



Councillors Present:	Jimmy Duncan (JD)- Chair Susan Falconer (SF) – Vice Chair Hannah Yarr (HY) – Secretary Margaret Menzies (MM) – Treasurer George Mcleod (GM) - Member
Also Attended by:	Councillor Duncan McDonald (DMcD) – Highland Council 4 members of Balfour Beatty and Traffic Scotland 7 members of the public (both online and in person)

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	○ Action: Gemma will follow up and report back. • Will the local signs be moved ie café and hub? Signage that 'local business is open as usual' will be added. ○ Action: The team will also look to move all the original signage too, ie 'the café is ½ mile away'. • An email was shared previously regarding the fencing between the existing Tomatin junction and the line of the road towards Inverness. Barb wire has been used (even though it is not stock fencing), which has caused injury to wildlife, namely a young deer. What is the update on this feedback? No update given during the session, however email is sat with the team for review. • For houses near the work, will there be information pushed through doors? Yes, this has been completed.	GC GC GC
5	Matters arising Lucky2be have been engaged regarding defibrillators in the area. A proposal of 6 locations has been made by JD, which are currently under review. A formalised update will be given in October.	
6	Financial Report MM stated that SCC had £1,052.14 in their bank account as of 18 th August 2025. Handover is still taking place between MM and previous treasurer (Diane) regarding official name changes. Following the AGM, documentation was shared with Community support to apply for the next grant. £480.36 has now been granted.	
7	Law and Order No report had been received from the police regarding law and order.	
8	Road Safety. The Woodbridge at Rraigbeg is still under discussion. KG due to give a more formal update during the next meeting. National rail has confirmed Station Road is within their remit. Given it is a safe route to school, their maintenance team will fill in the potholes. The agreed plan and date are still to be confirmed. The highland council have confirmed the area of Old Mill Road is adopted and the potholes will be repaired. A date for work has not been confirmed.	
9	Applications to the Trust • Due to summer holidays, previous applications were agreed via email circular, and were submitted to the trust. The details of each of the 3 applications were brought to life during the August session. ○ A question was asked why the trust has to pay for the cutting of road verges? Highland Council are responsible for cutting/maintaining these, especially when it comes to fire safety. Every other village has these cut/maintained, however the community has to fund this in Strathdearn. DMcD asked for any verges which are deemed dangerous ie causing visibility issues, then this should be reported to the Highland Council. If JD can share the route which we have now paid for, then DMcD will bring to attention at the next council meeting • Festive Lunch for Senior Citizens in Strathdearn- £2,604.13 based on 55 attendees. Purpose is to build and encourage social connections within the community but especially amongst older residents. Meals will also be delivered to those unable to attend through illness or mobility issues. Transport will be offered to those who require help. The event is scheduled for 5th December 2025 and will be held at The Strathdearn making use of local facilities and providing local employment.	JD/ DMcD

	○ Question was raised as to why Taste of Tomatin are not being used. Where possible (ie alcohol) will be sourced via Taste of Tomatin, but due to the uncertainty of running, and the volume/complexity of the event, outsourcing will be better suited. Where possible (location, music, transport etc) will also be sourced locally too. ○ The application was approved and will be shared with the trust.	
10	<u>Planning Matters</u> None	
11	<u>Windfarms – Progress from SWIAG</u> • An objection has been submitted by Naturescot for 2 sites. Clune is on the boarder of a national park, and this was the strong reason given for one of the objections.	
12	<u>Update from SCD</u> Updates during August notes summarised: • SCD General Manager appointment • Hazelbank Woods • Affordable Housing For September: • Childcare – A survey has been shared with the community to gather insights on what childcare requirements are within the local area. SCD will review what other areas do, what the uptake would be, and then create themes and a recommendation to be brought forward for discussion. SCC asked for more engagement in this space, especially when the public is being asked to fill in information. This was agreed going forward, and SCC is supportive of this approach. • Affordable housing- Still on track for March delivery next year • Local Place Plan- Working to onboard Helen to SCD	
13	<u>Local Place Plan</u> • New standing agenda item has been added going forward. • Helen Bailey has been secured to carry out both the local place plan, and community action plan. We have registered with the Highland Council that we will be carrying out a local place plan, which has been acknowledged. It was previously suggested by a member of the public, that we have the opportunity to push the boundaries of the local place plan, to include things such as resilience, nature and carbon. Boundary lines on other local place plans are being checked by Helen to ensure we don't have gaps or overlaps, and it was suggested during the meeting in August we should ensure we future proof this work by building capacity in the community (ie GIS tools which allow better access, and can be utilised in other work). • There are many synergies with both the community action plan, which is why these will both be carried out in parallel. • SCC are the statutory body for this, however SCD will employ Helen and be paid for by SCC. • JD has reached out to Highland Council regarding discretionary funds towards the total cost of £15k however, has not heard back. DMCD has asked when JD reaches out to the ward manager again, to copy in the councillors.	

14	<u>Correspondence</u> Following a process led by SCD, the community council were asked to review a new street name for the affordable houses. The proposed name is Viaduct View following a submission of suggestions from the public, cross checking criteria and consulting postal services. There was no further commentary made on this name during the session in August, so the notes were sent back with alignment. No further commentary was made in September. The current post office in Inverness will move from Queensgate to the Church Street Co-op. Public consultation is open, with commentary being submitted by 1st October. It was noted that our outreach service is critical to the community, and this should be included in our response. From the session in August, the felling notice and community council elections have since been posted on the Facebook page.	HY
15	<u>Any other business</u> Regarding the recent power cuts, the SCC offered feedback and will follow up in writing to SCD, regarding the current resilience plan. Instead of the cut off being 5 hours, the recommendation is the following: • The anticipated length of power cut should be established • The time of year, and time of day/ night should influence the necessity for action to be taken quickly or not • These decisions can be taken by the Tomatin Shop/ Cafe Manager or the SCD Operations Manager as appropriate Due to health issues, Jimmy will be resigning as Chair, but will remain on the Community Council. The current responsibilities will be worked through by community council members, and discussed at the next meeting. The current Community Council continues to encourage local people to come forward to protect the future of the Community Council, and will continue to raise awareness around the topic.	HY
16	Date of future meetings – 14th October 2025 Meeting closed 8.55pm	