

Minutes of Aultbea Community Council Meeting (Summary)

Monday 15th September 2025, 7pm, the Crows Nest, Aultbea Hall, Aultbea

1. Present: Susan MacLean (Treasurer & Intermin Chair), Gail Bellamy (Zoom), Roddie MacKenzie, Murdo MacLean, Colin Bell, Jenny Maslin (Minutes). **In attendance:** 16 members of the public (MotP). **Apologies:** Peter Davison, Philip McLachlan, Liz Kraft, Darren Boa. **Declarations of interest:** None.

2. Local Access Ranger, HC - Darren Boa: DB sent apologies. By email he reported no concerns in our area but please contact him if any concerns Darren.boa@highland.gov.uk He also asked for people to report any instances of dangerous parking at Corrieshalloch Gorge to him.

3. Minutes of meeting 18th August 2025: Approved and seconded.

4. Financial Report: Bank balance at £4490.65, of which £1365 is ring-fenced for defib maintenance. Balance includes £112 insurance reimbursement from Aultbea Hall.

5. Ongoing items of business:

- **MOWI Building:** Contract has been awarded to take the building down. Request to SSEN to disconnect electricity.
- **Road Repairs & Drain Clearance:** Chase up on: 1. White lines needed outside Aultbea Stores, 2. Crossing indication needed between Aultbea Nursery and Hall, 3. White lines needed on road in Mellon Charles, 4. Roadside drain clearance in Mellon Charles.
- **Local Dental Services:** No updates. Request update from Maree Todd's office.
- **Laide Telephone Box:** Confirmed that telephone box will remain.
- **Local Schools:** 1. Confirmation that defib at Nursery is regularly checked. Request to label defib with contact details. 2. Continuing work by school and Parent Council (PC) to get the Nursery re-opened in August 2026. An open morning is planned (date TBA) for the parents of children turning three from August onwards. 3. Continuing communication between school and HC to look at using school house building as a Nursery. 4. PC to organise a date for path maintenance from Aultbea Hall to Bualnaluib. Help requested from ACC and local MotPs.
- **Local Website:** Ongoing attempts to arrange a meeting with local website designer.
- **Police Reports:** Reports now received for July/August – some offences related to driving.
- **Bottle Bank Emptying:** Emptied in response to requests by Liz Kraft; continue to monitor.
- **Deer Management:** Meeting to be organised with Aultbea Estates Factor and other appropriate interested parties including Grazings Clerk, Isle of Ewe.

6. Any other business:

- **SSEN Proposal for A832 Road Closures:** Extensive concerns about SSENs proposed road closures from the end of October 2025 and their consultation process. Agreed to send objection letter to SSEN and other relevant parties at HC.
- **Aultbea Sitooterie:** Agreed to approach Highland Highlife Ranger with the idea.
- **Fallen trees at Aultbea Tops:** Ongoing attempts to identify who to contact to effect work to clear trees away from the road.

7. Correspondence:

- **Household Electrical Recycling Collection Service:** Next collection 11am - 1pm on 29/9/2025 in car park opposite Aultbea Hall. No items to be left outside this time.
- **Skye, Lochalsh & WR Partnership Meeting:** Next meeting is 24th September 2025.
- **H&DCC Motion Feedback/Support Request:** Email from H&DCC proposing a motion to HC regarding Highland electricity generation projects to be discussed at next ACC meeting.

8. Planning: No current Planning Applications for comment.

9. Questions/Contributions from Members of the Public:

- The fence/wall around Aultbea War Memorial needs some attention. Agreed to attend to this.
- Details of the 2025 Remembrance Day Service to follow.

10. Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 20th October 2025. **Further 2025 dates:** 17th November.