

Minutes of Board Meeting
Held on Wednesday 19th Feb 2025
At FA Memorial Hall

Board Directors present	Catriona Watson (CW) – Chair, Helen Clay (HC), Chris Nelson (CN), Michael Alvey Anderson (MA), Frances Mansell (FMM), Kelvin Hill (KH), Paul McIntosh (PM)
Apologies	Lorn MacKay (LM), Fiona MacCormick (FM), Patrick Ungless (PU) – Vice chair,
Also in attendance	Karen Edwards (KE) - Operations Manager, Donna Green (DG) – Finance Manager
Minute Taker	Simon Canning (SC) – Admin Officer

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies CW opened the meeting and presented apologies from LM, FM, and PU.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2025 These were agreed as a true and accurate record. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: PM • Seconded by FMM. 	
3.	Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda No matters arising.	
4.	Update from Community Council HC reported that SSE updated on their plans for the proposed Blairaidh extension, which is in abeyance as the finances do not support the development at this time. CN reported that he had confirmed to the Community Council that legal advice confirms the Community Company cannot take on Inch Bay.	
5.	Update on Convent Land Adventure play area: KE reported the planning application has been accepted by Highland Council and now awaiting approval. Path network: planning application is in final stage of Highland Council acceptance. Work is scheduled to start in March pending approval. PM offered to join the Convent Land sub-group and will discuss with PU. PU had prepared a proposal for the next steps to be a feasibility study on a possible Convent Land hub building. The Board unanimously approved this next step.	PM KE

	KE proposed a part-time (15-hour weekly) Ranger role to oversee maintenance, litter management, and safety. The Board approved, and KE will progress with recruitment.																																																																															
6.	Review of governing documents DG is working on updates. Discussion postponed to a future Board meeting.																																																																															
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8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Skips – change of location KE to explore relocating the skip to Abertarff Place once a year.</p> <p>Motorbike club racetrack SC and PM noted community interest in a racetrack but emphasised commercial aspects limit Community Company support.</p> <p>Directors Surgery First session had strong attendance. Next session scheduled for Millennium Hall. The next surgery will be Millennium Hall before the next Board meeting. HC and KH offered to conduct.</p> <p>Glentarff House Scottish Canals have now refused to provide indemnities for the access and services to the property. Our Solicitor has been instructed to now pursue this for which we will need to pay.</p> <p>Update to grant application forms PM proposed including confirmation of Vulnerable Persons Policies for group applications. Forms to be updated.</p> <p>Half yearly AGM CW proposed another half-yearly AGM; KE and SC to organise.</p> <p>Housing applications KE reported ongoing applications for Bunoich Brae property. Sub-group to meet on 26th February.</p> <p>Community compost PM asked when the community compost re-opens for the summer months. KE confirmed it will be made available to the community at beginning of April.</p> <p>Invermoriston Community Larder Now operational after remedial work.</p> <p>Convent Land cross Chris Rose consulting Historic Environment Scotland and a conservator.</p> <p>Board member event Proposed lunch in April and a summer BBQ. SC to coordinate dates.</p> <p>Fallen wood in Convent Land SC to publish information in Ness News.</p> <p>Children’s Christmas parties committee KE Proposed to have the Community Company manage funds to attract more volunteers. Approved.</p> <p>Community Larders Over £6,000 in contributions received last year. SC to highlight Fareshare’s support in Ness News.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>KE</p> <p>KE / SC</p> <p>KE / SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>
9.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 19th March Millennium Hall, Invermoriston Directors Surgery: 5.45pm – 6.45pm, HC, KH, KE, SC 19th March 2025, 7pm, All</p>	