

Welcome to the second of two public exhibitions for the proposed change of use for selected holiday cottages at Moness Resort.

These exhibitions aim to inform you about our proposal, provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and invite your valuable feedback.

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

The proposed plan seeks to repurpose certain cottages within the Moness Resort for dual use. Some will remain holiday rentals for Moness guests, while others will provide residential accommodation for Taymouth Castle employees, doubling as holiday rentals when available. This proposal is designed to address the local shortage of permanent accommodation for employees of Taymouth Castle.

The Resort's existing facilities, including the hotel, restaurants, bar, and leisure areas, will continue to operate as usual and will not be impacted by this proposal. Additionally, there will be no change to the current number of staff.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please share your thoughts by completing a printed community questionnaire or emailing Scott Hobbs Planning at

consultation@scotthobbsplanning.com



WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING?

We propose to repurpose approximately 77 of the 103 holiday cottages at Moness Resort for dual use, allowing them to serve as both holiday accommodation and residential accommodation for Taymouth Castle staff. The use of the cottages at any given time will be dictated by demand.

The proposed changes will only affect selected cottages within the Resort's self-catering accommodation. These units will be adapted to provide comfortable living spaces for staff, while still allowing them to function as holiday rentals for Moness guests.

Moness Resort's core facilities, including the hotel, restaurants, bar, and leisure areas, will remain fully operational and unaffected by this proposal. There will also be no changes to current staff numbers.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

Spring 2025

Pre-Application
Consultation Events

November 2025

Planning Committee

June 2025

Planning Application Submission



HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY?

POSITIVE IMPACTS

Repurposing some of the holiday cottages at Moness Resort into both holiday rentals and staff accommodation will:

- · Help support a stable workforce.
- · Secure jobs for local residents and employees.
- Maintain the central role of Moness as a tourist destination.

This change will also:

- Contribute to the local economy by ensuring the Resort's operations remain sustainable year-round.
- Enable the ability to address the housing shortage in the area helps meet a pressing community need.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

While the proposal will bring many benefits, we understand there may be concerns. We are committed to working with the community to address any potential challenges, such as maintaining the character of the Resort. Our team will continue to engage with residents and local businesses and take feedback into account throughout the planning and implementation process.



HISTORY OF MONESS RESORT

1758

Built as a hunting lodge for the Flemyng family, owners of the Barony of Moness.

1920

Bought by William Russell during the sale of the Breadalbane Estate. He drove one of Aberfeldy's first motor cars, a green 35 HP Deusenberg Landaulette.

1950

Acquired by Lt. Col.
Robin Robertson
Petrie and converted
into a hotel. Holidays
were advertised as "8
days inclusive of all
meals for 15 guineas
– the ideal Scottish
touring holiday."



1980s

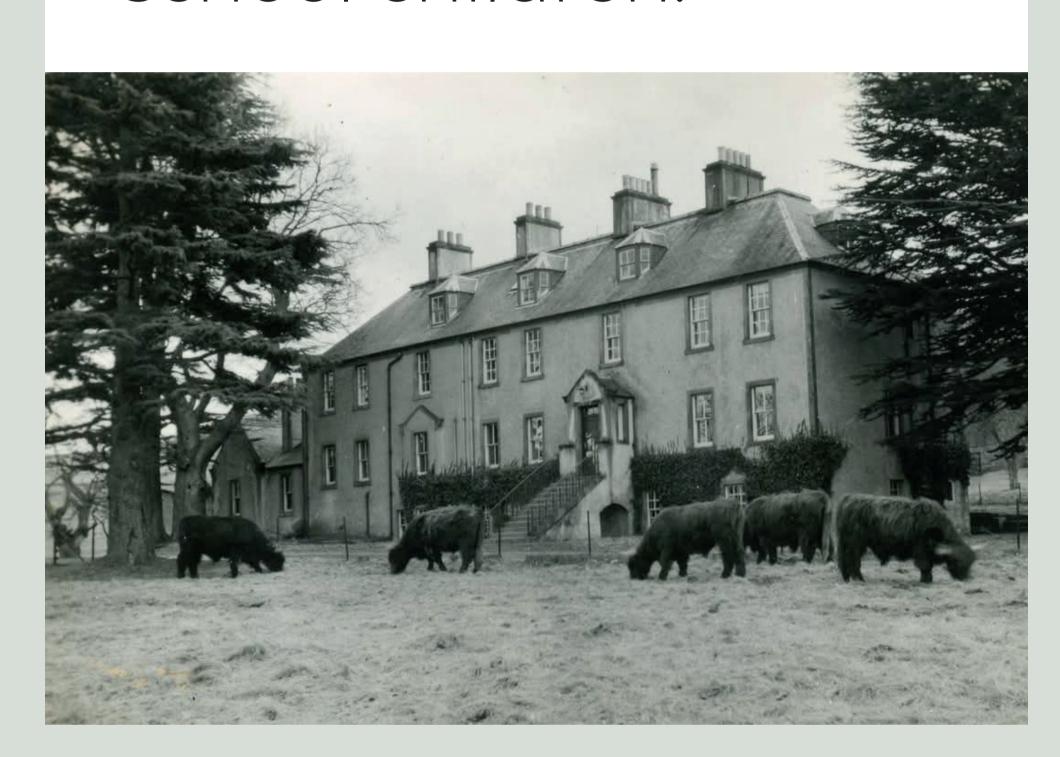
Expanded by R.B.
Farquhar (Moness)
Ltd, adding holiday
cottages and an
entertainment
complex.

1787

Purchased by John Campbell, 1st Marquess of Breadalbane. Robert Burns visited and wrote The Birks of Aberfeldy.

World War II

Used as a hostel for evacuated Glasgow school children.

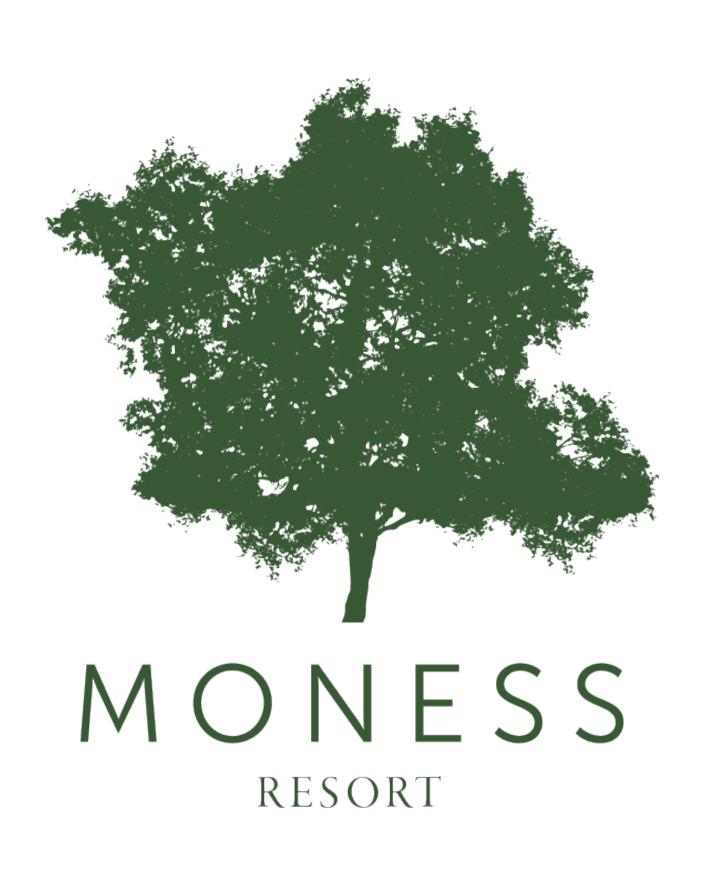


1977

Lt. Col. Robin
Robertson Petrie
passed away. A wellknown hotelier, he had
survived three years
as a POW in Japan
during WWII.

2023

An investment group affiliated with the Taymouth Estate acquired Moness Resort in 2023.



MONESS RESORT TODAY



HOTEL

Once a grand hunting lodge, now a warm and welcoming hotel for visitors from near and far.



SELF-CATERING COTTAGES

Added in the 1980s, our cosy one, two, and three-bedroom cottages provide a true home-from-home experience with comfortable living spaces and fully equipped kitchens.



Moness is home to two restaurants: the traditional Flemmyng Restaurant and the relaxed Uisge Bar & Restaurant, serving a variety of meals throughout the day.



LEISURE

The Resort has evolved to include modern facilities such as a heated swimming pool, steam room, and sauna, open to both guests and the public.



SURROUNDINGS

Set within 35 acres of scenic Perthshire countryside, Moness remains the perfect base for exploring walking trails, historic sites, and outdoor adventures.

MONESS COUNTRY CLUB





ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

Thank you for attending our public consultation events. We have compiled the questions raised during the previous event and included them here for your reference.

The feedback received during these sessions will shape our final submission to Perth & Kinross Council.

Will Moness Resort work with local businesses to supply goods and services?

Moness Resort is dedicated to supporting local businesses wherever possible. This includes partnering with local suppliers and service providers. Helping the local economy thrive is a priority for us. If you own a business and believe you could be a suitable partner, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

What is being done to boost local trade, especially given the recent struggles in the local economy?

We recognise the challenges the local economy has faced, and at Moness Resort, we are committed to doing all we can to offer support. Alongside working with local tradespeople and suppliers, we aim to spotlight local businesses to visitors and resort staff. If you'd like to be considered, please reach out to us.

How can local businesses benefit from new staff and visitors?

The arrival of new staff and visitors means increased footfall in the area. This will translate into more spending at local businesses, whether through dining out, purchasing locally made products, or promoting local attractions. Moness Resort actively encourages guests to explore the area and experience everything the region offers.

Will local hotels and B&Bs lose out if tourist accommodation is used for staff housing?

We do not anticipate any adverse impact on hotels and B&Bs. These establishments have not been seen as a solution for providing long-term workforce accommodation. On the contrary, we believe the increased economic activity spurred by our investment could have a positive knock-on effect for local hospitality businesses over time.



ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

What are the major benefits of this investment for the community and visitors?

This investment brings substantial benefits, including job opportunities for residents. Attracting new people to the area also means more customers for local businesses, offering a year-round economic boost. Furthermore, we are upgrading facilities at Moness Resort, such as a new spa, enhanced restaurant menus, and upgraded event spaces for weddings and other gatherings. These amenities will be available to both visitors and members of the community.

How will decisions be made about reallocating staff and visitor accommodation?

Accommodation allocation decisions will be guided by historical data on holiday bookings and projected staffing needs across the Estate. This ensures a fair and balanced approach to meet both operational and visitor requirements.

Will holiday accommodation always be available for tourists?

Yes, absolutely. Moness Resort is committed to maintaining a consistent offering for holidaymakers. Accommodation for tourists will always be prioritised, and this is accounted for in our forward planning.

How will public access to the area be maintained alongside staff accommodation?

Ensuring public access remains a priority. For workforce housing, a sign-in process will be implemented for residents to ensure smooth operations. This system will allow for well-organised staff accommodation while continuing to uphold public access to the Resort.

What is being done to prevent additional pressure on local services?

Given the number of cottages that will be used for staff housing, we do not anticipate a significant added burden on health facilities, and we will take steps as necessary to reduce the number of trips and vehicles used to transport our team.

When will the new spa open?

The spa will open this summer. Further updates will be shared on the Moness Resort website.





We value your feedback and want to hear your thoughts on our proposal. You can provide your comments in the following ways:



Complete a feedback form available at today's exhibition



Share your comments on the proposal via email at consultation@ scotthobbsplanning.com

FEEDBACK DEADLINES FINAL COMMENTS: 6TH MAY 2025

Your Voice Matters

Thank you for sharing your feedback! All public input will be carefully reviewed and considered as we move forward.

We will also use the feedback to refine the final application before submission.

We appreciate your involvement in this process and thank you for attending today's exhibition.

Any comments made to the prospective applicant are <u>not</u> representations to the planning authority. If a planning application is subsequently submitted to Perth and Kinross Council, normal neighbour notification and publicity will be undertaken at that time, and you will have the opportunity to make formal representations regarding the proposal at that time.

