

RANNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th May 2026 7.30pm

Georgetown Hall, Bridge of Gaur

1. PRESENT

John Ling (JL), Mike Murray (MM), Bill Anderson (BA), Lorraine Falconer (LF), Jane Dekker (JD), Sue Mildon (SM), Ann Edmunds (AE).

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr John Duff (CD), Jeannie Grant (JG) Forestry and Land Scotland, Ian Beatt (IB) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Stewart Skene (SS) Community Support and Enforcement Team Leader.

32 Members of the public (MOP)

APOLOGIES

Provost Xander McDade, Cllr Mike Williamson, Danielle Blair- Rannoch Community Trust.

JL welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Declarations of interest - none

3. Approval of previous minutes (6th April 2026) - proposed by MM and seconded by LF

4. Matters Arising

Glass Recycling

Update given by LF. After the last meeting it had been stated that the current glass recycling containers at the Loch Rannoch Highland Club (LRHC) were available for use by the general public under 'grace and favour' terms. Mr Deak of the LRHC said this was not the case. On further investigation through Perth and Kinross Council(PKC), the containers belong to PKC and are free for the general public to use. The positioning of the containers is not ideal for both the public and the LRHC.

PKC is agreeable to having these moved to a more accessible area.

The Dunalastair Estate had previously agreed to help look for a suitable site (perhaps with the help of neighbouring estates) and required the measurements of the containers. These have now been sent by LF. The search for space is currently ongoing.

Mr Deak would like a solution by October as he is having fencing placed around the LRHC commercial waste area. In view of this LF requested in correspondence with Mr. Deak, to perhaps contact PKC directly to expedite a quicker solution.

Comms update -

JD provided this update. A sub group has been formed to look at how best our council share information with the wider community.

- Rannoch Community Council (RCC) Facebook page started at the end of March, to date has over 125 followers. We will also use the Rannoch Noticeboard facebook page.
- Website is currently under construction, this is where our minutes and agendas will be accessed, as well as a place where you can submit your views.
- Posters on community noticeboards such as in the country store, medical practice, village hall, Georgetown Hall, Rannoch station.
- We are aware of those in the community who do not use digital forums. For key issues we will aim to 'knock on doors' to reach as many people as possible. Perhaps also through groups such as Thursday Club.
- email rannochcc@gmail.com

ETAPE UPDATE - provided by JD - Community feedback from this has been positive. Little or no mess left behind. Signage removed and roads opened quickly.

The legacy grant from the organisers of £1000 went to Pitlochry Town hall. Two Rannoch groups had applied.

RCC will meet with ETAPE organisers in the next few months, please email us any feedback you wish to share.

MOP informed us that ETAPE organiser had changed recently and has been very proactive.

CD reminded us that ETAPE has a 5 year licence and this is up for renewal next year.

Although not directly linked to ETAPE a MOP felt that there are issues arising of cyclists riding more than 2 abreast on the narrow roads. It was felt that there is no immediate solution to this.

5. VISITOR MANAGEMENT

CD informed us of an increase in the visitor management budget to £200 000.

A further 4 visitor rangers would be employed. SS confirmed these positions are currently out to advert.

The budget will include portaloos that will remain in place throughout the summer. These are cleaned twice a week.

MOP close to Killichonan was concerned that the toilets there were poorly positioned. Discussions are taking place at PKC to have this rectified.

Discussions took place around recent photograph showing camping equipment and rubbish overflowing from bins and left by visitors. JL asked should bins be bigger but PKC and JG said this had been shown to be counter productive.

JG informed us of a 6 week trial on the Foss Road where bins had been removed from some areas. Refuse was left behind but less so than if there had been a bin. Where there was a bin, refuse was left overflowing and piling up. If there are no bins, are people more likely to take refuse away with them? There is some merit to having less bins, but there must be some left in strategic places to avoid visitors using residential domestic bins.

NORTH SHORE CLEARWAY PROPOSAL

Much debate took place regarding this.

JL gave a brief update on the history of this proposal and how it came to the attention of RCC. The proposal is a 5KM stretch of road on the north shore between Rannoch Lodge and Killichonan. It is hoped that this meeting would attempt to bring everyone up to date, with public consultation closing on the 29th May 2026. This is a chance for the public to give their opinions.

JL briefly described what the clearway would mean in terms of who can stop on it. There were a few MOP who are concerned that it would run so close to their homes that they may not be able to park cars, unload, accept deliveries.

SS from PKC could confirm that until Friday of last week (15th May) objections had increased to 7 and so will go to PKC planning committee. The date for this is not likely to be until August.

MOP asked what was the driving force behind the clearway and who would it actually benefit?

SS replied that it has been in response to increased visitor numbers, most notable post covid. This rise in numbers has proven there is a need to control the amount of visitors or restrict in certain areas.

Another MOP mentioned the main appeal of the clearway plan was that it brought with it funding for extra monitoring which might have an impact on visitor management.

Reasons give to RCC included the control of antisocial camping behaviours. Reasons given by PKC initially were that inappropriate parking had caused access issues for some large vehicles but it seems there is no record of any incidents reported or recorded.

MOP commented that landowners who have placed boulders at some area to prevent parking are restrictive and have actually forced people to park in such a way that it actually causes obstruction. JG has seen evidence of this happening.

JG has photos of parking causing obstructions. This however is data gathered by FLS. She stressed the importance of an interagency approach to gathering information. This

includes FLS, SFRS, LRCA (loch rannoch conservation association) and local residents and business owners.

JG referenced the Foss road. This already has a clearway with formal parking places. In general the road has remained clear and free from obstruction but the sheer volume of visitors cause issues.

MOP was keen to stress that local residents should have parking places, not just visitors.

The Foss Road clearway in its current state was a result of community engagement and some compromise to include designated parking and stopping places.

The Claunie area has similar experiences.

MOP felt that there were at least 5 more passing place signs needed on the area being discussed.

SS stated that PKC don't have all the answers but will discuss further once public consultation closes.

The debate continued with questions and comments from many MOP. including,

- concerns that there is no evidence to support clearway
- could landowners do more to facilitate better parking areas?
- concerns that visitor numbers make the road feel like a holiday resort
- people racing round the loch
- who will enforce this clearway?
- what powers do the rangers have?
- should more be done to educate visitors with regard to the outdoor access code?
- are yellow lines a solution?
- will a clearway displace traffic elsewhere ?
- issues reported at Tullicroisk where clearway exists but it is not policed nor seems to be effective. Frequent obstructions occur causing inconvenience to resident.

Some solutions that have been deployed came from JG with regard to experiences learned from Foss road. Changing some camping spots to passing places has helped flow. Placing large boulders may actually be causing further issues and just moves campers elsewhere.

FLS creating spend the night areas do help to keep people off the road.

JG also mentioned the possibility, in the future of making parking available on Loch Rannoch south road where timber has recently been extracted. Some trees will need to be allowed to grow first to ensure a more pleasant outlook for close by residents.

In general, JG noted that people are becoming less responsible where they stop. Although not directly connected to clearway issues there seems to be more fires more campers more rubbish and a general disregard for the access code.

Not everyone agrees. MOP felt that with many years of camping experience, good engagement will give rise to positive outcomes and good camping experiences.

The clearway and visitor management seem to go hand in hand.

The debate will be ongoing and public opinion is vital. Further debate will be needed to address all the issues raised, but it is vital that all agencies are involved and share information.

It is clear that there are positive and negative effects of a clearway. The general feeling from those who contributed is that more talking needs to be done and questions need to be answered.

In terms of 'policing' a clearway SS this would come from PKC support and enforcement teams.

CD added it had been useful to hear the views and opinions shared. As our area is not a national park we do not have the same by laws that a national park may have especially in terms of banning fires and parking.

The outdoor access code, is just a code and lacks legislation to have it enforced.

6. ROADS

Closure at Lassintulloch tue 26 May 0930-1530 BT poling works

FLS tree felling Allean on North Loch Tummel Road - 6 weeks 1st Sept.-16 Oct. any further updated will be brought to next meeting. There will be night time restrictions in place. There will be further notices.

B846 south of Loch Tummel Hotel. 6 weeks of work Oct-Dec.

7. PLANNING

MOP discussed boat shed close to Roadmans cottage. Planning has already been submitted for this, there are objections and the process is ongoing. 25/01523

There has been an amendment to the plans and question asked if RCC can make comments to PKC. RCC will investigate and ask PKC for an extension to comment.

8. EVENTS

ETAPE discussed earlier.

upcoming - 15 August, The Rannoch gathering

- 16 August Aberfeldy triathlon, cycle leg around the loch and Shiehallion.
- 10-11 October, Marathon. Events sub group are meeting with Run Nation soon to discuss their planning and SAG (safety advisory group at PKC) process. They have asked if any local groups are interested in providing any catering at the event.
- 13 March 27, Hackle car rally. There will be a meeting soon with the organisers to discuss impact on Rannoch residents and visitors.

9. FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND UPDATES.

From JG - information on recent consultation will be available on FLS website. There had been an issue with a QR code not working but this is being corrected. No updates had been permitted during the election. Posters will be going up following the consultation in the places you would expect to find RCC information.

10. TREASURER REPORT

Current balance £345,48, this will be made up to £1000 by PKC in line with other community councils.
 expenditure thus far is £40 for venues
 domain name for 3 years £31.19
 web hosting approx. £100 - expected

SECRETARY - meeting schedule will change and standing orders will be updated accordingly. currently under discussion

11. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

CD informed us upcoming paper (18th June) proposing a visitor levy. It is yet to be decided if this should be a fixed fee or a percentage of nights stayed.

MOP asked if those staying in the area for medical grounds would be subject to this and where will the money raised go? CD stated that the medical position is not yet clear. Any money raised should back into tourist infrastructure.

Short term let(STL) control zone - North Perthshire - Paper due out on this. Planning permission may be required for short term lets if this introduced.

Library review - libraries, especially some smaller ones are funded up until 2027 when this will be reviewed. JD asked if this affects mobile libraries - these will continue.

12. AOCB

none

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 21ST JULY, 1930Hrs KINLOCH RANNOCH VILLAGE HALL.