

Minutes
Sunart Community Council
Thursday 12th March 2026 7pm Village Hall

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Attending: John Jones (Chair), Alison Gainsford (Treasurer)
Catriona Hunter, Pat Adams (Minutes) Alex Evans,
Apologies: A. Herrman, M. Stewart, J Millar- Craig (Secretary) , A Baxter (Councillor)

- 2. Acceptance of previous minutes (inc. amendments)**
no amendments -
Minutes Proposed by **JJ** Seconded by **CH**.

- 3. Matters Arising from last Minutes**
 - a) Bridge on Fairies Road/HF Holidays Pathways Fund Charity - AG continuing to liaise re funding for this. **AG to action**
 - b) Public Toilets at shop – ongoing - **JJ to action**
 - c) Trees beside playpark - trees need attention – ongoing - **JJ and AE to action**
 - d) Join Rural Watch Scotland – **PA** now registered on email and will report any information at next meeting.
 - e) Laudale felled trees – ongoing see f)
 - f) Laudale Estate Woodland plans – JJ has spoken to John Collier who will be making an approach to the landowner. Report back in due course
 - g) Extra/larger bins for village centre - JJ has heard nothing back, but has now got a reference number - ongoing **JJ to action**
 - h) FLS – lack of funds for maintenance of visitor facilities - ongoing **AG to action** .
 - i) Community Regeneration funding actioned by **AG**
 - j) Community Council Zoom Account – this has been actioned by **AG**
 - k) New Fort William Hospital Access panel – **MS** has attended meetings and will report at next meeting. **MS to action**
 - l) Have your say – Participation and Engagement Strategy - ongoing - **PA to action**
 - m) Urram Questionnaire - ongoing **AG to action**
 - n) Signpost in village – **PA** has contacted the Paths Group and this is on their to-do list and will ask for assistance if necessary

- 4. Police Matters** -no police matters to report

- 5. Planning Matters** - no current planning matters to report

- 6. Correspondence-**
 - a) Understanding Social Care Learning Events – noted
 - b) Conferences for Community Councillors- noted
 - c) Zoom account see j) above
 - d) Zurich insurance – **AG** has requested an invoice - **AG to follow up**
 - e) New Community Support Scheme – Green Energy **JMC to action**
 - f) Voluntary Action Lochaber 30th Annual General Meeting - **AG** to check details of this
AG to action
 - g) Invitation to Sod Cutting – noted
 - h) Onshore Renewable Energy – **AG to action**
 - i) Community Council Support and Guidance sessions – noted
 - j) Wildfire strategic action plan – **JJ** to liaise with Colin Skeath and Fire Service **JJ to action**

- k) Fortwilliam Integrated transport plan – noted
- l) Website for Community Projects, Community Regeneration Fund - **AG to action**

7. **Dailmhor** - ongoing

8. **Old Primary School** - **JJ** has written to Findlay MacDonald but has had no reply – **JJ to action** send further email.

9. **Corran Ferry** - noted ongoing

10. Place Plan - ongoing

11. Treasurer's report - Bank Accounts

Deposit Account: £3,230.48 Current Account £17,437.42 Total £20,667.90

Income £4,814.99 from RWE for Carnoch and Tarbert Hydro schemes on 27th Feb 2026. HLF Potential Funding – awaiting updated quote from ACT. Will apply to HLF and other funding bodies as necessary. SSE Kingairloch Hydro Scheme Funding – Carol Masheter is chasing Morvern and Ardgour Community Councils re signing agreement **Proposer JJ Seconded AG**

12. Any other Business

a) Sunart Community Council AGM date will be 11th June 2026 in village hall at 7.pm with the usual Council meeting starting at 7.30pm

b) Village Clean Up – 22nd March 2026 gloves available in car park together with bin bags. Meet at 1pm at village car park. **PA** to print notices

c) Ellie Caldwell on behalf of the Strontian Parents Group has approached the Community Council requesting monies towards the building of a new village Play Park. She has submitted a formal request to the Local Highland Council for this and hoped to raise monies towards the final cost of £77-£85K Those present at Community Council agreed that £4,000 be granted.

Proposed by **JJ** and seconded by **AG**.

Letter to be sent to Ellie confirming Community Council support. **JMC /JJ**

d) **PA** mentioned that the sign warning anyone travelling through Strontian to Ardgour that the ferry was off was not operational on Thursday 12th March 2026 – therefore all travellers had to wait until they reached Ardgour before finding out. Is there a way of getting an electronic sign similar to the one in Salen?

e) **JJ** to contact Helen Tait regarding request for grant for upkeep of wooden plant container at corner of village green.

Date of next meeting: 19:00 hrs 9th April 2026

