

Minutes of Aultbea Community Council Meeting (Summary)

Monday 18th August 2025, 7pm, the Crow's Nest, Aultbea Hall, Aultbea

1. Present: Peter Davison (Chair), Susan MacLean (Treasurer), Gail Bellamy (Zoom), Philip MacLachlan, Roddie MacKenzie, Murdo MacLean, Liz Kraft (Zoom), Jenny Maslin (Minutes). **In attendance:** Corinna Annetts, Pauline Butler & Allan Templeton (Gairloch Museum) + 12 MotP.

2. Gairloch Museum Roundhouse Project: Presentation by Museum representatives. See <https://www.gairlochmuseum.org/the-roundhouse-project> - for film and community feedback form. Support for the project from ACC and review of planning application once made.

3. Minutes of meeting 16th June 2025: Approved and seconded.

4. Financial Report: Bank balance at £4378.65, of which £1365 is ring-fenced for defib maintenance. Agreed Aultbea Hall to cover cost of 2025 Flotilla insurance.

5. Ongoing items of business:

- **MOWI Building:** On-going safety concerns: MOWI, SSEN & HC Building Control to be informed.
- **Road Repairs:** LK to chase up white lines needed (outside Aultbea Stores and in Mellon Charles) and crossing indication at Aultbea Nursery.
- **Local Dental Services:** No updates.
- **Laide Telephone Box:** LK to chase up response to ACC request for telephone box to remain.
- **Local Bus Connections:** All local CCs agree retiming of Thursday morning Westerbuss service.
- **Local Schools:** A positive meeting has taken place between school representatives, Parent Council, prospective parents and the HC. Ongoing discussions about the school house as an alternative Nursery building.
- **Local Housing Meeting:** Hydro funding application letter of support sent to WRHG.
- **Local Website:** Ongoing discussions about feasibility of this.

6. Any other business:

- **Skye, Lochalsh & WR Com Partnership Mtgs:** ACC awaiting dates for future meetings.
- **Deer Management:** Meeting to be arranged to address concerns raised about the increasing number of deer locally and the negative impacts of this.
- **Uncleaned Roadside Drains:** HC informed of need for roadside drains to be cleared in Mellon Charles.

7. Correspondence:

- **Police Reports:** LK to chase up lack of reports/meeting invitations since May 2025.
- **Impact of Unlicensed Camping:** Meeting with local Highland Access Ranger Darren Boa to be arranged to assess local impact of caravan/campsite assoc's concerns about HC's policy on overnight motorhome parking.
- **Highland Access Ranger:** Darren Boa Darren.boa@highland.gov.uk offer to meet TBA.
- **L & A CW Volunteers Wanted:** Poster displayed at Hall, contact volunteer@laidewood.org.uk
- **Scottish Water Survey:** Completed on behalf of ACC.
- **HC Community Briefings:** Link for this monthly list of resources to be forwarded to G&DT.
- **Emergency Life Support Training Sessions:** To be publicised locally in Autumn/Winter.
- **Bottle Banks:** HC Waste Management Team request for immediate emptying.

8. Planning: No current Planning Applications for comment.

9. Questions/Contributions from Members of the Public:

- Concern raised about work started locally without planning permission – work has now ceased and application to be made.

10. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 15th Sept 2025 (Chair SM), **Further Dates:** 20th Oct, 17th Nov.