

Glengarry Community Council (GCC)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held on 1st June 2026
at 1900 in Glengarry Community Hall

1. Present, apologies and declarations of interest
Present: George Cross (GX), chair; Cecilia Dyckhoff (CD), Secretary; Kevin Sutherland (KS); Ken Brown (KB); Philippa Maltby (PM); Gillian Carruthers (GC); Cllr John Grafton (Cllr JG); and seven members of the public.
Apologies: Lea MacNally (LMacN), Treasurer; Cllr Liz Saggers.
Conflicts of interest: none were intimated.
2. Minutes of AGM of 2nd June 2025 for adoption
The minutes of the AGM of 2nd June 2025 were adopted unanimously; proposed: KB; seconded: KS.
3. Chairperson's Annual Report, and questions from the floor
GX read his Report. He thanked the members for their work and outlined what had been undertaken in the year, including the consideration of many planning issues, including about forty planning applications. Members continue to engage with several Community Liaison Groups.

He reported that GCC has delivered a Local Place Plan (LPP) that is now registered with Highland Council, and which will help to guide developers to the community's views on suitable development. The Community Action Plan created by Glengarry Community Development Trust (GCDT) was an important precursor to the LPP. This collaboration shows GCC's wish to evolve liaison with local groups. He also referred to ongoing work on the Principles of Community Benefit Funding document, which it is hoped will also assist developers. GCC also hopes that the Post Office ownership and management will be put on a sounder basis under GCDT.

He said that GCC is conscious of the importance of communication, and will use social media pages for this, as well as its own web page. He also said that all members live locally and are happy to talk to members of the community.

He referred to GCC's work under the previous much respected Chair towards obtaining a reduced speed limit in the village, with a pedestrian crossing, and said that continued lobbying had resulted in a first plan for this. GCC will continue to press for it.

He said that GCC supports or funds various village activities and services, including the annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens, and the Remembrance Day service, as well as the renovation of the cemetery gates, the provision of rubbish skips, and the sterling work of the Village Officer.

He concluded by saying that for its size, this is an active community, enjoying Christmas dinners, parties, craft and produce fairs, a new garden group, and many activities in the Community Hall, where it is hoped that the café that ably supports the various activities, will soon be continuing to operate with its invaluable volunteer staff.

There were no questions. The Report was commended.

4. Treasurer's submission of independently examined Financial Statement and formal adoption, and questions from the floor
LMacN had circulated the annual Financial Statement. In his absence, John Henshall (JH), the independent examiner was present to answer relevant questions. KB commented that the date '2025' had been inserted in error in three places in reference to the bank reconciliation. JH acknowledged this and undertook to supply a corrected page. After discussion of the status of restricted funds, the pigpen and the snow shovel, and the expenditure for the Local Place Plan, GX asked JH if the accounts balanced, and received confirmation of this and that the Statement was materially correct. JH said that he had found no fault with the records kept, that the bank account record of funds available to spend is correct, and that a discrepancy of 20p had been found to be a transcription error. There being no further questions, CD thereafter proposed adoption of the Financial Statement, seconded by KS, and it was adopted by a majority of five to one.
5. Election of office bearers
Cllr JG took the chair for the election of office bearers. The following were elected unanimously, having indicated their willingness to stand: Chair - GX: proposed CD, seconded KS; Secretary - CD: proposed GX, seconded GC; Treasurer – LMacN: proposed GC, seconded PM; Vice-Chair – KS: proposed GX, seconded GC.
6. Provisional date of next AGM
The provisional date of the next AGM will be 7th June 2027.