Edinbane & Communities Company Board Meeting
Minutes 28th September 2026

ACTION

1) Welcome & Apologies

Present: Sara Twaddle (ST), James Mounter (JM), Kenny MacKinnon (KM), Sandra Wilson (SW), Chris Whatley (CW) and Ceitidh Douglas (CD)

Apologies: Andrew Prendergast (AP), Roddy MacFarlane and Karen Pettit (KP)

In Attendance: Alistair Danter (AD)

2) Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3) Minutes of meeting

Approved by JM, seconded by ST.

4) Matters arising

- **Second signatory for RBS account** – ST has been away but will contact SW to see if any correspondence received. — ST/SW
- **Governance training** – Training arranged for evening on 7th October at 7pm. Check if remote access possible for CW. — CD
- **Play Park Inspection** – Playpark inspection did not take place on 16/09. They have advised that new date is w/c 05/10. — N/A
- **Peter MacRae Enquiry** – JM has spoken with Peter and will carry out work to remove stones by playpark to allow better access. — N/A
- **Defibrillator Map** – CD apologised as been on holiday so hasn't done the map yet but on the to-do list. — CD
- **Remembrance Service** – CD has spoken with Thomas Wilson (parade commander in Portree) who has arranged for 6/7 veterans to attend Remembrance service with colours. Thomas is happy to lead service. CD to contact local minister to request attendance. CD has ordered wreath and contacted Archie MacLean for piping but hasn't has a response. CD has booked the hall and contacted Relish for soup/sandwiches. Prices have been given and will confirm around for 20 people. CD will also contact WHFP to put notice in the 05/11 paper. — CD
- **Link Paths/Shop Site** – Highland Council are hoping to undertake work on link paths over winter, pending on funding. HC have enquired whether shop site could be used by contractor as a 'work compound' for materials, welfare facilities etc for duration of work (4-6 months). Board — ALL

has agreed for HC to have use of site but a 'licence to occupy' with conditions will be agreed first. **ACTION**

5) Projects

a) **Shop** AP/CD

- The Highland Council have submitted a couple of objections to the planning application of the shop development. Should be able to resolve through clarification. CD to send over certificate regarding the fuel tanks to AP and to check with AP when planning will likely be approved.
- A bid is being submitted to Highland Council's Community Regeneration Fund for £20,000. We should have a decision by January. If unsuccessful, we could look at SSEN Skye Reinforcement Fund that will open for applications from November to February. N/A

b) Housing

- Master planning update – We are still awaiting feedback from Highland Council regarding the master plan. AP/CD

c) Village Centre

- Opening event – CD has been in discussion with Roisin at Edinbane Primary and Ewan the puppeteer. Date still not finalised but looking like it'll be in the next term. Possibility of combining event with Christmas light switch on. CD
- Plaque – ST is still finalising wording for plaque. Will acknowledge clearances of Coishletter, Greshornish, Duibaig & Edinbane. ST

8) Finance & admin report

CD sent 'budget vs actuals' report round the board and advised of current financial situation. CD will chase Helen Cameron at THC as still not had a response. Will contact AP to ask him to contact Helen too. CD

9) Windfarms update

No update. N/A

10) Applications

- Flashadder & Kildonan Common Grazing Fencing – CD advised that Jake Sayles has been in touch requesting ECC's help with funding of fencing of the common grazing. There was an issue with the application forms on the website, but CD has now fixed. Will await the funding application.
- Tara Lancaster – funding application received for British Sign Language (BSL) training course. Board approved and £800 awarded.

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11) AOB and DONM

- Christmas Lunch – CD to contact Edinbane Inn and check possible dates and prices. CD
- Board for Shop – CD to check with AP whether a shadow board needs to be in place for the business plan. CD
- Peter, Grass Cutting – The maintenance contract has ended. Need to put tender out in the new year. CD to speak to Roddy & Billy and check what areas are dealt with and then a draft can be created. CD
- Newsletter – CD to draft newsletter including funding awards, Christmas lunch date (once confirmed), Remembrance Service, opening event (once confirmed), shop planning and update regarding THC using shop site. CD
- SW still unable to access ECC emails. CD will contact 3DK for assistance.
- Next meeting confirmed for 9th November.