



DRAFT Minutes of meeting on the 18.09.2025 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19:40

1. Present: Tom Anderson (TA), Rita Fenton (RMF), Ron Ferguson (RF), Allan McLeod (AM), Norman Chisholm (NC).

TA welcomed everyone to the meeting, including one member of the public who was in attendance.

2. Apologies: Sandra MacDonald (SM), Ryan Barrowman (RB), Cllr Maureen Ross, Cllr Laura Dundas.

3. Police Report: A report covering July and August was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed briefly.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15th May 2025): Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025 were approved. Proposed: RMF, Seconded: RF.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes: A summer break report was produced by AM and used alongside previous minutes to discuss issues. The Balnagown Estate development (Delny solar array) was raised and AM provided a summary of the situation to date, explaining that it was hoped to arrange a meeting with the estate to discuss community benefit from any renewable energy development within our ward area. KALECC had met with The Highland Council to discuss advice and support available in arranging an agreement between community organisations and developers. TA proposed a motion to confirm support for discussions being held with Balnagown Estate. All members present voted in favour. TA also suggested appointing an associate to the community council to advise, which was welcomed, but agreed this would be reviewed following the meeting with the developers.

Energy infrastructure projects had been raised by NC prior to the meeting. AM invited NC to explain his concerns. Energy infrastructure projects, including wind farms, were discussed at length. It was established that NC hoped the community council would support the Convention of Community Councils on the impact of major energy infrastructure projects. KALECC will review the details of the convention and agree if formal support can be issued.

6. Report by Highland Councillors: None

7. Financial Accounts: None. It was agreed that Janet Tucker would continue as auditor for the account.

8. Community Council Issues: AM repeated that the main issue facing the community council is the lack of members and the need for four to meet the minimum quorum. RMF suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to former Highland Councillor Derek Loudon for his help and assistance over the years following his decision to stand down. This was agreed.

9. Planning and Licensing: Two applications in the area were mentioned briefly: an extension to the village shop, and a hot food van at the shop.

10. Correspondence: Numerous items of correspondence were received, including concerns regarding wind farm and energy infrastructure projects, which were discussed at length. An individual contacted the community council to request a replacement road sign at Munro Crescent.

Emails were sent to Highland Councillors and the Roads Department of The Highland Council in relation to road signs, the public footpath, and road surfaces at the entrance to the village. A complaint was received regarding activity on the community council Facebook page. A response was provided to the individual and is now with The Highland Council.

TA confirmed he will attend the online AGM for the Beinn Tharsuinn Board on 22 September 2025. The Easter Ross Community Council online gathering is arranged for 1:30 to 3:00 pm on 23 September 2025. RMF agreed to attend the Port of Nigg liaison meeting on 2 October 2025, 12 pm to 1 pm.

A letter of thanks was received from KALE in response to approval of their funding application for children's Christmas parties and the "Meet and Eat" community lunch club at Christmas. An invoice for venue fees was also received and forwarded to the Treasurer.

11. Any Other Business: RMF suggested that Beinn Tharsuinn funding could be awarded to SCAA, the emergency helicopter charity. This received full support to be investigated further. NC reported an incident at the Nigg Ferry slipway which was reported to The Highland Council. NC also advised that pews are available for purchase from Kilmuir Church, which are no longer required.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: 16th October 2025.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications: Two applications were approved during the reporting period.

14. Meeting Closure: TA thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting concluded at 20:50

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council