ACTION

Edinbane & Communities Company Board Meeting
Minutes 31st August 2026

1) Welcome & Apologies

Present: Sara Twaddle (ST), James Mounter (JM), Roddy Macfarlane (RM), Kenny MacKinnon (KM), Sandra Wilson (SW) and Ceitidh Douglas (CD)

Apologies: Chris Whatley (CW), Andrew Prendergast (AP) and Karen Pettit (KP)

In Attendance: Alistair Danter (AD)

2) Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3) Minutes of meeting

Approved by RM, seconded by JM.

4) Matters arising

- **Second signatory for RBS account** – Stuart Whatley waiting on instructions from RBS. — ST/SW
- **Abandoned car at shop site** – Both cars at shop site and at the village green have been removed. — N/A
- **Governance training** – ST has spoken with DTAS who can do a 1 hour online session in the evening but not able to a Monday. Date to be arranged. — ST/CD
- **Membership forms** – All membership forms updated and available to complete online and PDF versions available from download from website. — N/A
- **Play Park Benches & Inspection** – KM has completed the benches. Inspection due to take place on 16/09/26. RM enquired whether a subgroup might be a good idea to look after the play park. JM raised that Peter MacRae has enquired if the two large stones by the play park could be removed to allow better access for him for deliveries. To be reviewed and decided at next meeting. — ALL
- **Grass Cutting –** CD advised that Hall Committee have enquired if the village grass cutting could include the surroundings of the hall. Only a couple of cuts left for this year so agreed to take into consideration when agreeing the schedule/area with the grass cutter for the next 3 year contract. It was raised that the grass cutter has been starting early in the morning so timings will also need stipulated in the next contract. — ALL

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- **SSEN Skye Reinforcement Local Fund** – AP sent comments advising the fund will likely run for 3 years, with a number of application 'rounds' per annum, and a likely maximum of around £100k per application. Both capital and revenue grants will be available. Priority areas are likely to be afford housing, community assets & infrastructure, community capacity building, local amenities/services, transport and connectivity. Two of the main themes are likely to be retaining young people and involving them in community life and the Gaelic language and local cultural identity. They hope to have the fund open for applications by the end of the year. — N/A
- **Chairperson** – ST has resigned as chair. Discussions are ongoing about appointing a new chair. — ALL

5) Projects

a) **Shop**

- Business planning – AP is continuing to work on the revised business plan with help from ST & AD. AP also advised that KDP have completed the revied shop design and submitting it for planning consent. Will chase for a date regarding planning consent. We have been invited to apply to Highland Council's Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) for design costs to stage 4a. — AP
- Community questionnaire – We had 22 responses to the shop survey in total over paper and online versions. This low number was disappointing, but the responses were mostly positive. 7 people indicated that they would be interested in helping but only 4 provided contact details. Responses were helpful and good indicator of what community are wanting to see in the shop. — N/A

b) Housing

- Master planning update – AP provided an update on the master plan. The Highland Council will be leading a community meeting in the autumn. — AP/AD

c) Village Centre

- Opening event – A new date for the village centre opening needs to be chosen. CD to speak to school and puppeteers to find a suitable date. Would be good to incorporate the unveiling of the cairn with the village opening. Brass plaque to be added to cairn. ST to confirm text for plaque and Gaelic translation to be organised. Possibly enquire if someone from Archive Centre could attend the opening event/unveiling to do a talk regarding the clearance of Coishletter. — CD
- Kerb stones – KM has completed the kerb stones. — N/A

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8) Finance & admin report

CD sent 'budget vs actuals' report round the board. CD has sent invoices to HC to reclaim the Rural Design fees for Housing but hasn't had a response. Will chase Helen Cameron at HC. CSM have sent lots of queries regarding accounts, CD has answered all so will check regarding date for completion of accounts. CD to contact MacLeod & MacCallum regarding the fidelity account. — CD

9) Windfarms update

No update. AD advised Muirhall have a planning application in for their supply line from their farm to the grid. HC will deal with this in September. — N/A

10) Applications

- Isy MacLean – funding application received for Isy's 4th year BMus (Hons) Tradinonal Music. The board approved the application and £4k has been awarded.
- Lachie Tonagh – funding application received for a school trip to Belgium WW1 Battlefield. The board approved the application and £650 has been awarded.

11) AOB and DONM

- SW having problems accessing ECC emails. CD will contact 3DK for assistance. — CD
- CD to update the director list on Companies House. — CD
- CD to create map of defibrillators in area. CD to chase John MacRae regarding the pads for Edinbane Inn. — CD
- Remembrance service on Saturday 7th November to be organised. CD to book hall, organise soup & sandwiches, order wreath, contact veterans for attendance and arrange piper. — CD
- CW advised that he is moving to Portree but still working in Edinbane so wanted to check he was still able to sit on board. AD advised, as per constitution, that so long as he is working in the area, he can sit on the board.
- Next meeting confirmed for 28th September 2026. A further meeting date of 9th November was also approved.