

DALWHINNIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 26th February 2026

Time: 18.30

APOLOGIES and WELCOME

Apologies- SC, IP, DM, LC, MC(HC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Chappell (MAC), Nicola Penny (NP), Jen Dickinson (JD), David Haggarty (DH), Alice Fogg (AF) (VABS)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST/INTENTIONS

No declarations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting from 13th November were proposed by DH and seconded by JD

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Current Balance - £5,208.64
- Several expenses since the last meeting, including bank charges, speed signs, storage boxes, winter lights, domain name and police cutouts
- JD to challenge BlueHost on charges due to being hacked and website taken down
- New banners being ordered for the craft fair and it was agreed a gift for Jules Akel would be purchased as a thank you for his work on all our designs – a bottle of whisky max £60 agreed
- £100 voucher agreed previously for Nathan Grant is still to be purchased as waiting on details of where to obtain
- JD to investigate different banking options further but Co-op is the favourite
- Money held in account for Past & Present to be ring-fenced for use towards new website

MATTERS ARISING

- Speeding - 40mph Speed Limit Extension – BEAR were due to visit on Wednesday to discuss putting up signs to this effect but didn't turn up. The Policemen statues and the speed camera are now to go up. A pole of at least 81 above ground level is required to site the speed camera to ensure efficient working of the radar, one is to be purchased if not available. Alan Dawson has agreed for this to be positioned on his land.
- Community Connexions – references and applications still to be completed. JD raised the issue of insurance as any issue that did occur when driving whilst volunteering would impact the individuals insurance. It was however noted that the use of the community minibus was very well received for the Burns Night supper
- Fund Raising – the Sprint Craft Fair currently has 15 stalls booked with room still for a couple more. Community Connexions will also be attending outside. We need to continue to push the sale of tickets for the Hamish Napier evening to ensure that this isn't cancelled by him, due to looking like low attendance, as we know a lot of tickets are sold at the last minute. Posters are up in Dalwhinnie and Newtonmore already, due to go up in Kingussie. AF agreed to also distribute them. MAC to speak to Community Connexions for transport to this event too.
- New Website – MAC showed everyone the progress so far and everyone agreed this is looking very good. MAC to distribute to all to review over the next week and advise on any amendments and additional content. Responses by Thursday 5th March 26.
- Village energy Project – To be updated at next meeting
- EARBA Project – to be updated at next meeting. AF did advise nothing has been happening recently

- Foundation Scotland – to be updated at next meeting
- Community Action Plan – AF advised making this as useful as possible. We need to go through the current plan and update and add the place map prior to the upcoming HC consultations. AF to circulate the current map that has been created to ensure items shown are correct and in the right locations. MAC suggested restreaming to just 4 key areas. It was agreed to hold a meeting specifically to discuss and review this. Date agreed of 17th March at 17.30.

PLANNING MATTERS

Nothing to report

AOB

- JD advised she had received an email from CNP regarding the potential to create a cycle path connecting to Laggan, it advised that Scotways are looking at adding this to the Heritage Paths as there has been a route previously
- JD raised an issue with access to land next to Ben Alder Gatehouse now that there are horses kept in this field, as access through there on the footpath and to the bench at the viewing area has been restricted especially with dogs and the ground is now very muddy. It was requested that a letter from the DCC be sent to the Factor requesting this to be remedied
- DH pointed out that the new benches at the war memorial are already going rusty, so will need removing, rubbing down and repainting. It was suggested asking Alan Dawson if they could be stored in his shed whilst not insitu
- AF advised that the contact list for VABS was in need of updating and would send out the form

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NEXT MEETING DATES

- AGM - Tuesday 17th March 19.00, Dalwhinnie Village Hall