

## Dalwhinnie CC Chairperson Report – 2025-2026

Good evening, everyone, and thank you for coming along to this year's AGM.

It's been another productive year for the Community Council, with several positive developments across the village.

I'm pleased to report that the memorial benches have now been replaced, ensuring they remain a fitting tribute within our community. In November, we held a craft fair on the 25th, which was a great success and raised £400. A particular thank you goes to Jen, not only for her ongoing work as Treasurer, but also for organising the craft fair — it was a fantastic effort and very much appreciated.

We've also submitted applications to Community Connexions, and we await updates on those. Our police information boards have now been purchased and mounted, and we are currently identifying a suitable permanent location for them.

In addition, a speed sign has been purchased, which we hope will contribute to improved road safety. Lesley has successfully helped get the village energy project off the ground — an important step forward for local sustainability.

We've invested in new gym equipment for the community, and work is underway on a new website, which will help improve communication and accessibility for residents.

Looking back over the past year, the AGM was held on the 15th of April 2025. Since then, meetings have taken place in May, June, July, September, October, November, and February — seven in total — exceeding the minimum required to secure the Highland Council grant.

I'd also like to extend our continued thanks to Nathan Grant for his ongoing work on Station Road.

Regarding the proposed 40mph speed limit extension, all related issues and comments must now be submitted to Bear Scotland by the 20th of April. We would encourage anyone with views on this to ensure they are sent in before that deadline.

While no organised litter picks have taken place this year, the equipment remains available at the garage for all residents to use. Fly tipping, however, continues to be an issue, and we encourage everyone to remain vigilant and report any incidents.

There have been no changes regarding the Ben Alder rail crossing, and the Loch an Earba project is still ongoing.

Work is also underway to update the Community Action Plan, ensuring it reflects current priorities and remains relevant to the needs of our community today.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement — it truly makes a difference.

Mike Chappell  
Dalwhinnie CC Chair