



Edinbane & Communities Company

Community Newsletter June 2026

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM took place on 19 February and was well attended by around 30 people. The Directors presented an overview of 2025 activities. Our ongoing activities include: awarding grants, providing community events, footpath and village maintenance and collaboration with other development trusts. In addition, we have a number of other projects:



Shop Development

In 2025 site clearance was completed and a new design developed to improve affordability. To ensure we learn from others' experiences, visits were made to community shops in Skye & Lochalsh. We were also awarded £15,000 from Highland Council's Community Regeneration Fund towards full planning application, which has now gone forward. Moving forward with the development of the shop is our number one priority.

Affordable Housing

During 2025, we provided administrative support for development of a Masterplan for Coishletter site with Rural Design & the Highland Council. The Masterplan will cover density, design, layout and landscaping criteria & will be linked with the site, whoever subsequently develops it. The consensus at the AGM was that community involvement is essential to ensure that the allocation policy will be favourable to local people. A formal vote of ECC members will determine the degree to which we are involved in the development of the Coishletter site, once the Masterplan is available. Membership is open to all voting age residents of Edinbane. Membership forms are available from our website.





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Village Centre

The Edinbane Community Hall Association were awarded £16,000 by FCC Scottish Communities Landfill Fund to partially fund improvements to the village centre. New benches have been installed along with artwork designed by Edinbane Primary School pupils. We will have an official opening of the village centre on Friday, 26th June from 1-3pm. Please come along!

Funding Awards

We have recently awarded grants to funding applications from:

- Skye & Lochalsh Women's Football Club - Development of youth football
- Heather Mackenzie - Level 3 Diploma for Veterinary Nursing

For more information regarding funding, please visit our website:
www.edinbaneandcommunitiescompany.org

Shop Survey

Along with this newsletter is a survey for the shop - we want to hear your feedback about what you'd like to see in the shop. When completed, please return to Edinbane Pottery. We would be grateful if all surveys could be completed & returned by 10th July. There is also a digital version of the survey available on our website:

www.edinbaneandcommunitiescompany.org

New faces at ECC

We would like to welcome Ceitidh Douglas as our new Administrator. Ceitidh joined us at the end of March and has taken over from Alistair Danter. Ceitidh can be contacted at admin@edinbaneandcommunitiescompany.org. We are really grateful to Alistair for all his hard work for ECC over many years.

James Mounter has joined the Board as a Director and Billy Shanks has stepped down after 6 years. Thanks to Billy for his contribution.