

Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council AGM

Minutes of the meeting on 10th June 2026

Dalmally Community Centre

Present: Ishbel Livingstone (Convenor), Sue Rawcliffe (Vice-Convenor), Paul Greaves, Cllr Kieron Green, Gareth Young (Treasurer) and six members of the public.

Apologies: Maggie Clunie

Last meeting: 14 May 2025

Minutes from the last AGM agreed – PG (proposed), SR (seconded).

Declarations of interest:

Ishbel / Gareth- hall committee members.

1. Convenor's report

The Community Council has held 6 meetings over the past year. Given the Scottish Parliamentary election in May 2026, the April meeting was given over to a hustings with local candidates.

The Community Council has continued to pursue improved broadband access across the whole of G&ICC area. Brendan O'Hara MP's office has confirmed that this will be included in roll out plans by 2027. We await further details.

Work has started on the installation of 48 pylons across the area by SSEN. Representatives from the Community Council have attended meetings with SSEN's Community Engagement Manager and the wider project team. Issues re increased litter across the area have been raised and we have pushed for SSEN to provide STEM input for Oban High School and Dalmally Primary school and also secured funding for the Men's shed.

SSEN has launched their Argyll Local Fund. This will provide £6000 for small grants across our area as well as a larger fund that OACT will apply to for local projects.

Over summer 2025, the Community Council worked with Robbie Layden from FLS to secure additional ranger support to address issues in Glen Orchy. The Community Council secured funding to pay for 50% of a post and agreed a draft working agreement with FLS. Recruitment was slower than originally hoped and FLS only appointed an additional post towards the end of the season. The plan to keep the post open for this season has been prevented by recruitment restrictions by the Scottish Government.

The Community Council has continued to attend meetings of the Loch Awe stakeholders group convened by Jenni Minto MSP. There is growing frustration that a sustainable solution to water levels on Loch Awe has still not been achieved despite significant local input. The Community Council maintained its objection to the revised Balliemeanoch PSH scheme as the impact on loch levels is still unclear.

The Community Council welcomed West Highland Housing Association's plans to build new housing in Dalmally. Following representations from residents in Glenview concerns were

raised about access and road safety in relation to the site. We have been assured that a traffic management plan will address the concerns.

Road safety was a major concern raised in summer 2025. Members of the Community Council met with Police Scotland who noted our concerns and suggested that as many of our issues are shared by neighbouring Community Councils and there may be greater impact by working together on this. Traffic calming signage in Lochawe is welcomed but as 20mph limits are being implemented in several places across Argyll, 40mph through Dalmally and 30 mph through Lochawe continues to be out of step.

Members of the Community Council joined the Board of Orchy and Awe Community Trust launched in June 2025. The Trust is currently reviewing progress on the Community Action Plan and developing proposals for the next 5 years which will be consulted on over the next few months. In the meantime, work continues to secure funding for the MUGA in Dalmally, refurbish Portsonachan Hall, support the Youth Action Group, and develop a blueprint for a care, health and wellbeing hub for the area. The next meeting of the Board is Wednesday June 17th 7.30pm in Portsonachan. This is an open meeting.

This will be the last AGM for the current Community Council. Thanks to everyone who has supported the work and to our current Community Councillors and advisors. Nominations for the new Community Council are currently open and please think about stepping up to ensure we have a Community Council to ensure a voice for Glenorchy and Innishail for the next 4 years.

2. Treasurer's Report

2025-26 overview

This year we have seen a total income of £2734.01. This income is from Argyll and Bute Council, our RWE Grant and interest on our savings.

We have had a more modest expenditure this year, alongside our usual payment to the village halls and sundries, we have paid for the Useful Numbers List and defibrillator pads and batteries.

Community Council funds as of 10 July 2026 are £13,977.71.

Thank you to John Kerr for kindly reviewing and approving the accounts this year.

Reserves Policy

Feedback at last year's AGM was that our spending was unsustainable. We recognized this, whilst also acknowledging that we want to ensure funds we do have are also providing community benefit. To ensure we maintain a balance, we drafted a Reserves Policy, which we raised at subsequent meetings. We have a copy available today for comment. Our proposal is to continue to operate with a reserve of 1.5 times our spending in 2024, which will be £5,000.

Proposal

As we have a surplus in our account, and we are sitting comfortably within our Reserves Policy, we propose that we offer a one-off grant to each of our three village halls of £500. This is to be used on an activity of some kind, which could be a hall project (e.g. decorating,

repairs, maintenance), to support running costs (e.g. insurance, bills) or for an activity or equipment.

We ask that the funds are used within 2026, and that each Village Hall Committee could send a short report back to us about how the money was used, so that we can fulfil our reporting obligations to RWE.

Proposal was agreed by the Community Council and all in attendance.

3. Appointment of Office Bearers

Same office bearers until the new council

4. Schedule of meetings

Provisional schedule fo meetings for then next year (to be confirmed by the new Community Council - 12 August (Dalmally), October (Bridge of Orchy), 9 Dec (Dalmally), 10 Feb (Dalmally), 14 Apr (Portsonachan)