



**Minutes of Board Meeting
Held on Wednesday 18th February 2026
At Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus**

Board Directors present	Catriona Watson (CW) – Chair, Patrick Ungless (PU) – Vice chair, Helen Clay (HC), Clare Levings (CL), Michael Alvey Anderson (MAA), Kelvin Hill (KH), Paul McIntosh (PM), Jenny Findlay (JF), Chris Nelson (CN), Fiona MacCormick (FM)
Apologies	Lorn MacKay (LM), Mike Anderson (MA)
Also in attendance	Karen Edwards (KE) - Operations Manager
Minute Taker	Simon Canning (SC) – Operations Supervisor

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies CW opened the meeting and presented apologies from LM and MA.	
2.	Minutes of the meetings held on 21st January 2026 These were agreed and accepted as a true and accurate representation. Proposed by PU, seconded by PM.	
3.	Matters arising from minutes and Operations Manager report not on the agenda KE reported the Memorial Hall asset transfer is at risk of not completing following the need for Highland Council to appoint an alternative solicitor. The resulting delay puts the funding from Scottish Land Fund at risk as their scheme closes on 31 st March 2026. KE asked the Board to consider submitting a grant application to the Millennium fund. The Board approved this and agreed it could be reviewed and progressed via email.	KE
4.	Update from Community Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">CL advised the Board the suggestion of village CCTV has been relayed to the Police Scotland Community Liaison Officer.The Community Council held an inaugural meeting with relevant bodies to scope potential solutions to traffic & Visitor management. CW asked why Glenmoriston were not invited. CL explained that the early meetings are scene setting and clarified that the traffic issues for Invermoriston and West Glenmoriston are very specific and will be dealt with separately, with representatives from those areas.	

5.

Grants

Kilchuimen Primary			
Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	Value approved
G-232-2025	£3,802.99	Approved	£3,802.99
For: Play equipment			
Conditions: Standard conditions apply			

Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company			
Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	Value approved
G-236-2025	£70,000	Approved	£70,000
For: Purchase of Janitor's House			
Conditions: Standard conditions apply			

NB Due to the size of this grant it has been referred to SSE for approval as well. This has been given.

Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company			
Grant Ref	Requested	Decision	Value approved
G-237-2025	£5,280	Approved	£5,280
For: Continued running of the Soup and Sandwiches for a year			
Conditions: Standard conditions apply			

Grants approved by email since last meeting

- G-238-2025 Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council for Glasgow Science Centre trip. Value approved £861.46. Standard conditions apply.
- G-239-2025 Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council. To host "Roads, Visitor Management & Pride of Place Project." meetings with key stakeholders. Value approved £940 **Additional conditions:** 1) Involvement of West Glenmoriston Community Company and Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association at the appropriate time. 2) At the end of the project, receipts for catering and refreshments are provided.
- G-240-2025 Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council. To host "Resilience planning" meetings with key stakeholders. Value approved £940 **Additional conditions:** 1) Continued involvement of West Glenmoriston Community Company and Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association. 2) At the end of the project, receipts for catering and refreshments are provided.

6.

Meeting venues for next 12 months

The Board agreed, depending on hall availability, the meeting venues for the next 12 months.

Next two meetings: Memorial Hall. The rest of the year to be split to include Fort Augustus, Invermoriston and Dalchreichart. It will be necessary to work around the availability of each.

7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM queried the change in agenda. SC clarified the item Co-option of Director has been deferred to next month's agenda as the Board member who raised it was unavailable for this meeting. The Board agreed by a majority vote that due process had been followed for the Co-Option vote at the December meeting, and that the matter be deferred to the March meeting. <i>N.B It has since been agreed that the Board Member who raised the issue is agreeable to this and that it can be removed from agenda for the March meeting.</i> • KE distributed the updated grant assessor's handbook. • KE advised the Board that Highland Council have confirmed that they will project manage any changes to the Abertarff playpark. The Board agreed that a grant application for this could be approved via email to meet any deadlines for Highland Council funding. KE will progress. Deridre Mackinnon will undertake the community consultation to establish the community's preferred option for the toddler play area. • MA has offered to help with the creation of a communication strategy. However, this is on hold until more staff time is available. • PU confirmed the damaged riverside wall on the Convent Land has now been made safe with safety fencing preventing access. Any work will be on hold until after the winter as it would likely be undone during the next storm. • CN has discussed the proposed revisions he had suggested on the adventure play area. Chris Rose has confirmed any works carried out on the equipment would invalidate the existing guarantee. • CW attended a resilience meeting with the fire and police emergency services. The Fire Service offers one-week fire skills courses for teenagers. The Board agreed in principle to funding this initiative subject to the school identifying pupils who are interested in attending. KE and SC will approach the school to progress. 	KE
8.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4th March 2026 Director Training Online or Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 18th March 2026 Board meeting Memorial Hall</p>	