Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Wednesday 16th September 2026

At Millennium Hall, Invermoriston

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

Item	Minute	Action
1.	**Welcome and Apologies** CW opened the meeting and presented apologies from FM. CW also presented KE with leaving gifts and thanked KE for her hard work over the years. The Board wished KE the best of luck with her retirement.	
2.	**Minutes of the meetings held on 19th August 2026** These were agreed as a true and accurate representation. Proposed by PU, seconded by MAA.	
3.	**Matters arising from minutes and Chief Officer Monthly report not on the agenda** • PU noted the windblown timber remains on the Convent Land. MM advised there have been some unavoidable delays with the contractor, but arrangement for its removal is in hand. • CW asked if there are plans to repair the Invermoriston community larder. KH advised the dampness may be caused by a lack of ventilation and confirmed that the larder requires repair. KH also plans to approach the community to establish whether there is still a need for the larder in Invermoriston. • CL asked for clarification on Tarff Trading's "limited staff capacity". MM explained staff capacity is only an issue when staff are on annual leave or sickness.	
4.	**Update from Community Council** CL provided an update from the Community Council. • **Meeting:** CL thanked OG and MM for attending the recent Council meeting. • **Elections:** The final day for Office Bearer applications and withdrawals has now passed, although two vacancies remain.	

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Toilet block: The Community Council is satisfied that David Fraser is working to resolve the structural repairs to the closed public toilet block in Fort Augustus.
Bins: Highland Council have agreed to provide more bins along the Great Glen Way, although no date has been agreed.
Jenkins Park: the road damage is now repaired.
Resilience: PM asked for an update on resilience planning. CL noted that the meeting for July was postponed so no further update at present.
Inch Bay: PM suggested an alternative solution to preventing public access to the Inch Bay. MA explained, on behalf of Cill Chuimein Legacy Project, that the cones and the signage satisfy the insurance requirements.
Minutes: CW noted that the recently published Community Council minutes state that the caretakers may repair small potholes and asked for this to be corrected.
CW asked for clarification on the loan machinery mentioned in the minutes. CL will investigate and report back.

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<tr><td>5.</td><td>10-year strategy
OG provided an update on the strategy’s progress. PU, MAA, HC, and MA volunteered themselves as subgroup members. OG recommended the subgroup is steered by the wider Board and that the Board agree that external facilitation should be used. External consultation will share the workload while bringing skills and credibility to the strategy.
It was noted that the choice of consultant will depend on the choice of the company’s direction.
Following discussion, the Board agreed to give the subgroup delegated authority to develop ideas for progressing the strategy and bring proposals to the Board.
It is agreed that the subgroup will:

Have delegated authority to carry out related tasks.
Will report to the Board with its proposed direction.
Will consider potential themes for the strategy and report back to the Board.

The Board will nominate an external facilitator when the direction has been agreed.</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Grant Ref</td><td>Requested</td><td>Decision</td><td>Value approved</td></tr>
<tr><td>G-257-2026</td><td>£7,069</td><td>Approved</td><td>£7,069</td></tr>
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KH declared a conflict of interest and did not vote.</td><td></td></tr>
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HC asked for a social media post to let the community know about the new community larder times. SC will progress.

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	• HC reminded the Board of the Community Council's desire for the Board to consider running the public toilets. • PU asked if it is necessary for all groups to provide a constitution to apply for funding. MA explained that there is a discussion around this tabled for the January meeting. • KH asked if the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Association could have financial support for the Millennium Hall admin coordination. CW suggested this submitted through a grant application. OG has a meeting planned to discuss progressing this idea. KE noted that Fort Augustus Hall running costs are drawn down from the annual grant provided to the hall. • OG advised the staff that work on Glentarff House has started and invited Board members to arrange site visits through him. • CL asked for an update on the noticeboard at the toilet block. KE advised the key has not yet been handed over. • KE thanked the Board for their help over the years and expressed her best wishes to the Community Company for future endeavours. • KE noted that SSE is willing to enter talks regarding the potential sale of the compound at the Convent Land. OG will progress. • OG advised that unless another Director offers to stand down, the three Board members standing down at the AGM will be CW, LM, and KH. • LM asked what the plans are for the caretakers' old flatbed truck. MM explained it will be sold on for the best price available. • LM asked for an update on new machinery for the caretaker team. MM advised this will be led by caretaker supervisor Glen Campbell next year. • SC advised the Board of a new member application. The Board agreed that in future this information can be included in the Chief Officer monthly report. • SC advised the Board that a new committee has stepped forward to run the children's Christmas party in Fort Augustus. The Board requested further information before agreeing to funding. The Board further agreed to discuss this via email. • SC asked the Board to consider a hustings evening where prospective Board members standing for election or re-election have an opportunity to express to members what skills, experience, and knowledge they will bring to the Company. Some Board members expressed they would prefer not to engage in this. • CW asked for an update on the rental house in Dalchreichart. KE advised there is no update so far.	OG OG SC SC
8.	**Date of next meeting** 21st October 2026, 7pm Millennium Hall, Invermoriston	