**Taynuilt Community Council**

Minutes of the Meeting – 21st July 2025

Taynuilt Village Hall

Present: Angela MacDougall, Donna Bannatyne, David Thomson, Maggie Croft

Apologies: Sarah Cameron, Robbie Harrison, Cllr Kieron Green, Cllr Julie MacKenzie

Members of the public were present.

1. Welcome
2. Declarations of interest: Reminder that as we do not have a thoroughly set agenda, declarations of interest may be made at any points throughout the meeting.
3. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed – Angela MacDougall, Second – Maggie Croft
4. Co-Option of new members – After following council protocol, Andrew Parker and Suzanne Jevons were both co-opted to the Community Council.
5. Policing Matters: No police report received, and no issues raised.
6. Secretary’s Report:

6.1 – **Insurance:** Renewed insurance policy has been received with an increase from £5,000,000 to £10,000,000 in respect of the Public Liability Limit of Indemnity.

6.2 – **Corr Chnoc Wind Farm:** Notice of additional information being submitted to Scottish Ministers, including information relating to an updated cumulative landscape and visual impact assessment. Information can be viewed electronically on the company’s website or at Oban Library.

6.3 – **Balliemeanoch Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme:** Notice of additional information being submitted to Scottish Ministers, including information relating to changes to outcomes as a result of a reduction in size, relocation of embankments, inlets/outlets, borrow pit and slipway. The information, application and EIA report are available to view at the Argyll and Bute Council Planning office, Oban.

6.4 – **Road Closure:** Notice received from Chisholm’s Recovery in Ballachulish with regards to a road closure. The road between Cruachan Visitor Centre and Loch Awe Viaduct (A85) will be closed from 10pm on Friday the 8th of August 2025. Closure is expected to last 5 hours and there will be no access, unless emergency vehicle. Prior to this closure, three large loads will be travelling from Ballachulish, across Rannoch Moor to Tyndrum, then on to the visitor centre. They will be travelling under police escort and delays are expected.

6.5 – **Battery Storage Public Hearing:** Cllr Luna Martin has been in touch to advise it has been agreed there will be a public hearing regarding the battery storage park. Luna suspect this will not be happening until September at the earliest and has offered her support and advice.

Members of a local group, set up to object to the battery storage park were present and gave a small update. There are approximately 15 active members in the group, and they hope to attend the hearing to give representation. They will be lobbying for the public hearing to be held in Taynuilt, with the hope that more members of the community will attend. TCC were asked how to apply for funding to help with support costs. Advised to complete funding application.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Unfortunately, the treasurer is on holiday at present and has not left any information.
2. Planning:

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| Reference | 1. 25/01119/PP |
| Alternative Reference | 1. 100718359-001 |
| Application Received | 1. Thu 03 Jul 2025 |
| Application Validated | 1. Wed 09 Jul 2025 |
| Address | 1. Land To The Rear Of The Taynuilt Inn Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1JN |
| Proposal | 1. Formation of access |

Safety concerns were raised by a member of the public present with regards to the location of the access. Many members of the public walk pass the access point, including children walking to school, with the increase of traffic on the road there is potential for an accident to happen. It was also noted the area is used by buses for dropping off and picking up.

Donna Bannatyne advised she would state a declaration of interest as she is neighbouring to the hotel but reported she had been approached by members of the community who were concerned about safety issues including near misses with cars pulling out and damage to property. Concerns have also been raised as the area has flooded numerous times with the current culvert in place.

Decision made that TCC will writer to planning with concerns raised by the community.

1. Licensing: – Nil
2. AOCB

16.1 - Member of the public present raised concerns regarding the occupants of a property in the village, one of which has recently been exposed on social media by a “child protection” anti-vigilant group. TCC advised this is a police matter and not one for TCC to get involved with.

16.2 – Discussion around people parking at the top of the hall brae and entrance to the surgery. Agreed to raise concerns with the council.

16.3 – Discussion around possible signage for the railway bridge asking drivers to be cautious of people entering the road from the railway. It is especially busy at school train times and children have been observed walking straight out without checking for traffic. Suggestion that signage is also put at the top of Sandy Brae. Member of the public asked about signage on the school hill with regards to deaf or hard of hearing children. Suggestion they speak with head teacher, but we can also raise with the council.

16.4 – Question if it is possible to get the community garden looked at. It is getting rather untidy and could do with a sort out. Suggestions that either a gardener is paid to carry out the work or possibly Davie Sloss and his group of volunteers may like to tackle it. Maggi advised she would speak with Davie.

16.5 – Discussions had around the possibility of having a bonfire and fireworks this year. Last year was very difficult, and costly to get insurance and as policies are changing, it may not be possible to have the bonfire in the same place. TCC will look further into this.

16.6 – Maggie attended the online meeting with Jenny Monti regarding the pier. Meeting was also attended by police, roads and amenities and an antisocial behaviour coordinator. Jenny has received no response from the land owner after writing to him and police have advised they have had not reports regarding the area. Police have advised the pier area is now on their ‘summer safety plan’ meaning, when available, there will be an increase in police presence in the area. Argyll and Bute Council have spoken with SEPA with regards to the ‘business’ that is currently being run from the pier and ensuring they have the correct licenses.

1. Date of the next meeting: Monday 15th of September at 7.45pm in Taynuilt Village Hall