

WATERNISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of AGM Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026, Waternish Village Hall at 7pm.

Present:

Craig Forrester (Chairperson)
Raymond Barnett (Treasurer)
Kathy Sillence
Luke Seaton
Kayti Peschke
Johnny McMaster

In attendance:

Cllr Chrissie Gillies, Jessie Stephens

Apologies: None

Welcome: Chair welcomed those in attendance and noted resignation of Morag Hannah from post of Secretary and also Community Council. Chair acknowledged the fantastic work carried out by Mo on behalf of the Community Council since 2024.

Minutes of the previous AGM: Waternish Community Council AGM held on 13th May 2025 minutes proposed by KS and seconded by RB

Chairperson's Report: Chair read out his report as follows:-

Here we are again at our latest AGM and another year concludes in to our tenure as Waternish Community Council. I would like to start by thanking all my fellow councillors for their time and ensuring we are representing the interests of everyone in the Waternish community. Unfortunately two of our members stood down during the year and I'm sure you'll join me in again thanking both Eilidh and Madeline for their contributions. This will also be the last meeting with our current secretary Morag who is today stepping down from council duties; I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking her for all her hard work administrating and minuting since the start of this council.

As the community council has evolved we are finding ourselves, not just organising and/or carrying out maintenance to noticeboards and cairns, but also invited to send representatives out with the council meetings to other groups and meetings. Over the last 12 months this included:

- Skye Health Forum/SOS NHS
- SSE Community liaison group
- Highlands and Islands climate hub – Skye and Raasay regional fund
- Future of Knockbreck Primary School
- Waternish Wildlife Alliance
- Ward 10 Community Council Forum

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Many thanks to each of you who give up even more of your time attending and representing Waternish at these events.

With regards SSEN's ongoing developments at Ardmore we requested and achieved an extension to the consultation deadline and objected to the plans in the current form.

Again we found time to organise a social event in September for the community holding a Soup and Pudding event at the village hall, well attended and enjoyed by many of our neighbours.

After an enjoyable and productive year I look forward to the next 12 months with plenty to keep us busy and welcoming new councillors onto the team.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer summarised the Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st March 2026 (see Appendix 1). Hard copies of the report were circulated to members. Accounts were prepared by the Treasurer, examined by C Woodbridge and signed by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Examiner. Report was approved.

Election of Office Bearers: Raymond Barnett resigned as Treasurer to take on the role of Secretary, Kathy Sillence agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and Craig Forrester agreed to return as Chairperson. No Vice Chairperson was elected.

Current Community Council stands as:-

Craig Forrester – Chairperson
Raymond Barnett – Secretary
Kathy Sillence – Treasurer
Johnny McMaster
Kayti Peschke
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AGM closed 7.25pm

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Appendix 1.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2026					
Waternish Community Council					
				2026	2025
Income			£	£	£
Highland Council Grant				437.39	437.39
Other Income					
<i>Raffle from Soup & Pudding Event</i>				240.55	270.00
Account interest				29.16	51.89
Total Income				707.10	759.28
Expenditure					
Highland Council Grant	<i>Insurance</i>		196.00		
	<i>Hall Hire</i>		200.00		
	<i>SLVCO</i>		0.00		
				396.00	441.00
Maintenance Work	<i>Perspex for Noticeboard</i>			75.05	436.02
Community Events	<i>Christmas Afternoon Tea</i>			0.00	182.27
Total Expenditure				471.05	1,059.29
Surplus/Deficit for the year				236.05	-300.01
Add Balance brought forward				2,649.99	2,950.00
Balance carried forward				2,886.04	2,649.99

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