

Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 8th October 2025

Bridge of Orchy Village Hall

Community Council Meeting

Present: Maggie Clunie, Dominic Harrison Ishbel Livingstone (Convenor), Cllr Luna Martin, Sue Rawcliffe (Vice-Convenor), Paul Greaves, Gareth Young (minutes), Cllr Kieron Green, and six members of the public.

Apologies: Suzy Anderson, Stephen Bathgate, Sybil MacPherson.

Declaration of Interest

Ishbel Livingstone declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 3a (application from Dalmally Community Centre to the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for a Christmas event for older residents) due to her involvement on the committee for Portsonachan Village Hall. She withdrew from the discussion and any related votes on this item.

Gareth Young declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 3b (application from Portsonachan Village Hall to the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to support a pottery throwing class) due to his involvement on the committee for Portsonachan Village Hall. He withdrew from the discussion and any related votes on this item.

Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed – SR

Seconded – IL

1. Matters Arising

SSEN Community Liaison Group: The group met in mid-September, jointly with Inveraray, as it covers the line from Creag Dhubh to Inveraray. Most felling work is now complete, and access tracks are being constructed. Issues raised included loss of water supply for a property near Cladich and concerns over the speed and number of stone lorries on the Succoth track. SSEN discussed their STEM engagement work with local schools and upcoming work placements at Creag Dhubh for Oban High School pupils. Another meeting is scheduled for November 2025. SSEN has written to local residents regarding use of the Mutha Hotel.

Glen Orchy Ranger post: FLS appointed a ranger for Glen Orchy, though the appointment was late in the season. Funding has been found to extend the post, which now covers a wider area. Data is being collected, with most issues relating to waste and gold panning. Budget provision has been made for next year, with potential matching funds from GICC. Portable toilets are being explored, with DH identifying possible funding sources.

Accidents and road closures (A85/A82): Efforts to invite Police Scotland to attend the meeting were unsuccessful. Plans are in place for new speed limits (Tarbert, Tarbet, Connel)

and crash barriers on the Arrivain straight. A 40-mph limit is proposed for Bridge of Orchy, ideally with accompanying speed cameras.

Action: Write to Police Scotland and Jenni Minto to request a joint stakeholder meeting to discuss road safety and speed control measures.

Dalmally War Memorial: Contact made with the War Memorials Trust for advice on restoration. They have provided guidance on identifying custodians and sourcing conservation contractors. Photos have been sent to their Conservation Team for advice. The possibility of repairing the surrounding fencing will also be explored.

2. Argyll and Bute Council issues

Visitor Levy: The council vote took place in late September. There was significant discussion about whether local authorities could charge a fixed rate instead of a percentage. Survey results showed stronger support for a fixed rate, with exceptions for local residents (particularly islanders). Implementation is paused until January. Scottish Parliament elections are in May, and clarity on the levy's status is expected by then, which will aid budget planning.

ASN funding Dalmally Primary School: No information is publicly available on the funding formula or allocation process and Cllr Green's request was denied.

Action: Contact the Parent Council to confirm the current position, then consider submitting a Freedom of Information request to the Council.

3. Finance

- a) Carraig Gheal application from Dalmally Community Centre for £750 towards Christmas dinner for older people food, entertainment and gifts. **Approved.**
- b) Carraig Gheal application from the Portsonachan Village Hall Committee for £120 towards the costs of a pottery workshop. **Approved.**

The Treasurer provided a verbal update on the bank account balances and confirmed all three halls have had their 2025 fees paid.

4. Police Report

The August report highlighted 27 calls and three crimes, but this includes Dalavich and Kilcrennan, so uncertain about the impact on our CC area.

Action: Raise concerns about the lack of detail in police reports with Police Scotland. Request that future reports include more tailored information to assist in building evidence for road safety and other issues.

Action: Withhold formal acceptance of police reports until more detailed information is provided.

5. Planning Applications

Variation of condition 5 of planning permission reference 20/01796/PP (Erection of an anemometer mast (80 metres high) for a temporary period of 5 years)
Amendment to time period to allow for additional wind monitoring

Land South East Of Blarghour Farmhouse East Lochaweside Dalmally Argyll And Bute
Ref. No: 25/01596/PP | Received: Wed 24 Sep 2025 | Validated: Wed 24 Sep 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Formation of forest track

Glen Orchy Forest Block Bridge Of Orchy Argyll And Bute
Ref. No: 25/01602/PNWAY | Received: Wed 24 Sep 2025 | Validated: Wed 24 Sep 2025 | Status: Unknown

Formation of forest tracks

Keppochuan Forest Inveraray Argyll And Bute
Ref. No: 25/01533/PNWAY | Received: Thu 11 Sep 2025 | Validated: Tue 16 Sep 2025 | Status: Unknown

Formation of forest tracks

Bovuy Forest Cladich Argyll And Bute
Ref. No: 25/01531/PNWAY | Received: Thu 11 Sep 2025 | Validated: Mon 15 Sep 2025 | Status: Unknown

Balliemeanoch – council have withdrawn their application based on the reduction of the scale, withdrawal from other parties. Local concerns still remain. With the ECU now.

6. Correspondence

Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council: Consultations October 2025

1. **Forestry Land Scotland: East Loch Awe Land Management Plan**
<https://forestryandland.gov.scot/what-we-do/planning/consultations/east-loch-awe-land-management-plan>
2. **Additional Information Cruach Clenamachie Wind Farm application**
Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) – September 2025
 - Revisions to the layout of internal access tracks
 - The FEI provides updates to the following EIA topics: Landscape and Visual, Cultural Heritage and Archaeology, Noise, Hydrology, Ecology, Ornithology and Carbon Balance: www.energyconsents.scot/ECU00004841
3. **SSEN Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Local Fund Community Benefit Consultation – deadline Oct 10th.**
General information at: <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/information-centre/community-benefit-fund/local-funds/argyll-and-kintyre-275kv>
Fill out the survey: <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/documents/community-benefit-fund/community-briefing-document--survey.pdf>

4. **Bridge of Orchy Water Supply**

Notice of works starting on 10km of water mains from Tyndrum Water Treatment Works to Bridge of Orchy which will result in traffic management on the A82 from Sept 1st for a year. Any queries – Steven O'Neill watercomms@scottishwater.co.uk

5. **Accessible Travel Framework Consultation: 2025/2026 – transport survey October 2025.**

Looking to engage as many disabled people as possible.

6. **Younger and Working Age Household survey**

Argyll and Bute Council is launching a new research initiative to better understand how a lack of suitable housing affects one of the area's most pressing challenges: the decline in younger and working-age households:
www.researchresource.co.uk/ABCdepopulation.html

7. **AOCB**

Postal service: Action: write to Royal Mail about current concerns with the service, including the distance that some people have to travel to collect their mail and emphasise that people are missing medical appointments. The CC would like to know more about how we have got to this situation, and how we can be reassured this will not happen again.

Resilience plan: The local resilience plan will be reviewed and updated, with representatives (DH, IL, GY) from each hall taking this work forward.

Storm Amy: Identify who manages local masts, as diesel shortages prevented generator operation and disrupted phone signals. To be included in the resilience plan review.

Trees at Glenorchy Church: Trees on council land pose safety risks on a school bus route.
Action: To be raised with the roads team.

B-road passing places: B840 and B8074 passing places are obscured and need clearing and signage. Temporary repair near the culvert requires follow-up. Action: To be raised with the roads team.

Local Hotel: Concerns raised about potential strain on local services due to new residents.
Action: SR and PG to request clarification at the next Community Liaison Meeting regarding vetting and arrangements.

Dog waste bins: Additional provision requested.

Bottle banks: No progress on Glen Orchy bottle bank.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 10th December 2025, Dalmally Community Centre.

Meeting closed: 20:46