

Sunart Community Council AGM 2026

7:00pm 11th June 2026

Draft Minutes

1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed all attendees.

Attending: J Jones (Chair), A Gainsford (Treasurer), C Hunter (Vice Chair), J Millar-Craig (Secretary), P Adams, M Stewart

Apologies: A Hermann

2. **Approval of Minutes of 12th June 2025**

Proposed: A Gainsford Seconded: John Jones

3. **Matters Arising**

None

4. **Annual Report 2025 – 2026**

Welcome to this Annual General Meeting for the period April 2025 – March 2026.

The Sunart Community Council continues with its full complement eight members. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to my Community Council colleagues for their work and commitment, which I appreciate can be a challenge given people's personal commitments.

I wish to reiterate that the Sunart Community Council seeks to represent all in our community and the Sunart area. Members of the community are welcome to attend and observe at our meetings; these are held at 7:00pm every 2nd Thursday in the month, except for the month of July.

The Community Council, work with the Sunart Community Company, the Highland Council, local agencies and groups. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the work of our local Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, and local Highland Council depot team their work on behalf of our community.

The Sunart Community Council continues to have representation on various organisations and working groups including:

- Urram
- The Dail Mhor NHS and Highland Council Group, although this group seems to have stalled in the last few months and our enquiries have not been acknowledged.
- The Lochaber Hospital Renewal project
- Corran Ferry Stakeholder Group
- Sunart Community Company

At our last AGM I noted that the Community Council also made representation to Highland Council on matters such as:

- Completion of white lines on the village roads

- Repair of the electronic speed sign at the Post Office
- Repair of potholes in the road near Ardery
- Improvement to the local bus service
- Improved emptying service of the village bottle bank
- Keeping the telephone line to the village phone box, live

The majority have been resolved

Some headlines:

Following our hosting a meeting of Monument Park residents and liaison with Scottish Water, the residents of Monument Park were connected to the mains water supply in May 2025.

We support our local Sunart Resilience Group, and their volunteers have done much sterling work, especially during and following storm Amy. Also, I have received information from two other community councils that they have used the Sunart Community Resilience Plan as a template for drafting of their own local Community Resilience Plan. I think praise is due to our local Sunart Resilience Group

Following the installation of the upper Faeries Road Bridge we have approached HF Holidays Pathway Fund Charity and the SCBF for financial support towards the replacement cost of £24,000.

We have committed £5,000 towards the cost of Strontian play park upgrade. The Sunart Community Company are holding £6,000, HC have committed a further £20,000 and the SCBF £20,000. The play park group are currently actively raising further funds towards the £77,000 - £85,000 cost.

The Electronic 30 mph Speed sign by the Post Office has been replaced

There has been a trial of extending Sheil bus service along Anaheilt on a Wednesday.

We have provided grants

- Contributed 50% towards cost of a BBQ for Sunart Community Company
- Dulchas towards church acquisition and Heritage group
- MOD
- Children's Christmas Party
- Men's Shed/ Craft Hub
- Village planter
- Sunart Resilience group

Some issues:

FLS lack of infrastructure funding on local footpaths will present on-going maintenance issues

NHS/ HC Dail Mhor House and Old Primary School Building

Corran Ferry resilience

Public toilets in the village centre

Dog fouling continues to be an issue. We provide dog poo bags in dispensers at the village greenhouse and behind the fire station. Again we thank the Village Store for allowing the second hand book sales.

Our annual Village Litter Pick was delayed slightly this year; our thanks those who helped clear litter on the day.

The November Bonfire night by the Scouts was again well supported, and we thank Alistair McLean for his contribution to the fireworks and for organising and managing the fireworks display. Bo Wilson monitors the defibrillators located outside the village stores and in Polloch. Dean Mann continues to maintain the Community Council website. Our thanks to Kirsty Macintyre who verified our accounts.

Our thanks to our Highland Councillors: Thomas Mac Lennan, Kate Willis, Matthew Prosser and also, our congratulations to Andrew Baxter, who was recently elected as our MSP.

Finally, I wish again to remind local groups in our area that the Sunart Community Council has a small grant scheme, and the application details are on our website.

Thank you

5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts 2026

A Gainsford formally presented the Treasurer's Report for 2026 which was accepted by the meeting. Thanks were given to Kirsty Macintyre who had audited the accounts.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chair J Jones Proposed: C Hunter Seconded: M Stewart

Vice Chair C Hunter Proposed: J Jones Seconded: A Gainsford

Secretary J Millar-Crag Proposed C Hunter Seconded: P Adams

Treasurer A Gainsford Proposed: M Stewart Seconded: J Jones

7. Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting TBA