

# Ness News

Community News & Events

June 2025



## Brownies

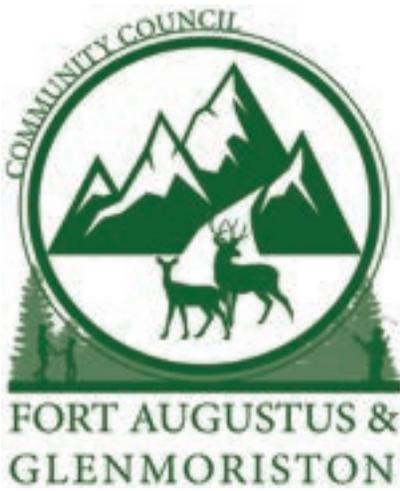


## Waverley Trip



## Riding for a Cause





Hi everybody,

I hope you've all been enjoying the long spell of good weather. It's been a busy couple of months for everybody with so much activity going on in the background of many local organisations and groups. The Community Council have just had their AGM and my report is as follows –

As Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community councillors as well as our Highland Councillors, David Fraser and Chris Ballance for attending our meetings over the last year and for their help and advice.

Other thanks go to Mike for keeping our accounts in order and to Angela MacCormick for verifying the accounts, also to Claire for overseeing planning applications, correspondence and articulate letter writing, Jen for attending meetings with me regarding renewable energy. A few months ago, we welcomed James on board who has been invaluable in various negotiations and helping set up the SCIO with Mike. I am grateful for all your input - Helen as our representative for the Community Company, Dan regarding boats, Clare for her insights especially regarding Glenmoriston and Leanne with her legal knowledge and Deborah for being our minute taker. We will shortly be losing Claire and Leanne as they go onto pastures new and we wish them both well in their future ventures.

The Community Council will carry on supporting and representing both communities with the usual range of issues:

1. Housing
2. Public Transport
3. Community traffic and parking issues in Fort Augustus and the speed reduction in Invermoriston
4. Reviewing planning applications and responding when necessary.
5. BEAR and Highland Council road maintenance issues.
6. Local Access issues.
7. CC support of community groups including the Community Company, 3 Glens Home Care, the Glenmoriston Improvement Group and the West Glenmoriston Hub, the Senior Citizens' Association and the Silver Surfers.
8. Inchnacardoch Bay and setting up the new SCIO.
9. Better communications with the Community Company and Scottish Canals.

The Community Council have been very busy in the past year sorting out asset and land issues, creating the Local Place Plan with the Community Company, dealing with solicitors, starting a new SCIO with trustees etc. However, I think we will be a stronger community in the future working with the Community Company, Invermoriston Hall Association and the West Glenmoriston Hub to implement this.

Last year, I mentioned better broadband provision in the area which has improved with Highland Broadband but we will have another busy year ahead with trying to improve Fort Augustus play areas, the Social Charter and progressing with the SCIO and land transfers.

Deirdre MacKinnon  
Chair

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# The Hub, Dalchreichart

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025



“The best summer memories are the ones that make you smile long after the sun has set.”

What wonderful weather we have had this Spring and it has been delightful to see that at least one of our birdboxes we erected, as a result of our Build a Bird Box competition, has been successfully occupied by a pair of bluetits. We are looking forward to seeing the fledglings once they hatch. We can only hope for as good a summer and although the land could do with a good watering, somehow, I feel it won't want for it!

Continuing on the bird theme, we made use of the light mornings and favourable weather to hold our Dawn Chorus Walk in May to identify birds in the vicinity by their birdsong. In addition to those you may have expected e.g. chaffinches, bluetits, great tits, blackbirds, robins, wrens, willow warblers some lesser-known species were identified including siskins, redpolls and tree pipits. If anyone is interested in learning more and helping with bird surveys in the area, contact Affric Highlands through their website <https://affrichighlands.org> as they are currently looking for volunteers.

**Car Park** – by the time of publishing, the groundworks to level and resurface our car park will have been finished. This was very much needed as the old car park was deteriorating fast and becoming somewhat of a hazard. During the process, we were able to replace the dilapidated 70-year-old clay drains with new ones and we also took the opportunity to remove the old shed on the site which was a bit of an eyesore and not very practical.



## What's happening at the Hub?



Boules night - The new Boules Court at the Hub is now operational and available for use. The great weather during May gave us the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor scenery with a relaxing game of Boules. If you want to try your hand at the game, there is no need to book the court and there is outdoor seating available for spectators. Bring your own boules sets, though we do have a couple of sets to lend out should you need them. Look out for further Boules evenings in future!

**Coffee mornings** - Our regular monthly coffee morning takes place on the last Saturday of every month from 11 am to 1 pm. Our next are scheduled for 28th June, 26th July and 30th August\*. All welcome, come and meet your neighbours, enjoy the craic and indulge in some cake (usually home baked and rather delicious) or biscuits.

**Eco garden – Official opening and BBQ, Saturday 30th August** (\*combined with our usual coffee morning). You are invited to stay on after the coffee morning to look around at the new developments in the eco-garden (including some interesting and informative new signs covering local flora and fauna) and enjoy an outdoor barbeque which will be provided by Highland Hog Roasts, the same catering firm who have supplied us with excellent food for our Christmas dinner and Hog Roast in the past. This event will be heavily subsidised by the Hub and tickets will be available shortly. This will be advertised through our facebook pages and local noticeboards, or you can enquire through [thehubdalchreichart@gmail.com](mailto:thehubdalchreichart@gmail.com)

**Quiz nights** – the last quiz night of the season was held in April but don't worry, it will be returning again in the Autumn.

**Craft and Chat club** takes place on the third Thursday of each month (19th June, 17th July and 21st August). Everyone welcome, bring along whatever craft you are working on or just come and enjoy the company. Start at 10 am to 1 pm.

### Coming soon...

In the planning at the moment are two new exciting ventures for the Hub:- Bingo Night and Indoor Curling! Expect to see these added to our list of events for the coming Autumn. Details in the next Ness News.

For further information on our Hub, check out our website: [thehubdalchreichart.co.uk](http://thehubdalchreichart.co.uk). Our events are usually posted on our facebook site: Glenmoriston Improvement Group, or if you are a member of Dalchreichart Residents Group you can see them posted there too. You can also contact us by email on: [thehubdalchreichart@gmail.com](mailto:thehubdalchreichart@gmail.com)

West Glenmoriston Community Company



# Shinty Update

The men's season started on 1st March, away to Newtonmore. There have been some highs and some lows, but the boys are battling on and at present are lying seventh in North Division. They still have plenty of home games so why not come along to Craigard Shinty Pitch, Invergarry on a Saturday and support the club.

Thanks to the generosity of Glendoe Estates, we have the use of their brand new 17-seater minibus which will make life easier to transport registered team members to matches and cup games.

Our first round of the newly named Chieftain Cup, previously known as the Single Team Cup, took us over the water and back to the Isle of Lewis on 26th April, where we played Lewis Camanachd. A comfortable win of 7-1, has led us to play previous rivals, Kilmory in the next stage on Saturday, 17th May. A great day out, transported by the new minibus (thanks to drivers Ken and Scott),

was had on Lewis where we were made very welcome. The Chieftain Cup was introduced in 2022 and was previously known as the "Single Team Cup" as it was only open to teams that had only one team, the aim was to provide the opportunity for the smaller clubs to be able to compete for silverware. It has been renamed the "Chieftain Cup" after Captain Archibald Macra Chisholm of Glassburn, who was born in Strathglass in 1825. He was a member of the Black Watch, a Justice of the Peace and a piper but his roots lay with Gaelic culture and traditions. Captain Chisholm also founded Strathglass Shinty Club in 1879 and wrote the first rules of shinty and assisted with the formation of the Camanachd Association in 1893, where he was elected as their first chieftain, hence the name of the cup. This year, the final will be celebrated at the home of the first chieftain, Strathglass in July.

Many congratulations to club members Finlay Nicolson, Shaun Nicolson and Holly Nicolson who took on the gruelling 2025 Loch Ness Etape to raise funds for the charity "Mind Not Defeated". Also, a big thanks to the 3 anonymous volunteers who donated their fees to the club.

Our shinty kitchen will be once again open at the Glengarry Highland Games on Saturday, 5th July serving an array of hot food, snacks and home baking. If you would like to assist on the day or throughout the season, please contact the secretary at [secretary.glengarry@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.glengarry@outlook.com).

Fancy giving shinty a go, why not attend our training sessions at Craigard Shinty Pitch.  
 Juniors – Monday evening  
 Men – Tuesday evening  
 Woman – Thursday evening  
 Contact [secretary.glengarry@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.glengarry@outlook.com)





# Silver Surfers

Our trip on the world's last seagoing paddle steamer the Waverley, took place on Friday 23rd May. The trip went from Kyle of Lochalsh to Carbost, with a stop at Armadale to drop off and pick up passengers. This was a historic first sailing to Carbost for the Waverly.

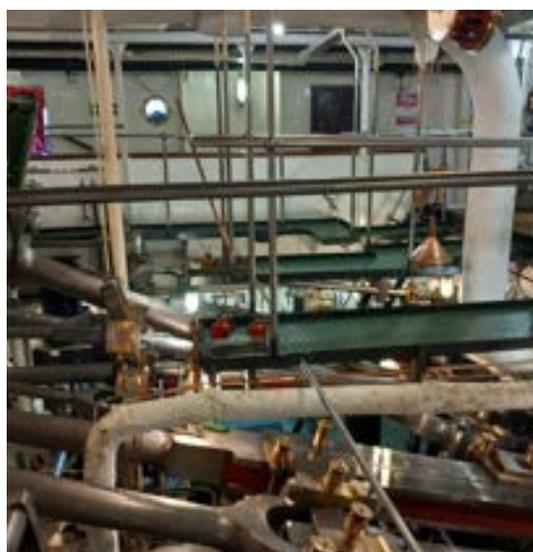
Although it was a very long day, it was well worth it to take in the stunning scenery around the Skye coastline and experience travelling on an iconic ship.

The weather was excellent on the journey to Carbost but a little windier and wet for the return leg but this didn't put a dampener on the day.

The Waverley was launched in October 1946 and the first passengers to sail on her took place in June 1947. In May 1974, after a long and varied service she was sold to The Paddle Steamer Preservation Society for the grand sum of £1. After a period of maintenance and repair she sailed with her new life and passengers in May 1975 and has continued to do so ever since.

Looking to the future the Silver Surfers are looking into possible days out later this year, which may include a visit to Inverness Castle and the Black Isle Show. We also have other potential trips during the darker days of the year, but more about that soon.

Have a glorious summer one and all.





## *'Supporting Our Communities'*



### **3 Glens Community Care: Supporting Our Rural Communities**

In the heart of our beautiful glens, a grassroots initiative makes a real difference in people's lives. 3 Glens Community Care is dedicated to supporting individuals, families, and older residents across our rural communities by offering essential services, social connections, and a helping hand where needed most.

### **Encouraging New Members and Volunteers**

As with any community-driven initiative, we rely on the enthusiasm and generosity of our volunteers and supporters. If you're looking for a way to give back, meet new people, or gain experience, we'd love to welcome you aboard. There are many ways to get involved, from helping with events to providing practical support for those in need.

We seek new volunteers and members to help expand our reach and enhance our services. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or just now and then, your support can significantly impact you. Volunteering with us is an excellent opportunity to develop new skills, build friendships, and contribute to the well-being of our community. No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and a caring heart.

If you're interested in joining our dedicated team, please get in touch. We offer flexible opportunities to suit different availability and interests, ensuring everyone can find a role that fits them.

### **Development of Our New Community Transport Service**

We are excited to announce the development of our new community transport service, which aims to make travel easier for those who may struggle with mobility or access to transportation. This initiative will help residents attend social events and stay connected with their community.

Our goal is to provide reliable, affordable, and accessible transport to those who need it most, ensuring that no one is left isolated due to a lack of transportation options. As we develop this service, we are looking for volunteer drivers to help make this a success. If you have a passion for helping others and some spare time, we'd love to hear from you!

### **Stay Connected**

To keep up with our latest news and activities, follow our Facebook charity page. We share updates, upcoming events, and ways you can support our mission. Your involvement—big or small—helps us continue to build a stronger, more connected community. Please find us on Facebook at 3 Glens Community Care.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those around us. Join us at 3 Glens Community Care and be part of something truly special.

The Board of Trustees of 3 Glens Community Care work together, and alongside other organisations, to improve the availability of care services in our rural area to improve social isolation of people in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, or social circumstances.

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# Riding for a Cause Close to Home

Etape Loch Ness 2025 – Riding for a Cause Close to Home

On the 27th April, Holly, Shaun, Finlay, Ania, and Ashleigh took on the Etape Loch Ness, a challenging 66-mile cycle around the iconic Scottish loch.

It was tough in parts with the wind against us but the views and the sense of purpose kept us going strong and we were able to complete it in just over 4hours.

We weren't just pedalling for the challenge though, we rode to support Mind Not Defeated, a local charity founded by our friend Lachlan Campbell. Lachlan is living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), yet despite the immense challenges, he has shown extraordinary courage and compassion by creating this charity to support other families affected by MND.

Lachlan has turned his journey into something truly inspiring; raising awareness and funds to support other families facing the same diagnosis. His strength and positivity fuelled every mile we rode.

We are proud to have cycled in honour of Lachlan and the many families impacted by MND. Every mile was a tribute to his strength and to the purpose behind this incredible cause.

We want to thank everyone who donated, sponsored and supported us. We are absolutely delighted to say we raised over £4000 for Lachlan's charity.

If you would like to learn more about Mind Not Defeated, or support the charity, we encourage you to get in touch or visit their page [#mindnotdefeated](#)





# Garry Games

The 2025 Glengarry Highland Games – Saturday 5th July

Looking for a fun day out with the family? The Glengarry Highland Games return to the Shinty Pitch in Invergarry, with a packed line-up for all ages.

This year we're excited to welcome Skye Circus Skills, who are offering aerial shows and circus fun throughout the day.

There'll also be performances and workshops from the Highland African Drummers, axe throwing, a bouncy castle, and our friendly Highland cows. In the arena, enjoy the men's and women's Heavy Events, flat races for all ages, and the ever-popular Tug O' War.

You'll find live music from the Lochaber High School Pipe Band, Highland Dancing, tasty local food, and craft stalls to explore.

We've got stretch tents up for cover—so the Games are on, rain or shine.

Thanks to the Fort Augustus Community Company, a free shuttle bus will run throughout the 3 Glens on the day with pick ups in Dalchreichart, Invermoriston and Fort Augustus—advance booking is required by email ([info@glengarrygathering.org](mailto:info@glengarrygathering.org)) or phone (+44 01320 345153).

It's shaping up to be a great day—we hope to see you there!



**Fort Augustus Senior Citizens' Association needs**

- A treasurer
- Someone to organise the monthly bus trip

You don't need to be a financial expert to be treasurer, just basic record keeping and spreadsheet skills are needed. Basic admin skills and the ability to make simple posters are needed for the bus trip organiser.

If you can help please contact Deirdre: [deirdre\\_x@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:deirdre_x@hotmail.co.uk).

## Senior Citizens' Assoc

Fort Augustus Senior Citizens' Association are planning their outing for September once finances are in place. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the shopping bus 4 to 6 times a year and are desperately looking for a treasurer as Claire heads to pastures new.

Please contact Sandra Attwood or Deirdre MacKinnon.

## Polite Request

Local residents have been noticed using the big bins in Fort Augustus main carpark. These are for the Community Company caretakers when they empty all the other bins throughout the village which are needed for the many tourists. Please refrain from using those bins and use either domestic home bins or the skips at the village hall when available. This would be greatly appreciated.



# Thank You



March the 27th was the second saddest day in my life. It was the day we said a formal goodbye to the major part of my life, my wife Carol Pritchard.

I want to say a very big thank you to all that attended on the day, there was well over one hundred people in the Hall. Many more people sent apologies for not being able to attend. Family and friends travelled significant distances to join in the "Do" that Carol wanted and it was good to see them albeit in not so good circumstances.

A special thank you goes to Glen Rowan Café for the catering and to Glynis for conducting the proceedings. Most of all, I want to thank Robyn, Stephanie and Joyce for the readings.

There are members of the community that have supported me in ways that have kept me going and continue to do so. To those, there are no thanks sufficient to express my gratitude.

My final thanks is for everyone that has donated either to the Hospice fund or to the cost of the bench for Carol that is now established on the grass behind the Hall. We raised over £1350 for the Hospice from the collection on the day and previously at the Community Tuesdays.

Lastly, I would like to apologise. It wasn't scheduled for me to take the stage on the day; I wasn't even sure I would be able to keep it all together. Standing on the stage and seeing the hall full of the people whose lives Carol had touched was testament to how special she was to everyone.

The book of memories "For Carol" is still available for anyone that still wants to write a comment or record a memory, just let me know.

So once more thank you very much from me and Meg.

Derek A. Hart



# 'Toughest Foot Race on Earth'

Marathon des Sables 2025 – the 'Toughest Foot Race on Earth'.

On 2nd April, with kit bags filled with dehydrated food to sustain us for eight days, sand gaiters, well run in faithful trainers and enough sun cream to swim in, Michael and I flew out to Morocco to join a thousand other like minded athletes, all prepared to challenge themselves to their core, to their limits, running 250 kilometres across the Sahara Desert.

Throughout the seven day race, we faced constant challenges along the route, including extreme 45c heat, harsh terrain, blistered feet and never ending sandstorms which left us sleep deprived and blanketed in sand each night.

Michael and I ran together every step of the way from start to finish. Each day, we completed a full marathon with an ultra marathon of 85km mid way through the week. Our backpacks on day one were around 15kg so the weight was considerable as we ran up and over sand dunes, often scrambling on our hands and knees.

We both found the penultimate day to be the toughest, having been in the desert for seven days by this point. We had to remind ourselves of why we were taking on this immense challenge and of the benefits our fundraising would bring to many adults like our brother, Andrew.

Crossing the finish line at 9:08am on Saturday 12th April was a surreal moment for us both. Having trained for six months through the worst of our dark winter season to ticking off each day in the desert, we had made it. What an amazing experience this was. New friends and memories were forged which will be with us for years to come. We are delighted to let you know that on completion of the race, we were ranked 279 and 280 out of 1000 participants.

We have been raising money to help with the running costs of the Haven Centre in Inverness, a respite centre for young people with severe and complex needs. If anyone would still like to support our chosen charity, our fundraising page is still open:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/catherine-michael-prendergast>

Thank you,  
Catherine & Michael Prendergast





# Brownies

1st Fort Augustus Brownies and Guides have had a very busy few months. We have been on a day trip to Landmark which was enjoyed by all, thank you to Stephen West for driving the mini bus for us.

Our Easter egg hunt and party was a great hit and great fun.

Thank you to Gemma Islerdemir who came in to do a painting session with the girls.

We are currently growing our very own vegetables which the girls are very excited about. Thank you to the Community Caretakers for building our raised beds and giving us a space to do this. After planting our vegetables we all had a well deserved ice cream.

We were visited by Balfour Beatty who talked to us about engineering and the different careers in it. They also did a couple of experiments and a competition with the girls.

We have painted bird boxes built by members of the local canal team. Gemma from the team picked some winning boxes and kindly provided some prizes, thank you. The bird boxes will eventually be going along towpath for the birds to enjoy. We have another project we are currently doing with the canal at the moment so keep an eye out for that.

Of course, we have also celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day with our village street party. There was so much hard work and effort put into what I hope was a great day for all, thank you to everyone who came and supported this. For VE Day, we have also swapped letters with a veteran who fought in WW2.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our VE Day Street Party, there's so many to thank individually but a special thank you to my mum, Lizzie MacEachen, my husband, Dougie Gordon and Billy Moore.

Also, thank you so much to Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company for providing the grants to allow this event and all the above activities to happen, we are very grateful.

Finally, if your daughter is aged between 7 – 14 years old and would like to join Brownies or Guides please get in touch with myself (Lisa Gordon) on Facebook, we always welcome new members to the units.

Lisa Gordon



# Announcements

## Births



Jade and Colin welcomed Archibald (Archie) Mark Clark on the 12th March 2025, Weighing 8lb 7oz.



Seònaid and Cairn welcomed Rohan Urquhart on the 5th April 2025 at 21:24, weighing 8lb 10oz. A little brother for Flòraidh.



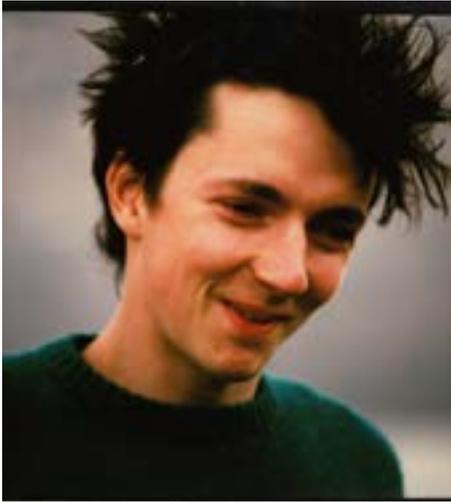
Ash & Osh welcomed Ophelia Parker-MacKenzie on the 2nd May 2025 (Old Pier House).

## Weddings



Fiona MacDonald and Iain MacKnocher married quietly on the 26th October 2024 at Culloden House Hotel.

## Deaths



### Donald MacDonald

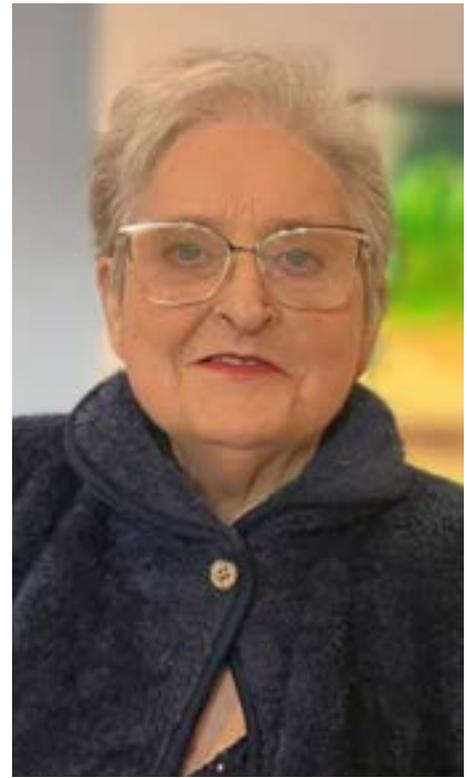
The Pier, Invermoriston passed away on the 29th January 2025, aged 59 years. Donald was the son of Pat The Pier and Donella MacDonald. He was a pupil at Fort Augustus Secondary School (now Kilchumein Academy) and Inverness High School before going to Edinburgh University to study Geology. There he met his wife Christine Cain, the love of his life. He then did a post-graduate degree in Petroleum Engineering and worked in the oil industry out of Aberdeen. He never really enjoyed work in the oil industry and retrained in Computer Science, along with Gaelic.

Gaelic was Donald's real passion, as was his keen interest in the heritage of Glenmoriston. He worked at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, the Gaelic College in Skye, in the IT department, along with Christine who works as Head Librarian. Donald set up a website, collecting pictures and stories of Glenmoriston, "Glenmoriston.org.uk",

and this is an incredible resource, documenting the history of the Glen.

Donald had many interests. Photography, hill-climbing, paragliding, music, snowboarding to name a few. He was never still! But his mind was always in Glenmoriston and when Donella passed away in 2019, Donald and Christine were able to move to The Pier House where Donald was 'at home at last'. One of his first tasks was to paint the Pier Garage bright red, which Pat the Pier would have loved.

It is a great shame that Donald was not able to have more time at The Pier. His illness was cruel and took him away from his loved ones far too soon. He is survived by his wife, Christine, his sister, Connie and his brothers, Colin and Ruairidh. He was a true Highlander who embodied the qualities of The Gael and he will be missed by all who knew him.



### ELIZABETH 'BETTY' MACDONALD

INVERMORISTON  
02.07.1950 - 20.03.2025  
Peacefully on Thursday 20th March 2025, at the home of her daughter, 8 Upper Slackbuie, Inverness, Betty MacDonald, Mountview, Achnaconeran, Invermoriston, aged 74 years. One-time Glenmoriston Arms Hotel.

Beloved wife of the late Patty, dearly loved mother to Jennifer and Heather, mother-in-law to Sandy, loving grandmother to Naomi, Dana and Ryan, dear sister to David, Mahrie and Jean. Sadly missed.

Betty moved to a chalet in Invermoriston where she worked for Glenmoriston Arms Hotel where Betty helped out with all sorts. She enjoyed this job very much and kept her busy throughout the years.

In 1970, Betty and Patty were very much in love at first sight when they met at a dance in Drumnadrochit, immediately knew it would be a lifetime of love and married in 1973.

Betty enjoyed a lot of things in life but most of all spending time with Patty and her family. She was most happy going out in the car with Patty and enjoying some lunch or visiting Heather, Sandy and the grandchildren every Sunday afternoon. Betty enjoyed cooking, baking and was a great host when family and friends visited. She also loved knitting and doing arts and crafts to keep busy whilst Patty was working on the croft.

Betty and Patty were always together and never apart! Betty loved getting away on holidays such as bus trips to various places. Betty particularly enjoyed a cruise around the Mediterranean in 2011, although Patty wasn't keen on the idea. When they returned home, they both agreed it was the best holiday they had.

Betty and Patty are sadly missed by their family.



### Neil "Neillie" Stewart ~ Glengarry

"Known for his infectious laughter, strong community spirit, he was a true Highland gentleman."

Born, at home in Inshlaggan, on the 13th of August 1946 to Annie nee MacDonald and Neil Stewart Snr, Neillie was the youngest with twin siblings Bell and Ronald.

He didn't keep well during his youth, at age 17 was the youngest person in Inverness to have the bypass operation for a duodenal ulcer. During this time at home recuperating he learned to cook, clean, iron and sew. Neillie got a reputation for his baking, in recent years winning awards at the Local Produce Show. Also winning awards for his roses, dahlias and vegetables, he loved being outside tending to his garden.

Neillie was renowned for many things, his great sense of humour, drive and proactivity, but it was his skill on the dancefloor that Rhoda married him for.

On 2nd of October 1971, after a 2 year engagement, the pair tied the knot, later welcoming their daughter Ann into the world.

A hard worker, Neillie held several jobs over the years, hotel work in both the Invergarry and Castle Hotels, working for the Forestry Commission, Marine Harvest, McConnel and latterly, the Glengarry Filling Station.

During his lifetime, Neillie was involved in many committees including the Garry Games, the Hall, Glengarry & District Community Association, Lochaber Housing, Biomass, Woodlands, Community Council, and Glengarry Trust. He also enjoyed stewarding at the Local and National Mods as he loved traditional music.

A family man, Neillie proudly welcomed Andy when he married Ann and was overjoyed when Neil John arrived and he became Seanair. He died peacefully at home, with Rhoda and Ann by his side on Monday the 19th of May. He was a character and shall be sorely missed both in the community and by his family.



## Invergarry Primary School News



We're well into the final term of the year and what a busy one it is. On top of all the learning that has been happening inside the classrooms, our pupils have taken part in the Lochaber primary schools rugby tournament as well as the Lochaber inter-schools' sports day where we showed some great athletic skill. This is a good warm up for our own sports day later this term.

At the start of term, we invited the Aigas outreach team to school to do a workshop on Diversity in Nature. Our school playground and woods were the perfect place to do this, supporting our learning about ecosystems and growing plants. This was followed up with a trip to Trees for Life, which was enjoyed by the whole school. The children were able to make the most of the fantastic weather while exploring the grounds looking for mini beasts, pond dipping and learning all about the native flora and fauna of the Highlands. We have an outing to Inverness planned for our end of year summer trip where we hope that we can spot some of the marine life in the Moray Firth from our wildlife cruise. Our P5&7's are off to PGL for their residential trip soon where they will take part in lots of different fun and challenging activities – what an excellent end to the school year for them! As always, thank you to our Parent Council, The Glengarry Trust and parent fundraisers for supporting us with the costs of our workshops and trips.

Nursery have enjoyed making the most of the lovely weather in their garden and school grounds. The Bookbug song, rhyme and story sessions have been popular again this term and members of the local playgroup have joined in with these. Parents and toddlers have been coming every second Thursday morning to spend time in nursery socialising, playing and joining in with snack time. We very much look forward to some of them starting as 'official' nursery pupils next term.

Our P7's will be heading off to their new high school for transition week during June – we wish them all luck and we're sure they will fit right into their new routines in August!

We're looking forward to the upcoming summer events including our leavers' assembly on the 1st July, summer fair on the 2nd July, followed by some well-deserved holidays from lunchtime on the 3rd of July! Please find details of upcoming events on our Facebook page 'Invergarry Primary School' or look out for the event posters locally.

Our fundraising initiative this term is a Summer Raffle to be held on Wednesday 2nd July during our summer fair at school. We have some fantastic prizes lined up so far and raffle tickets will be available at local outlets soon, as well as on the day. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us with prizes – although, it's not too late if you would like to donate a prize! The summer fair is always great fun, with stalls and games designed by the children; everyone is welcome to come along and join in from 1pm.

Finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to parents and members of the community, including local businesses, who continue to support us each year; it is very much appreciated by the children and staff. We hope you all have a lovely summer.





## 'Supporting Our Communities'



### 3 Glens Community Care: Growing Connections in Our Glen

We're delighted to share some positive updates from 3 Glens Community Care following our recent Annual General Meeting and the exciting developments taking place in our local area.

#### AGM Success and New Faces

Our AGM, held on Monday, May 12th, at the Fort Augustus Church Hall, was a real success—thank you to everyone who came along. It was wonderful to welcome **new members** and see strong community interest in the work we're doing. We also shared updates on our ongoing services and looked ahead with fresh energy and ideas.

#### Community Transport – Now Test Driving Routes

We're pleased to be **test driving a new community transport route** operating on **Mondays**, travelling from **(Invergarry and/or )Glenmoriston and back**, with **stops throughout the locality**. This service is aimed at helping residents access the pharmacy, GP practice, shops, and social activities.

To express interest or find out if this service could work for you, please **contact our Services Coordinator, Beth**. It's important that we know where people are based so we can plan the route effectively.

**Please note:** Due to the conditions of our permit, **passengers must be members of 3 Glens CC to ride**—but don't worry, **membership is completely free**. You can sign up on the bus. Passengers will be charged a **small fare** to help cover fuel and operational costs.

#### Calling All Volunteers – We Need You!

As our services grow, so does our need for friendly and reliable **volunteers**. Whether you can spare time as a **befriender or handyperson**, support **community transport**, or help out at **local events**, your involvement makes a real difference. Volunteering is flexible and rewarding—every hand helps.

♥ Interested in getting involved or learning more?

📱 Follow us on Facebook: **@3GlensCommunityCare**

✉ Or contact Beth to chat about opportunities in your area.

The Board of Trustees of 3 Glens Community Care work together, and alongside other organisations, to improve the availability of care services in our rural area to improve social isolation of people in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, or social circumstances.

Together, we're building a stronger, kinder community—one connection at a time.

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## ***Convent Land Update!***

### ***Adventure play fort***

We're delighted to see the new adventure play area taking shape at the **Convent Land**. The main structure is now installed, and the next step is growing the surrounding grass and fitting safety mats. The dry May weather delayed grass seeding, but we're aiming to open by the **end of June**, pending **RoSPA** safety certification.

This exciting new facility will offer children a safe, engaging space to play, explore, and be active helping to support their physical and mental wellbeing.

### ***Network of paths***

We're halfway through the **network of paths** project, with completion of the circular walk expected by **mid-June**.

The access from Abertarff and path through the woodland will mean we need to close this access for around two weeks in June to put in a slope, replacing the steps. We apologise for the inconvenience but we hope that the new path will make it easier for everyone to enjoy this lovely space.

### ***Contemplation Garden***

The next piece we have started working on is a contemplation garden. This was a popular suggestion in the community consultation.

We are looking to create a calm and relaxing space to sit and enjoy the beautiful scenery and admire nature at its very best. More details on this next time.



## Funding in Action!

Thanks to community funding and the hard work of local groups, the first half of the year has seen many fantastic projects take shape:

### Kilchuimen Academy

**£3,551.40** was secured by the school to ensure S4 and S5 pupils can experience a five-day course at **Outward Bound** where they will experience the thrills of gorge walking, rock climbing, canoeing and wild camping all while learning leadership and teamwork skills and gaining self-confidence. Well done to the team at Kilchuimen Academy for making this happen and good luck to the pupils taking part. We're looking forward to hearing all about it.

### Glengarry Shinty

**£2,666** towards a replacement mower that keeps the Shinty pitch in match-worthy condition. This funding was supplemented by funding from **Glengarry Trust** and **Foundation Scotland**. Congratulations to Glengarry Shinty for all their hard work in securing the grants.

Maintaining the pitch supports youth and adult sport, encouraging fitness, teamwork, and local pride in one of Scotland's traditional games.

### Invermoriston Store

**£21,478** in support for the Invermoriston Community Store to replace a dated fridge, modernise the heating and essential accounting work.

Modernising this vital local store helps secure its future, supports local shopping, and strengthens the village's economic resilience.

### Katy Silvester

**£584.88** in start-up costs for a new yoga class in FA Village Hall which will be running on Sundays at 6.30pm until 7.30pm. The funding covered essential equipment such as mats, cushions and yoga blocks.

Regular yoga classes promote physical and mental health, offering affordable, accessible wellness to residents of all ages.

Spaces are limited so it is essential to book your place. Katy can be contacted on **07790 037852** or by emailing [katysilvester@outlook.com](mailto:katysilvester@outlook.com).

### Soup and Sandwiches

**£2,605.19** in support of the continuing fortnightly Soup and Sandwiches that are run by **Helen Clay** and her small team of committed volunteers.

These sessions provide nutritious meals, reduce isolation, and create a welcoming space for people to connect and support one another.

### Kilchuimen Primary

**£2,887** in grant money for the Primary 7 pupils to make the annual trip to Edinburgh visiting Holyrood, Edinburgh Dungeons, Edinburgh Castle and the Edinburgh Dungeons

## Traditional Hatha Yoga with Pranayama Breathwork



**First class is free! (then £5 per class)**

Millenium Hall, Glenmoriston

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-11.30am

The village hall, Fort Augustus

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm-7.30pm

Glengarry Community Hall, Invergarry

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6pm-7pm

If you have a yoga mat, please bring it with you.

Spaces are limited so booking is essential

Please contact Katy to reserve your space: **07790037952** or [katysilvester@outlook.com](mailto:katysilvester@outlook.com)



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A further **£180** has been granted for the nursery and P1-P2 pupils to experience the tree-mendous 'Our Terrific Tree' summer show filled with music, interaction and fun!

The **Kilchuimen team** also secured **£798.20** for the primary children to visit **Farm-Ness** farm play centre where they will be able to interact with the farm animals such as the famous Highland cows and enjoy the sand pit, air bouncer, tractor pedals and bale mountain.

These experiences support education beyond the classroom, building curiosity, confidence, and a connection to Scottish culture and nature.

### **Fort Augustus Brownies**

**£840.57** in funding allowed local Brownies leader **Lisa Gordon** to run a VE Day celebration on the Abertarff green. The well-attended celebration had decorations, and a fabulous finger buffet married with a respectful yet happy atmosphere.

Events like this encourage community spirit, teach history in a hands-on way, and bring people of all ages together. A massive thank you to Lisa and her small band of helpers who all made the celebration possible.

### **ILM Electrical recycling service**

We are delighted to welcome ILM to Fort Augustus on the first Friday of every month. You can bring your unwanted domestic electrical items to the Village Hall car park. ILM will repair and re-use them where possible, or ensure they are responsibly recycled.

This is a fantastic initiative that we are proud to support helping to reduce electrical waste and protect the environment.

ILM work in partnership with [Highland Council](#).

This free service reduces landfill waste, promotes sustainability, and helps ensure our village contributes to a greener future.

### **Glentarff House**

We're thrilled to announce that the long-awaited transfer of Glentarff House to the Community Company is nearing completion. This milestone will mean we can move forward with plans to convert the property into two much-needed affordable homes.

These new homes will help address local housing needs, giving families and individuals the opportunity to live and thrive within our community close to work, school, and support networks.



We look forward to keeping you updated as the project progresses.



### Community skip dates

**Invermoriston** 27<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Dalchreichart** 27<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Fort Augustus** 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Please do **not** place fridges, freezers, tyres (including bike tyres), liquids (like paint), mattresses, or fabrics in the skips. Violations may result in the supplier fining the Community Company which ultimately could lead to withdrawal of this service.

The skip service keeps our villages clean and reduces fly-tipping by offering a free, convenient way to dispose of large household waste.

If you're not sure if an item can be disposed of in the skip, you can call Bowmans on:

**01397 722218**

### Caretakers' Update from Glen

Vigorous competition for growth and survival is the only way I can describe what happens at this time of the year. Everything bursts into life (even the caretaking team!), and we are always chasing our heels trying to tame nature and encourage it in other ways.

Seems like 'Mission Impossible' for a little while but eventually we find our stride (someone ask Tom Cruise if he's any good with a strimmer, apparently, he likes a challenge).

Earlier in Spring, we collaborated with **Highland Council** and **Forestry Scotland** and were given a map of the boundary of **Strathoich Cemetery**, for which we are responsible. There have been numerous concerns about the windblown trees and the general condition of the area. Now that official boundaries have been established, we have started to try and enhance the area.

As always, we look to use what we have in front us, so the decision was to use some of the trees and construct a log wall structure and replace the dilapidated old fence. This project is under construction and will hopefully be completed by the end of summer 2030!

Thank you to **Iain** for the recycled slabs from the **Telford centre**, **Mark** and **Ben** for dealing with the big hangers or Widow makers as they are also known, and to **the team** for their patience and hard work.

Summer colour for the villages is also on our radar and plans for bedding and cottage garden plants to be placed around the raised beds and floral areas is imminent.

Waste management is also a top priority at this time of the year, with visitor numbers seemingly soaring there's not a day goes by without a grumble or two regards what they leave behind. However, onwards we go. *Glen*

Bowman's Skips **cannot** accept the following items as they may contain fire resistant material.

- sofas
- sofa beds
- armchairs
- recliner chairs (electrical or mechanical)
- futons
- bean bags, floor and sofa cushions
- any other upholstered items that can reasonably be described as a form of seating used by households, and to which relevant fire regulations apply this might include child car seats, highchairs, and benches.
- kitchen and dining room chairs
- garden furniture
- stools and foot stools
- office chairs that are fire resistant to domestic standards

This includes any part made of or containing leather, synthetic leather, other fabric, or foam.

Bowman's **will not** accept the following items:

- fridge/freezers
- liquids incl. paints
- tyres
- asbestos

## Staff update

We're excited to welcome **Donna Connell** to the team as **Convent Land Ranger**. Donna is now working part-time on the land liaising closely with **Glen** and **Chris**.

As your first point of contact on the land, Donna will be around to answer any questions you have while keeping the area tidy through litter picking and dog waste management along with conservation of the wildlife and maintenance checks on the new play area and network of paths.

Donna's presence helps maintain our shared spaces, ensures facilities stay safe and welcoming, and protects the natural environment we all enjoy.

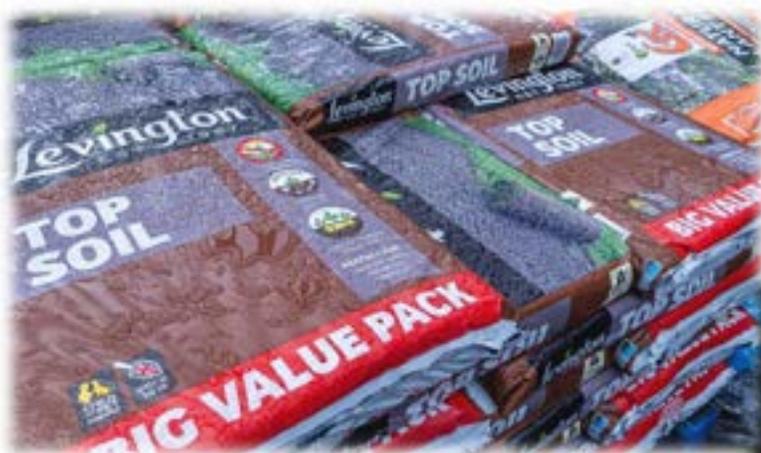
## Tarff Trading

### Summer's Coming – Get Garden-Ready with Tarff Trading!

As the days stretch longer and the sun shines brighter, it's the perfect time to roll up your sleeves and get stuck into your summer gardening projects. Whether you're planning to revamp your outdoor space or simply give your garden some seasonal TLC, Tarff Trading has everything you need to grow, protect, and beautify.

### Garden Essentials at Great Prices

Our **gardening section** is well stocked with top-quality products to help you make the most of the season.



### Add Colour and Protection to Your Outdoor Wood

Don't forget to spruce up your fences and sheds while the weather is on your side.

**Cuprinol Fence Paint** – Available in a range of colours to brighten and protect your timber, keeping it fresh and weather-resistant all summer long.

### Visit Us Today!

Pop into your local community store and speak to our **Donna**, **John** or **Nigel** for advice, inspiration, and unbeatable value. Let's make this summer your garden's best one yet!

And don't forget the growing range of food, cleaning and hardware equipment – no need to drive to Inverness for those **last-minute** items when you can find them **in store!**

### Jack's Magic Compost – 3 x 40L Bags for only £12

A gardener's favourite, Jack's Magic offers a rich, all-purpose blend perfect for planting, potting, and improving soil health. We have a range of compost including peat-free for great prices.



## Soup and Sandwiches



Thanks to **Helen Clay's** successful grant application for further funding, the much-loved Soup and Sandwiches sessions continue to thrive at Fort Augustus Village Hall, bringing warmth, laughter, and connection two Wednesdays every month.

Led by Helen and a small but dedicated team of volunteers, the group serves up hearty lunches and homemade treats, all with a generous side of community spirit. Whether it's **Alison's** legendary chocolate fudge, **Elaine's** kitchen skills, or **Brian's** behind-the-scenes setup, each member plays a vital role.

More than just a lunch, these gatherings offer friendship, support, and a vital social lifeline. The sessions are open to all and free to attend, with donations supporting local causes. Ingredients are sourced locally, supporting Fort Augustus businesses too.

As Helen says, *"It's my turn now"* - a sentiment that has sparked a ripple effect of kindness, connection, and community pride.

Plans are already underway to make the sessions more accessible for those with transport challenges.

One attendee sums it up best: *"I live alone, and this is the day I look forward to. It keeps me going."*

A huge thank you and well done to Helen and the team for making this happen.

## Community Larder

We're always amazed by the generosity of our community. Every food item and Tarff Trading voucher you donate helps ensure that no one goes without the essentials. Thank you for being part of that effort.

Recently, we've noticed an increase in **non-food** donations, such as **clothes, board games,** and **household items**. While these gifts come from a good place, they often aren't picked up and end up taking up space in the Larder. To keep things as helpful and accessible as possible, we kindly ask that future donations be limited to food items and Tarff Trading vouchers only.

We want everything you give to go directly to someone who needs it and focusing on food and vouchers helps us do just that.

A heartfelt thanks to our amazing **volunteers** who work quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes. Their dedication keeps the Larder running smoothly and welcoming for everyone.

Your ongoing support means the world to us. Together, we're building a stronger, more caring community.



# Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held at the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall, Invermoriston

on Wednesday 30th April 2025

**Present:** Deirdre MacKinnon - Chair (DM)  
Jenny Findlay - Vice-Chair (JF) Mike Anderson-Treasurer(MA)  
Claire Pegrum - (CP) Helen Clay - (HMC) Clare Levings (CL)  
Leanne Findlay (LF) James Prince (JP)

## Apologies:

Daniel Clark (DC)  
Cllr. Chris Ballance (CB)  
Cllr. David Fraser (DF)

## Previous Minutes:

Proposed by JF, seconded by CL

## Matters Arising:

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Community Council land situation (Inchnacardoch Land) as publicly notified to the local communities via social media and noticeboards. Subsequent to these notices, the Community Council was advised that the Lovat Estate has ownership of the Kirton Memorial, and the land adjacent to the school does not belong to the Community Council either. Usual council matters would be addressed if time allowed.

## Inch Bay

MA presented the meeting with the results of his analysis of the burdens within the deeds, and a large budget would be necessary over a number of years to enable major repairs including drainage, historical and environmental protections. This would also include dealing with the existing fuel contamination and boat wrecks, thus creating a welcome and managed space for the community, wildlife and the environment.

### History and current status

Original burdens: 1922 sold by Lovat Estate to Forestry Commission (as part of the larger plot owned by their successor) with three burdens: Cannot sell alcohol on site; Damage is responsibility of the owner; Lovat Estate retains the right to reclaim ownership if the land is not maintained.

Subsequent burdens: 1984 sold by Forestry Commission to Community Council: Lovat Estate retains the right to fish; Access to and from the road cannot be altered; Boundaries to be maintained by neighbouring owners.

Liability: The Community Council office bearers of Chair and Secretary (and all successors in subsequent councils) are personally liable for the site. The limited insurance available to Councils cannot be extended to adequately cover this type of asset as the site has to be suitably managed and maintained to current SHE standards.



***Access to Inchnacardoch Land is currently prohibited. The Community Council cannot and will not give permission to the land adjoining the bay (the layby from the A82) due to the nature of the current condition of the site and the liability therein.***

### Decision

Following a meeting of available councillors, Cllr Chris Ballance and the Ward manager on 31 March to discuss asset ownership and taking independent advice from Highland Council and Highland Third Sector Interface, it is proposed that an SCIO be formed to hold Inch Bay with councillors as Trustees to safeguard the asset for the benefit of the community.

Questions from residents were answered by councillors to clarify the setup process.

- Initially a Community Council sub-committee will be formed as the basis of the SCIO until such a time as the SCIO becomes a separate entity with the asset transferred.
- The Community Council can apply for funds and hold them in trust until the SCIO is in place
- The community will be consulted on proposals for the site
- There will be further discussions with boat users regarding access across the land.
- Tailored insurance specific to the site is currently being investigated.
- A name for the SCIO has not yet been chosen but every effort will be made to avoid introducing additional confusion amongst the community with regard to the existing organisations.
- The SCIO will take the form of a Heritage and Environmental organisation which will complement the activities of the Community Company.
- It has never been the wish of councillors to have two companies (which may be perceived to be in competition with each other), but the Community Council always intends for the land to be available to the Community Company should their position ever change.

Following the discussion councillors unanimously resolved to form an SCIO for Inchnacardoch Land. The Community Company will be advised of this decision by email and a preliminary meeting is to take place on 5 May to discuss further co-operation between the SCIO and the Community Company.

### **Scottish Canals/BEAR**

The swing bridge and its pavements no longer appear to be level with the roadway. It is better than during the winter works when the ramp/gap caused tyre punctures, but a motorised wheelchair user has complained of being tipped sideways whilst using the dropped kerbs.

Notification has been received that the leak at lock three is planned to be fixed by the end of May. The repair should take less than one day and will take place within the lock without disruption to road users.

The new wider access created for Cruise Loch Ness users to cross the A82 now means that pedestrians cross en masse, which seems to be creating a greater hazard than previously.

Councillors were pleased to hear that Laurie Piper, Head of Customer Experience and Delivery at Scottish Canals, has accepted the invitation to attend the meeting following the AGM in May. It is hoped that he will commit to engage with the Community Council and residents on a regular basis to protect and enhance the Scheduled Monument that sits within a Conservation Area. DM spoke with him for an hour relaying previously

minuted issues and asked for any additional points to be emailed to her directly.

Councillors noted that the last major project relating to residents and tourists was the visitor centre which in their view was meant to be more of a heritage centre. There are no staff employed at the information desk, no artefacts and just information printed on the walls of the cafe, most of which must be read over the heads of people eating at tables.

### **Safety in Invermoriston**

Lynne West (LW), Chair of the Millennium Hall Association is talking with Kate Forbes, MSP to encourage a site visit from Vincent Tate to view the specific nature of the junction. Whilst individual issues do not currently qualify for additional measures from BEAR, when treated as a whole the risk to pedestrians is high.

LW also raised the difficulty for funeral processions in reaching the cemetery from the car park without a path. In the past there were police directing traffic around the increased number of pedestrians. She asked if the Community Council would support her request for a pathway to be installed. This was unanimously agreed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is £6512.10 with £1500 ring-fenced from Community Company towards solicitor costs.

### **Planning:**

#### **Planning Application Validated 28/01/25 – 24/02/25**

Ref: 24/05322/FUL

Location: Culnacarn Glenmoriston Inverness IV63 7YJ

Proposal: Alterations and extension of house; erection of garage; siting and conversion of containers to gym and 2 short term holiday letting units

Applicant: Stuart Murray

The Community Council submitted an objection on the grounds of unsafe access/egress with the A887. Owing to an administrative error the planning application was approved without the statutory determination from Transport Scotland, who were only notified once the objection had been raised on 18 March. CP has addressed this with HC and also notified them that the track in question belongs to a third party, not the applicant.

#### **Planning Application Validated 25/02/25 – 13/03/25**

Ref: 25/00594/FUL

Location: Land 150M SW of Cherry Lodge, Fort Augustus Proposal: Erection of 3No. holiday pods

Applicant: Simon Kennedy

Note: Cherry Lodge is one of the holiday cottages next to Loch Ness Cottage and Shorelands. New pods will be the same as those already on site. HMC lamented the loss of dark skies from lights within pods and lodges.

DM did not take part in this discussion. Although some councillors recollected that previous permission was granted with restrictions about expansion - CP had not been able to locate the prior application.

## **New Planning Applications Validated 13/03/25 – 28/04/25**

Ref: 25/00963/PNO

Location: Land 2.5KM SW Of Glendoebeg, Upper Glendoe, Fort Augustus Proposal: Peatland restoration scheme

Applicant: Glendoe Ltd

Notes: Determined that prior approval not required 17/04/25

Ref: 25/00993/FUL

Location: Land 350M North Of Newtown, Invergarry

Proposal: Formation of temporary workers residential accommodation, including welfare facilities, associated infrastructure and other ancillary development

Applicant: Balfour Beatty

Notes: Next stage of development for up to 360 workers. Full application following 25/00587/SCRE (which was in February's list).

Ref: 25/00775/FUL

Location: Quarry Lodge, Dalchreichart Proposal: Erection of house Applicant: Lloyd Fursdon

Notes: Planning permission for a house on this site has been granted in the past but has since expired.

Ref: 25/01507/PNO

Location: Land 100M SE Of Chatom, Dalchreichart Proposal: Formation of forestry track

Applicant: Forestry and Land Scotland Notes: Short extension to existing track

Ref: 25/01510/PNO

Location: Land 375M SE of Tailor's Croft, Invermoriston Proposal: Formation of track

Applicant: Forestry and Land Scotland Notes: New track to link two existing tracks

Ref: 25/01509/PNO

Location: Land 70M North of Riverview, Dalchreichart Proposal: Formation of access track

Applicant: Forestry and Land Scotland

Notes: Upgrade and widening of existing track

### **Renewable Energy Projects:**

CP and JF are both part of the SSE Community Liaison Group (CLG) but were unable to attend the latest meeting. Minutes have not yet been received.

Glen Earrach Energy - the planning application includes an upgrade of the access track at Allt Sigh. A resident expressed concern about water quality if the required works cause disturbance to the groundwater. They offered to participate when a CLG for the project gets created.

Bhlaraidh scheme is to be redesigned with fewer but taller (230m) turbines which would require steady red lights at the top of the support structure as a warning for aircraft. SSE are to be invited to attend the June meeting.

SSEN Auchterawe substation extension has received approval from HC.

MA proposed that it now seems to be a good opportunity to formalise the process for community benefit between the Community Council, the Community Company and the renewable energy schemes. HC is renegotiating at regional level but only the

Community Council can negotiate at local level before planning; the Community Company is not allowed to engage with the energy schemes before planning is approved. (A Scottish Government consultation on updating the good practice guidance for developer payments closed on 11th April.)

### **Community Amenity Issues:**

Sadly Sunflower Home Care will finish on 17 June owing to lack of staff.

Improved signage is required for the quarterly skips kindly provided by the Community Company, to deter fly-tipping of waste that cannot be disposed of. Tyres and mattresses for example are not allowed.

CL reported that a parking attendant issued tickets to residents attending an event inside the Millennium Hall despite the voluntary parking fee. When approached, the male would not identify themselves or state who he was employed by.

DM received a request from the Senior Citizens' Association for support and organisation of a community gala as a fundraising event for all the different community groups. Members of the SCA are also members of many other groups and fundraising for most of them involves the same people being asked to attend and donate at several events. Having a whole village event involving tourists would hopefully generate greater participation by villagers and raise a worthwhile amount for each group. The idea being that each group should share in the workload by nominating a rep for the organising committee and their group would receive a share of the profits.

Councillors expressed support but considered that the Community Company were best placed to lead such an event. HMC was asked to relay this request.

HMC reported that there had been disappointing attendance at the monthly Directors' Surgeries held by the Community Company, and encouraged residents to participate. It may be that the trial becomes quarterly instead. It was commented that Invermoriston residents usually take the opportunity to speak with a Director during Community Tuesdays, so perhaps attendance would change now that the project is on summer break.

A general discussion took place about the use of the community larders funded by the Community Company. HMC reported that they were well used, mostly appropriately, but with the occasions of misuse. Larders were now locked overnight. Hardship grants remain available but the change to making food available to everyone was to alleviate the stigma and processing time that making an application involves, and to remove the suffering of anyone deemed to be just above any set income levels. Everyone agreed that the funding was appreciated and the scheme could be deemed successful and worthwhile overall despite any misuse.

### **AOCB**

From 4 April a no parking order is now in force between Caley Brae and Bunoich Brae. Existing yellow lines need repainting and extension.

The number of school children using the service bus to travel to Drumnadrochit exceeds the numbers reported by DF at previous meetings, and this number will increase from the next academic year. This is extremely worrying for the future of the school and the community.

Tourist minibuses and occasionally full-length coaches continue to drive to the end of Oich Pier. CP to write to all of the tour operators.



HMC restated the suggestion that the first parking bay on Canalside South needs to be for loading only. Deliveries to businesses need to take place throughout the day and congestion could be avoided if the bay was reserved.

CL restated that the viewcatcher on the Great Glen Way above Invermoriston needs to be repaired.

A resident's two dogs required veterinary treatment after consuming food waste thrown onto the bank of Canalside North. It was suspected to be from the larger boat cruisers but evidence would need to be provided before the Community Council could take any action.

Citylink are still refusing to recognise the Abertarff bus stop. The matter will be raised with them again.

**Next meetings:**

**Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus on 25th June 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus on 27th August 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus on 24th September 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Glenmoriston Millennium Hall, Invermoriston on 29th October 2025 at 7.30 pm**

**Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus on 26th November 2025 at 7.30pm**



# Notice Board

## The Legion, Canalside Fort Augustus

Upcoming Events at the Club  
**June**

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6.00pm to 10.30pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June Darts and Pool Competition 3pm to raise money for the shinty Club  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Killer Pool Tournament 7.00pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June Blackrock Ceilidh 8.00pm to 12.00pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night 7.30pm

### July

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6.00pm to 10.30pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Killer Pool Tournament 7.00pm  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Quiz night 7.30pm to 9.30pm

### August

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6.00pm to 10.30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August Killer Pool Tournament 7.00pm  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Quiz night 7.30pm to 9.30pm

**Everybody Welcome**

**See Posters at the Club for more details**

## Yoga with Katy

Traditional Hatha Yoga with  
Pranayama Breathwork



**First class is free! (then £5 per class)**

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall

Fridays from 10.30am-11.30am – Starting June 6th

Fort Augustus Village Hall

Sundays from 6.30pm-7.30pm – Starting June 8th

Glengarry Community Hall

Mondays from 6pm-7pm – Starting June 9th

If you have a yoga mat, please bring it with you

Spaces are limited so booking is essential

Please contact Katy to reserve your space: 07790037952 or  
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## Glenmoriston Craft Club

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

At Glenmoriston Millennium Hall  
11am - 3pm

Cost only £3 per session

Come along to our friendly group  
bringing whatever craft takes your fancy.

# Notice Board

LOCH NESS  
Highland Resort

**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

**SATURDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**

**NESSIE HUNT  
25 TOYS TO BE FOUND**

**BARBECUE**

**BLACKROCK  
CEILIDH BAND**

**SAVE THE DATE**



## Bus to Fort William

\*\*\* Open to all ages \*\*\*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

£3

Departing Fort Augustus Car Park 0945

Police Station 0950

Abertarff Place 0955

Newton 1005

Invergarry 1015

Leaving Fort William 1330

Return to Fort Augustus 1450 approx

Shopmobility scooters available. Please ask when booking.

To book please telephone

Jenny: 01320 366438

Fort Augustus  
Senior Citizens' Association



## COMMUNITY SOUP & SANDWICHES

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jun

12.00 – 14.00 Fort

Augustus Village Hall



For more information contact Helen on  
07359 083997

Donations welcome for various charities

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