

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 24 September 2026, at 19.00

Cruickshanks Room, Victory Hall, Benderloch

PUBLIC MEETING Draft Minutes

Present: David Orr, convenor; Jane Sayer vice convenor; Helen Hope treasurer; Caroline Campbell, Duncan Durbin, Helen Hope, Jim MacKay, Diane McLean, Allan Morrison, Jane Nichols, Pamela Reeves; Jill Bowis (admin)

Public - 4 members of public

Apologies: Sine MacKay (CC) Steven Groom (CC) Joy Blakeney (public)

Declarations of Interest: Can be declared prior to any relevant item arising during the meeting. NONE

Draft [Minutes of meeting: 13th August 2026](#) to be approved

Proposed Jane Nichols

Seconded Jane Sayer

Secretary's Report: Not here – no report

Treasurer's Report: [See uploaded report](#)

Change the application form to treasurer email - Jane Sayer

Benderloch North Connel Drama club - £700 agreed

Treasurers report includes improved grant from council for added costs

Matters Arising:

- Breedons Liaison Group : Duncan Durbin
- Bear/Transport Scotland : Duncan Durbin and Moira Newiss
- Loch Creran Pressures & Activities Group : to be decided
- Barrs Hydro Funding - Pam Reeves, Jane Sayer, David Orr, Caroline Campbell
- War Memorial – David Orr, Jane Nichols, Helen Hope, Diane Maclean, Caroline Campbell – going to need to seek Grants, Suggestions, coopted 2 members of public with expertise, quote was surprisingly high, alternatives to be explored.
- Gillies Path gorse removal – Ledaig – 50% cost with Airport who need 3 competitive quotes. It has regrown to needing done again. 3 quotes to be obtained by Caroline Campbell
- Maintenance of CC area at Dun na Mara – Allan Morrison cuts the grass, to assess what else is needed.
- Maintenance of flower & tree planters, planting Margaret Adams memorial tree. –
 - Suggest that Barcaldine community association apply for new barrels
 - ?Steven has the full old list .. look at replacing community barrels.
- Maintenance of cycle path – need to establish who is responsible for which bits .. and how to go forward – Jane Sayer and Steven Groom to liaise with Sustrans, BEAR, Forestry to set up map of responsibility for the whole area.
- Bridge Artwork on cycle path – Steven not here.
- Bike Shelter insurance and maintenance – continue and discuss options in committee.
There is money left over possibly from the setting up . Steven Groom to confirm.
- Christmas tree & lighting – local group, lights belong to the CC, need risk assessment, decided on Saturday 5th December (pantomime is 3rd/4th /5th Oban tractor run 6th)
- Tractor run – Diane Maclean 29th November which will run from Campbells yard to Tralee where the Brians pizza van will be open.
- Defibrillator Management/Training – Steven Groom
- Community Resilience – Allan Morrison has the big Bag .. driveway to left open door shed – document revision in the future.
- Admin – website/ facebook, mailing list approved, create poster, community councillors details to be updated on website, the individual contact forms are anonymised to protect personal emails, and an option for the message to be sent to the sender email is present.
- Planning Applications - none
- Visitor Levy / Short Term Let Control Area consultations – ACC not going to respond, individuals can.

- Possible future meeting Dates
 - 29th Oct - Ardchattan - The Ardchattan Centre 7pm
 - 10th Dec - Barcaldine – Scottish Seafood Hatchery – Helen Hope
 - 7th Jan North Connel - guides check (or 11th Feb)
 - 25th Feb Benderloch

Any Other Business:

application for cooption to the Community Council by Moira Newiss – proposed David Orr / seconded Duncan Durbin

Application for cooption by Tom Perkins at Oct meeting

BEAR meeting – Duncan to contact BEAR to organise meeting to discuss Connel bridge works, rockface, and Connel junction and traffic speed limit.

Kieron Green – Benderloch 20 mile an hour limit - the temporary traffic order consultation for proposal to become permanent

Meeting closed at 20.00