



Strathdearn Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held in The Strathdearn, Tomatin, on 10th June 2025

Councillors Present:	James Duncan (JD) - Chair Diane Buckle (DB) - Treasurer	Susan Falconer (SF) – Secretary Margaret Menzies (MM) - Member
Also Attended by:	Councillor Ken Gowans (KG) – Highland Council 17 members of the public (on line and in person)	

Item Ref	Details	Action By
1	<u>Apologies</u> There were no apologies	
2	<u>Minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2024</u> The minutes were accepted as accurate. Minutes approved by MM and Seconded by DB with no noted corrections	
3	<u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising from the meeting of the 18 th June 2024	
4	<u>Chairman's report</u> JM delivered his report (see Attachment 1), thanking the Councillors and the previous Chairperson for their work over the year 2024/25. Specifically he mentioned the ever increasing workload with regard to planning matters (Wind farms, etc.). In this respect the SCC had also called on volunteer members of the community and thanked them for giving of their time to assist.	
5	<u>Financial Report</u> The Financial Report for 2024 / 2025 was presented by DB – see Attachment 2 The Accounts were prepared by DB and independently examined by Lianne Brunton on the 4 th June 2025. The accounts were proposed as approved by SF and seconded by MM.	
6	<u>Nomination of Office Bearers</u> Councillor Ken Gowans took the chair for the appointment of the Office Bearers. Chair – JD was proposed by SF and seconded by MM - JD accepted Secretary – SF was proposed by JD and seconded by DB - SF accepted Treasurer – MM was proposed by SF and seconded by JD - MM accepted The Strathdearn Community Council is now constituted as follows:- Chair - James Duncan Secretary - Susan Falconer Treasurer - Margaret Menzies Member. - Diane Buckle	
7	<u>Close of Meeting</u> Meeting closed 8.00 pm	

Attachment 1

Strathdearn Community Council Annual Report June 2025

Good evening all and welcome to this year's Strathdearn Community Council AGM.

It's been a busy year in the community council, with one of the biggest programs of work is, having to deal with all the proposed Windfarms that are currently in planning, or just about to go to planning, the Community Council put together a team of volunteers (SWAIG) to help us deal with all the complexity's that goes with these huge programs of work, and we had to seek outside help from (William Gilfinnan) to help us deal with the intricacies of putting the communities thoughts and incites to the EUC and the Highland Councils planning department

Thank you to James Macpherson for putting the Windfarm survey together,
Thank you to all the SWAIG team and thank you to Susan Falkner for all her hard work putting together the outcomes of the survey and delivering them to the EUC and the Highland Council.

I would also thank the previous chair of the community council Barbara Macaskill (Rusty) who had to resign because of work and family commitments, for putting the SWAIG team together and for all her hard work over the last two years.

Roads, potholes and bridges are always features at our meetings, but I do believe we are making progress in all these areas, and the Highland Council are responding as well as they can given the huge area they serve. The Community Council are also liaising with Balfour Beatty keeping up with their reports and progress with the dualling of the A9 from Tomatin to Moy, another huge project in our area.

The Snow clearing was done by Jason MacDonald and Andrew McDonnell over the last winter, thank you both, but unfortunately we will have to look elsewhere to find someone who will carry out the snow clearing work for next winter, as both Jason and Andrew have moved on to other jobs, hopefully we can engage with the SCD to see what can be done to help in this matter, as they might have some answers to help us with the snow clearing and laying of salt on our paths.

One thing that is really important is the need for more Community Councillors, as the Community Council is the Statutory body which deal with all planning matters, alcohol licensing, road repairs, Windfarm planning, and all other matters concerning our community Council area, we really do need more Community Councillors.

Thank you to the Highland Councillors who attend our meetings and give us the support we need .

I thank Susan, Diane and Maggs for all that they do to make your community work

Thank you to Stan Faulkner for helping with the minutes and setting up the Teams meetings

Lastly I would thank all the members of the public who attend our meetings, as your input is very welcome

Thank you

James Duncan
Chair
Strathdearn Community Council

STRATHDEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - TO 31st March 2025

	Period to 31/3/25	Year to 31/3/24
Opening Balance at 1 April	£846.97	£216.96
INCOME		
Newsletter Subscriptions	£100.00	£152.00
Highland Council Funding	£480.36	£480.36
Advertising (Newsletter)	£100.00	£0.00
SCCT - Xmas Lights Funding	£180.00	£360.00
SCCT - Laptop Funding	£0.00	£599.00
TOTAL	£860.36	£1,591.36
EXPENDITURE		
Secretary Honorarium	£100.00	£0.00
Secretarial Costs (Zoom/Microsoft)	£137.94	£0.00
Insurance	£84.00	£84.00
Rent	£0.00	£153.00
Xmas lights - Highland Council	£126.00	£180.00
Bank Charges	£4.25	£0.00
Laptops	£0.00	£447.00
Newsletter Costs	£188.75	£97.35
TOTAL	£640.94	£961.35
 Closing Balance at 31 March 2025	 £1,066.39	 £846.97

Accounts Prepared by:

Signed

Diane Buckle
Diane Buckle

DATE

4/6/25

Accounts Independently Examined by:

Signed

Lianne Brunton
Lianne Brunton

DATE

04-Jun-25