

BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Wednesday 9th September 2025, 19.30 – 21.00
Held via Teams

Welcome/Apologies

Present: Paul Herrington, Chris Low, Chris Bath, Andy Dickson
Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey, Cllr Ann Ross

Apologies received from Ross Provan and Sue Blow

2. **Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting, and review of actions
– PH Minutes of previous meeting proposed by CL; Seconded PH

3. Review of Actions

3	Follow up on Kirkwood home community benefits including paths	CL	16/05/24	o
16	Investigate funding options for Retirement Village Aberdeen-bound bus-stop access	PH	26/06/24	o
23	Follow up with Glassel Hall on their Resilience plan, if any, and link with Inchmarlo Hall	CB	09/01/25	o
24	Find out if Council can offer a pooled file storage solution	PH/CL ?	09/01/25	o
26	Investigate smart meter connectivity in the area	PH	21/01/25	o
27	CB to apply for the annual budget once the statement of account has been verified.	CB	11/6/2025	y
28	Organise talk regarding wildfire potential in our area.	CB	11/6/2025	o
29	Make final edits to LPP and get published	PH	11/6/2025	y
30	Provide feedback on HoF socio-economic paper	ALL	11/6/2025	y
31	Provide feedback on schools contact regarding windfarm funds	Y-PT	11/6/2025	o
32	Make supporting payment to HOFWIG	CB	11/6/2025	y

Regarding Inchmarlo RV bus stop, Cllr Ross asked if anyone had approached the Council with respect to the provision of external funding. This was confirmed as negative and CB commented that the Wind Farm funding rules do not allow awards for projects normally funded by Councils

4. Secretary's Report – SB / RP

Neither secretary submitted anything to report

5. Treasurer's report - CB

- Glassel hall, Resilience for Glassel hall.
So far John Wilson of Glassell Hall has not responded.
- We have opened a 95 day internet interest-bearing account with the Virgin Bank. The balance in this account is £1.00. The interest is 3.49%.
- Fred Olsen Renewables have reviewed our application for funds to invest and expect to be able to transfer the monies (£10,000) to our account this week.
- Mesolithic Deeside have submitted an application for funds which we have approved. Fred Olsen Renewables indicate they will be transferring the monies (£4820.00) to our account this week.
- We have donated £300.00 to HOFWIG
- I have contacted the Scottish Fire and Rescue service David Murray who is the On call Commander. He is willing to give a talk regarding wild fire potential in our area. We need to provide a date and venue. **I have not been able to progress this action.**
- The Inchmarlo Brathens and Glassel Annual Accounts have been verified.
The community council approved these final accounts at this meeting.

During the meeting the IT systems could not allow the councillors to see the current bank details, or the treasures report (shown above) it was agreed that we would publish the Bank details together with the Mems. CB to action.

6. Aberdeenshire Councillors report

Councillors Ross and Turvey provided the following information;

- At the end of last council term, the decision to mothball 4 – 5 nurseries has now been cancelled as a cost cutting measure by Aberdeenshire council.
- Health and social care partnership second review Glen ODee Hospital Scolty ward has closed. Community hospitals are under threat. Banchory Patient participation group is to hold a fund raising event on Tuesday the 13th September.
- New crossing for Banchory primary school work to start soon.

- Aboyne bridge update, more engineering assessment testing to be carried out. Time line requested. Potential for tenders to be issued Late January 26. For work to commence May 26.
- 20Mph Speed limits to come into force in Banchory from 22nd September according to Keith Greg local police inspector. This is a Scottish government initiative.
- Head teacher for Banchory primary school appointed.
- Aberdeenshire council budget to be approved.

7. Local Place Plan update – PH

The IBGCC plan is published on council website

- Agreement with adjacent CCs to work together on common issues eg. Transport
- Agreement to work on the Call for Ideas
- “Call for ideas” is now open,
- “The Call for Ideas is the principal way in which the council will collect information from communities and stakeholders on the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan.

This includes highlighting potential land use planning concerns and suggesting policies and ideas. This process will open on July 16 and close on December 31.

PH, Met Sir Moir Lockhead mainly on windfarm issues, but also shared LPP with him

8. IBG Area Resilience – AD

AD said that 4 out of 6 items specified in the Community Fund award had now been purchased. AD reported that the anti-flooding pump originally specified will not be sufficient. A new larger pump will be needed and this will be more expensive.

AD and the Inchmarlo Hall to apply for further funding via the Community Fund process

9. Planning applications and developments – CL

There is nothing substantially new to report, but the Planning Enforcement officer has given Kirkwood Homes until June 20th to lodge so far Kirkwood home have yet to respond, revision of some core paths may be needed

CL to chase Aberdeenshire planning department for a response and will attempt to seek a face-to-face meeting.

10. Hill of Fare Windfarm – PH

- Public inquiry at the hearings stage, reporter aiming for January 2026 for recommendation to Scottish Minister. Election in May 2026 may be delayed?
- PH actively working in 6CC group and with HOFWIG and their KC

- CC's to present 6 x 4 minutes at Community Hearing, plus active participants at Conditions Hearing.

Action PH and CL to attend a series of Public Inquiry oral sessions on this matter in September.

11. **Paths** – CL

Nothing to report apart from item 9.

12. **Mid-hill windfarm funding** - CB

No change fund stands at £ 20,421.62

This figure does not include any current applications in process.

Windfarm funding IBGCC process was discussed

- Mid-hill windfarm bi-annual funding schedule according to the IBGCC web site.
- Competition with applicants to ensure monies are spent on most deserving projects.
- Widen the pool of applicants
- Publicise funding – website, email, social media
- Cllr Turvey to follow up with primary schools
- Drum up business and allocate funding

It was agreed to keep the current bi-annual funding process.

Action Cllr Turvey to advise on Schools potential applications.

13. **Website and IT** - CL

Website Traffic - year to date

Around 25 website sessions per month which feels low

14. **Road safety**

Drainage/potholes at Bridgend Cottages discussed with Council and reported via their online system (Fixmystreet)

- Speed surveys gathered at Bridge of Canny and Beltie Cottages
- Constructive discussions held with Jim Maitland (Roads Technician) and also with Tim Stephens (Area Manager Kincardine & Mearns / Area Manager Marr)
- Jim Maitland will install additional 40mph repeater signs, and(hopefully) settlement signage. Timing uncertain.
- Surveys will then be repeated after 6 months for further review.

CL pointed out some apparent flaws in the speed survey data in that both traffic directions (ie “arriving” and “leaving”) were combined together in the averaging which would not seem to be appropriate. Also, the detector was placed on a pole near the quarry road junction hence slowing traffic about to make the turn will be included in the average thereby reducing the overall average speed figures. PH commented that

since we have the raw data then we are, in theory, able to perform our own analysis.

- Police Scotland to carry out traffic enforcement activities at BoC
- Ken Gow has written to Police Scotland also but is yet to receive a response
- Traffic Safety “long list” has been received into the council “system”

15. Any other Business

- Planning application for Glenskinnan

Another wind farm planning application is been put forward

- Initial contact made with Feughside CC, HOFWIG and other CCs with a view to replicating HoF arrangements.

- Minutes process

The Minutes of the meeting process were discussed.

Submission and approval of minutes has been too slow. PH proposed that the Meetings Secretary issues draft minutes 1 week after the meeting, with a deadline for the end of following week for comments, and then sends out the final version for approval before the next bi-monthly meeting. This process was approved.

- Aberdeenshire councillors to be included in draft and Final MOMs
- Aim for 2 pages, use agenda headings (this could be challenging)
- Capture Actions and Decisions

Action CB / SB to turn around MOMs faster

16. Next Meeting schedule

M Bi-monthly: 5/11/25 ..Inchmarlo hall hybrid

Bi-monthly: 7/1/26...Teams

Bi-monthly: 4/3/26...Inchmarlo hall hybrid

Bi-monthly: 3/6/26

Meeting closed at 9.15