

DALWHINNIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 19th June 2025

Time: 18.30

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Chappell (MAC), Jen Dickinson (JD), Nicola Penny (NP), Lesley Carr (LC), Muriel Cockburn (HC/MC)

APOLOGIES and WELCOME

Simon Conroy (SC), Deborah Munday (DM), David Haggarty (DH)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST/INTENTIONS

No declarations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting from 8th May 2025 were proposed by LC and seconded by JD

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Current balance £8,863.67
- JD investigated the charges and these are correct for a monthly service charge and cash deposit charges.
- 2 correx police with speed guns have been ordered and money paid to Nathan Grant for 2 lots of grass cutting
- MC advised that other councils are having the same issues regarding charges and suggested raising at the B&S Community Council Forum with Lewis Hannah of HC

MATTERS ARISING

- Speeding – this is still continuing despite information advising after the speed survey that the average speed was still below 40mph. PC Stewart also advised he had done his own speed survey early Saturday morning 7th June, and agreed with those findings. MAC has responded advising that we feel the speed traps were in the wrong locations to show where the speeding predominantly takes place and that carrying out a survey early on a Saturday morning was not when the majority of speeding occurs. The main times are early morning and late afternoon during the week. We have now ordered the correx police with speed guns to try and help. JD is still chasing for the 40mph to be extended to the railway bridge and understand that this is sat with Transport Scotland. It was pointed out however, that the speed survey results could be used to our advantage when dealing with the EARBA project and the impact on the village.

- War Memorial Benches – the benches have now arrived and are waiting for Alan Dawson to return to assist with making brackets to fix them
- DCC Fund Raising
 - The craft fair has now a date set for Saturday 1st November 25 and the hall booked.
 - Panto still has no decision but this will be finalized at the next meeting
- Voices Past & Present – the required form has now been returned but JD is still waiting on the pictures that are still requiring identification. LC advised that it had been suggested that a collage is made of all the small photos. There are still a large number of copies of the Dalwhinnie book to be sold, this was originally put together to raise money for the community. There is currently about £950 sat in the account and as it is not going to be possible to produce a second book that the money be split 50/50 between the DCDT and DCC. LC to speak with Bill Carr regarding the account and who holds it. There is still a lot of material that had been gathered for a second book and it was suggested that it may be worth asking the community on their thoughts of what to do with these and that it may be something the Folk Museum could use and to contact either Douglas Wilby or Launa Cruickshank.
- Station Road Lighting – the winter lights have now been taken down, there are some repairs required and they are to be stored with Alan Dawson in his shed.
- Rail Crossing – no further update.
- EARBA Pump Storage – LC is continuing to attend meetings and has also discovered that there are other projects within the Highland where it has been suggested that Dalwhinnie is used for the Park & Ride, however we have not been made aware of these. Due to the level of proposals currently on going it is being recommended that all community councils join together to form a larger group to raise objections/issues as may carry a larger voice/more weight
- SSE Hydro Community Fund – cut off is 26th June 25, JD has requested further guidance on this and is going to contact Alice Fogg (VABS) who has offered assistance. The funding could be for trees/signs/speed cameras/events among some of the areas to be funded.
- Dalwhinnie Flood Resilience – a letter of support from the community council has been sent and the planning notice is now available

PLANNING MATTERS

Dalwhinnie Flood Resilience

Dalwhinnie Distillery are applying for a change of licence- This licence allows for catering, increased sale of alcohol, events. MAC to speak with the Distillery to ensure that nothing is going to impact the current businesses in the village

AOB

- SEPA are holding a consultation online which closes on 30th June 25, this is for everyone to have access to complete. This will be share on Facebook. NP to send details to JD.
- Community Transport – MAC had a meeting with Community Connxions who are keen to work with us to provide help and assistance with transport around the area. They also offering a befriending service and welcome volunteers who may have transport and can spare a couple of hours per week. MAC to speak with DM to co-ordinate and move forward with what the village require
- Stand for the wreaths at the memorial is still in progress with Alan Dawson

NEXT MEETING DATES

- Thursday 24th July 25, Thursday 18th Sept 25, Tuesday 7th October 25, all Dalwhinnie Village Hall, 6.30pm