelter. THC are unable to support any further improvements to the shelter. Side panels</p>	<p>MMM to confirm collection route</p> <p>RB to reply to Thoe</p> <p>RB to reply to GDCC</p> <p>RB to firm up contacts.</p> <p>CE to confirm details</p> <p>MMM to follow up all concerns</p> <p>RB to continue to liaise with the school</p> <p>NdP to contact rovers</p> <p>RB to send photos</p>

	cannot be added due to the limited width of the pavement and the need to maintain safe passage for wheelchair users. Concerns about the timetable have also been raised.	
4.	<p>Routine Community Council matters</p> <p>4.1 Finance report: RB requested that recent finance reports be added to the drive so that they can be sent out with the papers prior to the meeting.</p> <p>TP spoke to the tabled report and indicated that we will be showing a deficit at the end of the financial year. We have still to fund the support required via Plexus to finalise the website and the replacement Christmas lights.</p> <p>AA queried the Village officer funding. TP explained that the wording is historical, it was agreed that this would be updated for clarity.</p> <p>4.1.1 Banking arrangements: FB requested a show of hands to vote on changing our bank provider in order to remove bank charges. FB advised that he has written to the BOS to establish whether the bank would be prepared to waive the charges. The consensus of elected members was to change banks. TP agreed to investigate this. DdP agreed to forward contact details for the Parent Council treasurer who has recently made this change. COOP & RBS were suggested as well as the digital option provided by Starling.</p> <p>4.1.2 Signatories: It was agreed that the change of signatories will be completed when the new bank account is being set up. The current signatories are TP as treasurer, RB & DM. The new account should be set up either for dual signature or if a single person, that being TP.</p> <p>4.2 Planning Applications: Nothing of note</p> <p>4.3 Community concerns arising</p> <p>4.3.1 Dog waste bags dispensers: NdP agreed to make these. To be installed at the top & bottom of School Brae.</p> <p>4.4 Police liaison report: Please note that DMn did not participate in this discussion. Nothing of note. RB unable to attend the next online inspectors meeting on the 13th January at 1900. DdP agreed to attend on behalf of AKCC. RB to forward the link for this meeting. The regular police report will be made available on our website.</p> <p>4.5 Correspondence</p> <p>4.5.1 Moray Flow Park: Please note that MMM did not participate in this discussion. Email dated 25th Nov from Theo Stratton (TS, Chair FRCC). TS has created a summary document collating concerns about the new flow park. He is seeking our views and would like the CCs to collaborate to inform a cohesive response from the Black Isle. RB will forward this summary to all members. FB will liaise with TS to agree the way forward, perhaps using the BICC forum for communications. DMn suggested that there should be a public consultation via social media on this topic to ensure local engagement. AA expressed an interest in the project.</p> <p>4.5.2 Avoch to Fortrose (A832) concerns: Email dated 1st Dec from Jo-Anne Pugh, Secretary FRCC. They have raised concerns with THC around the safety</p>	<p>TP to add reports.</p> <p>TP to research options</p> <p>TP to update Signatories</p> <p>NdP to make bag dispensers</p> <p>DdP to attend meeting RB to forward link</p> <p>RB to forward summary</p> <p>FB to liaise with TS</p> <p>DMn to promote on social media</p>

	<p>of the mature trees that line this road. They have requested a tree survey be carried out and any actions addressed.</p> <p>4.5.3 Mid Ross Community Partnership meeting: Email dated 3rd Dec. Next meeting of this group will be on the 17th December from 1000 – 1200 via teams. The link can be sent out if anyone would like to attend.</p> <p>4.5.4 SEPA consultation: Email dated 9th Dec detailing the public consultation around safeguarding Scotland’s water environment. The survey is open until 3rd March 2026. FB suggested that there are environmental and ecological aspects to this and asked if AA & CE respond to the survey if appropriate. RB to forward link.</p> <p>4.5.5 Highland Council Budget Challenges engagement exercise: Email dated 9th Dec. FB requested TP look at this and respond if appropriate. RB to forward link.</p> <p>4.5.6 NC500: Email dated 9th Dec seeking advice from local businesses and residents on the impact of the NC500. SBak agreed to have a look at the survey. RB will forward the link.</p>	<p>RB to forward link to survey AA/CE to review survey</p> <p>RB to forward link. TP to review</p> <p>RB to forward link. SBak to review</p>
5.	<p>Avoch Amenities Association update: A meeting took place on the 20th of November which was attended by several AKCC members. The main focus of this meeting was to identify office bearers for the Amenities to have their AGM which will take place on the 15th January. AKCC will continue to support the Amenities going forward. JJ noted that the appointment of a chair for AAA will help drive progress. DdP voiced concerns around monies that were about to be spent without the appointment of office bearers. FB has been in contact with AAA regarding their legal documents</p>	
6.	<p>Black Isle Community Councils & Place Plan update: The Place Plan is now known as Opportunity Black Isle. A request has been received for CCs and/or individuals to become involved. TP suggested that the promotion should be included in our new website.</p>	<p>TP to include on website</p>
7.	<p>AKCC Website update: TP advised that we should be able to go live soon. TP & FB will be meeting on 16th Dec to review content. There is a proposal to include a members only section to aid reviewing correspondence and draft documents prior to meetings etc. FB thanked TP for the work completed to date.</p>	<p>TP & FB to meet</p>
8.	<p>Public Toilets working group update: KT has indicated that she would be happy to re-engage with the new subgroup. DM indicated that it wouldn’t take much for the toilets to become serviceable again. The drains will be inspected using a camera on Saturday 20th Dec. DM is of the view that the current facilities are adequate once the drainage has been improved. Labour for the improvements will be provided free of charge, with the cost of materials potentially being met by AKCC.</p> <p>MMM indicated that the ward discretionary fund could be used to support the re-opening of the toilets. THC are keen to support AKCC with this project. MMM also stated that we would need to apply for the comfort scheme (currently provided to No.19) before March to support the re-opening. DM to provide MMM with his email address to take forward.</p>	<p>DM to provide email address to MMM</p>

	<p>AA asked if there was disabled access to the toilets. It was confirmed that currently there was not and space was very tight inside.</p> <p>TP reminded CC that we would need to re-instate the lease of the building prior to any works being undertaken. Named Office bearers would then become the lease holders and would then be held personally liable. TP suggested, as a charity organisation, it would be simpler for AAA to become the leaseholders.</p> <p>AA also queried funding for the ongoing costs of maintenance, cleaning, consumables etc.</p>	
9.	<p>Sharing Shed update: No progress to date with matters arising actions. TP to remove lock and add contact details.</p>	TP to progress actions
10.	<p>Flood Prevention report: FB thanked CE & NdP for their constructive feedback on the draft report. FB has met with James Bunyan (JB) who has provided excellent maps of the catchment areas detailed in the report. CE is keen to apply for grants to enable surveys to be undertaken. However it is felt that this should be delayed until the report is finalised. Stakeholders such as SEPA, THC, Scottish Water, Local farmers & Broadlands have still to be given the opportunity to engage with the report.</p> <p>Once the report has been endorsed by AKCC the stakeholders will receive a copy of the report for their consultation.</p> <p>The report will be broken down into manageable sections (such as the issues at the Primary School) to enable specific actions to be highlighted and addressed.</p> <p>The comments and new maps are still to be incorporated within the next version. It is hoped that the final draft will be made available early in the new year.</p> <p>AA & TP praised FB for the work completed to date.</p>	
11.	<p>Nature Plan & Community Improvement: FB spoke to the excellent summary report provided by CE. The works on the railway line and the replacement of the cherry trees were also noted.</p> <p>The required improvement works on the railway line are being reviewed on Tues 16th Dec. AA to summarise the actions from this review.</p> <p>It was noted that following a talk by CE on AKCC Nature plan, North Kessock are keen to have something similar for their area.</p>	AA to summarise actions required
12.	<p>AKCC Assets: maintenance and records: Proposed meeting to create a subgroup still to be arranged.</p> <p>Pavilion bridge improvements will take place in the new year.</p>	NdP, DB & SB to meet
13.	<p>Christmas Lights: DM thanked NdP for the works carried out to repair & replace the lights prior to them going up on the 30th of Nov. Thanks were also noted for Norman, Euan and DM for the tree and the mobile platform.</p> <p>DMn noted that there has been a lot of appreciation and positive feedback on social media for the lights.</p> <p>The 4th of January has been agreed as the date to take the lights back down.</p>	

<p>14.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Letters of support: These have been written by FB on behalf of AKCC to DM to support a request for funding for a local ploughing competition which takes place in February 2026. A letter was also provided to Cath Milne, a teacher at Avoch Primary, to support an application for funding to attend a science presentation in Lithuanian.</p> <p>TP reminded members that he needed a photograph and a brief resume for the website.</p> <p>DM asked for clarification on next step with the Sea Scouts, FB has agreed to produce a summary for members.</p> <p>FB expressed thanks to everyone for their efforts throughout the year and wished them a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.</p>	<p>TP to follow up.</p> <p>FB to create and send out summary</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 2nd February 2026 in Avoch Pavilion.</p>	