

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Wednesday 11th June 2025, 7.45 – 8.15 pm
Held at Inchmarlo Community Hall and via Teams

1 Welcome/Apologies

Present: Paul Herrington, Chris Low, Chris Bath, Sue Blow,
Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey

Apologies received from Ross Provan, Andy Dickson

2 Chairman's Annual Report – PH

PH gave a summary of the report for 2025.

Topics: Personnel; Local Place Plan; Hill of Fare Windfarm Proposal; Mid-Hill
Windfarm funds; Paths; Road Safety.

*Note: Cllr Turvey proposed a new contact to assist with amendments to the
Local Place Plan: Hilary English.*

3 Consideration and approval of the independently verified Statement of Accounts – CB

Our accounts are awaiting sign-off from Catherine Nichols

4 Approval of the Community Council's Annual Budget – CB

CB has streamlined the process. Once CN has signed off the current accounts
we can apply for the annual budget (ca. £630)

Outstanding action: **CB to apply for the annual budget once the statement of
account has been verified.**

Dates:

Bi-monthly: 3/9/25 ...Teams

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

BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Wednesday 11th June 2025, 8.15 – 9.30 pm
Inchmarlo Community Hall and via Teams

1. Welcome/Apologies:

As for the AGM earlier this evening.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting, and review of actions – PH

Minutes of previous meeting proposed by CL; Seconded PH

3. Secretary's Report – SB / RP

Neither secretary submitted anything to report

4. Treasurer's report - CB

- A meeting was held at Glassel hall regarding Resilience for the hall. We put forward the requirement and effort needed to apply for a wind farm grant. This was very well outlined by Sylvia Stephen. So far, John Wilson of Glassel hall has not responded.
- CB spoke to Kirsty Ryder from Fred Olsen Renewables regarding using some of the potential allocation of funds to be invested in an interest-bearing account. She recommended that CB spoke to Fred Olsen Renewables London as Kirsty Leiper has left. Our new contact is Pratik Kerai. Fred Olsen Renewables seems quite positive to this concept.
- CB has researched deposit accounts for business. After a lot of investigation Virgin is the only viable option. We could have an opening account £1.00 instant access account with interest at 3.49%. This would be a relatively simple transaction as we already have three council members who are registered with Virgin Bank. CB suggests an investment of £10,000 providing £343 per year. This will help our accounts as currently the council grant does not cover all our costs. It was agreed that CB should proceed to put this in place.
- CB has contacted the Scottish Fire and Rescue service – David Murray, who is the On-Call Commander. He is willing to give a talk regarding wildfire potential in our area. We agreed that this should be a presentation to the wider community. We need to provide a date and venue.
 - Action: CB to suggest either a Tuesday or Thursday. TBC with David Murray

5. Councillor's report

- Police Scotland are looking into speeds through Bridge of Canny
- Many existing 30 mph zones are being reduced to 20mph. This is being funded by Scottish Gov. Maps are available to see where these are.

6. Local Place Plan update – PH

The local place plan is subject to a few minor edits from Aberdeenshire Council and will then be formally adopted and published.

Action: PH to respond to Emma Storey

7. IBG Area Resilience – AD

AD was unavailable for this meeting

8. 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 their application.

- Revision of some core paths may be needed
- Marr paths group are active, but we cannot join forces with them until we have an active group of our own
- There is on-going discussion regarding the potential path between Inchmarlo Hall / Bothy and Smiddy Park

9. Hill of Fare Windfarm – PH

There was a meeting in Banchory Town Hall on April 24th: the start of a legal process. HOFWIG (Hill of Fare Wind Farm Information Group) is taking the lead, and the next stage will be a Hearing and Inquiry to be held during the first two weeks of September.

There was discussion on whether to make a financial contribution to local pressure group HOFWIG, who are incurring significant legal costs and are taking a lead role in objecting to the development. It was agreed that £300 would be contributed by IBGCC.

PH will be the lead on Socio-Economic impact. Here is his email requesting feedback and comments:

Dear all,

Following our meeting on Wednesday, please find linked below the latest version of the Hill of Fare "socio-economics hearing statement".

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jkYkqTXFS26kytb2J3Q_how6qiOnZd3O?rtpof=true&usp=drive_fs

For those that missed the meeting, I undertook as part of the 6 community councils to look at Socio-economics. This is assessed by the developer in Chapter 13 of their application. So what I have put together is a critique of their work, from the "object" standpoint. The work is I hope fairly complete, but it will go through a bit more review by the other community councils and also by HOFWIG and their KC. Ultimately it will be submitted as a written statement to form part of the public enquiry, and will be published on the enquiry website. The deadline for submission is 18th of July.

Could I ask for your feedback on the document by Friday the 20th June please.

Action: All

10. Paths – CL : see item 8

11. Mid-hill windfarm funding - CB : see Item 4; Treasurer's report

12. Website and IT – CL Nothing to report

13. Road safety - PH The list of Road Safety issues raised in the Local Place Plan is being progressed by PH with councillors and Aberdeenshire Council. Cllr Turvey had input on the action from Police Scotland and the speed survey beige box that has been sited at the T-junction of the Glassel /quarry road and the A93.

14. Any other Business

We discussed briefly the anxiety caused to some residents regarding the drone that was gathering Lidar information. This is part of a high-resolution survey that is being undertaken by Cairngorm National Park. It will only be used for Lidar data and our privacy is assured.

15. Date of next meeting:

September 3rd 2025: on Teams

Note: There is still the possibility of allocating extra funds to local primary schools from the Mid-hill wind farm. The action is still outstanding and noted here to be followed up as circumstances allow.

Date: 03/03/2025 10:50 GMT

Subject: IBGCC primary school catchment areas

Dear Cllr Turvey,

We discussed the Mid Hill Windfarm funds in last week's meeting and I took an action to look into primary school catchment areas for our CC, **on the basis that you would then write to the schools to make them aware of the funds.**

I have extracted the map below from the council website, which shows our CC boundary in red, and the primary school catchment areas in blue. Our CC is split across Torphins to the north west, and Banchory (as opposed to Hill of Banchory) to the south and east.

Please let me know if you would like any further information,

Regards,

Paul Herrington

Meeting closed at 9.15