

Waternish Community Council
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at
7pm, in Waternish Hall.

Present:

Kathy Sillence
Morag Hannah
Raymond Barnett
Johnny McMaster
Cllr Calum Munro

Apologies for absence:

Madeline Jones
Craig Forrester
Eilidh Gillies

Welcome & Apologies

As both Chair and Vice Chair unable to attend tonight's meeting, it was agreed RB would Chair. Chair proceeded to welcome those in attendance and apologies noted.

Minutes of previous meeting, minutes of 12th November 24 **approved**, proposed by JMCM and seconded by KS.

Actions from Previous Meeting discussed:

- a) WCC Insurance – all in place commencing 1st Dec 2024
- b) Waternish Notice Boards (Hallin and Geary) Purchase complete. JMCM has materials to get boards up (concrete, posts etc), but would like a hand to get posts in. EG nominated to assist.
- c) Waternish Christmas tea party discussed, felt this event of community benefit and positive feedback received from those in attendance.
- d) JMCM reported bridge repairs (next to Waternish sign) to THC (Donnie MacLeod)

Cllr.C Munro: Advised committee he is standing down after 5 years in post. Will retire from position in March 2025.

Cllr C Munro emailed round information and discussed the Community Support and Engagement Team – New Structure and Ways of Working. Key changes noted. Discussed 'points of contact' and structure flowchart. Waternish comes under 'West and Mid'

Thanks were passed to Cllr C Munro for his assistance and guidance given to WCC.

Treasurer Report: RB advised committee balance on WCC account as end of Dec 2024 = £2805.18 It was noted that £245 raised at recent event Raffle. Still £120 cheque to be cleared for hall hire expense and awaiting invoice for Christmas Tea Party Hall hire.

Signage: It was noted that Waternish Passing Place signs replacements in progress.

Waternish Sign replacement request to go to THC.

Correspondence:

- WCC sent THC updated CC membership information.
- NHS Career drop in events – published in WCC Facebook.
- Kaly – Public Pre-Application event during week of 17th Feb
- Visitor Levy Scheme Consultation – tonight, 14th Jan, 7pm. EG attending.
- Community Council Scheme Review, public consultation open 16th Jan – 9th April. Circulated to all WCC.
- Local community member list of Trumpan Church area improvements. The meeting noted that Cllr C Munro had confirmed in an earlier email that the car park belongs to THC.

Area's identified for improvement by community member:

- Entrance gate from carpark 'no dogs' sign needing replaced.
- Entrance gate from carpark - It requires to be dug out and steps created.
- Service gate from field - hanging on one hinge
- Wall along from service gate has fallen down
- Car Park - this area is in a poor state - the parking is becoming more restricted due to the growth around the edges. Needing cleared and resurfaced.
- Clear signage is required advising that it is a cemetery car park. HC have also stated that overnight parking/camping in cemetery car parks is not permitted. Request for a sign to be made.
- Picnic area, which is community owned, and created as part of the Millenium project. Discussed how a community effort to tidy up this area as well as parts of the Trumpan car park area could be beneficial. It was agreed that an initial request to THC be sent for assistance including to the community payback team. Further suggestions of having flower box (possibly with the help of Waternish community garden) and a donation box for future repairs / upkeep discussed. Both RB and JMcM agreed to go view works required.

AOCB

- KS will find out for next year if WCC can offer to pay for Remembrance poppy wreath.
- WCC member not in attendance for 6 months. Secretary to refer to Highland Council CC Support

Dates of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 11th March
Tuesday 13th May (AGM)
Tuesday 8th July
Tuesday 9th September
Tuesday 11th Nov
Tuesday 13th Jan 2026

Meeting closed 8.10pm with Chair thanking those for attending.

ACTIONS agreed:

Action	Description	Who
Waternish Notice Boards (Hallin and Geary)		JMcM and EG
Trumpan Graveyard	Request for upgrades (various)	MH (done)
Waternish Sign	Request for new Sign to THC	MH (done)
Email CC support	Committee duties	MH (done)