balquhidder
community
broadband
Delivering Community Broadband in Balquhidder
UKNOF UPDATE ON PROGRESS
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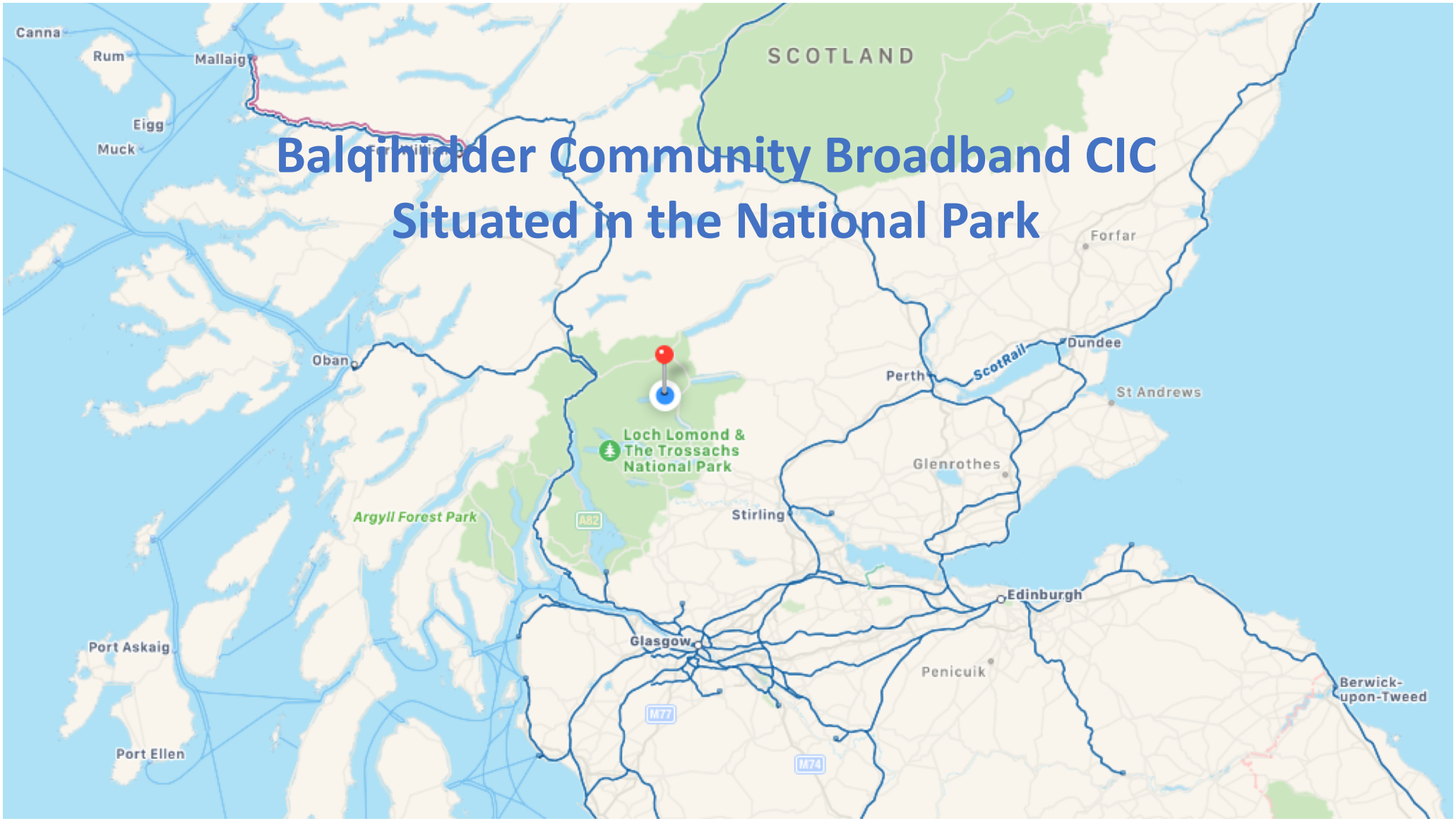
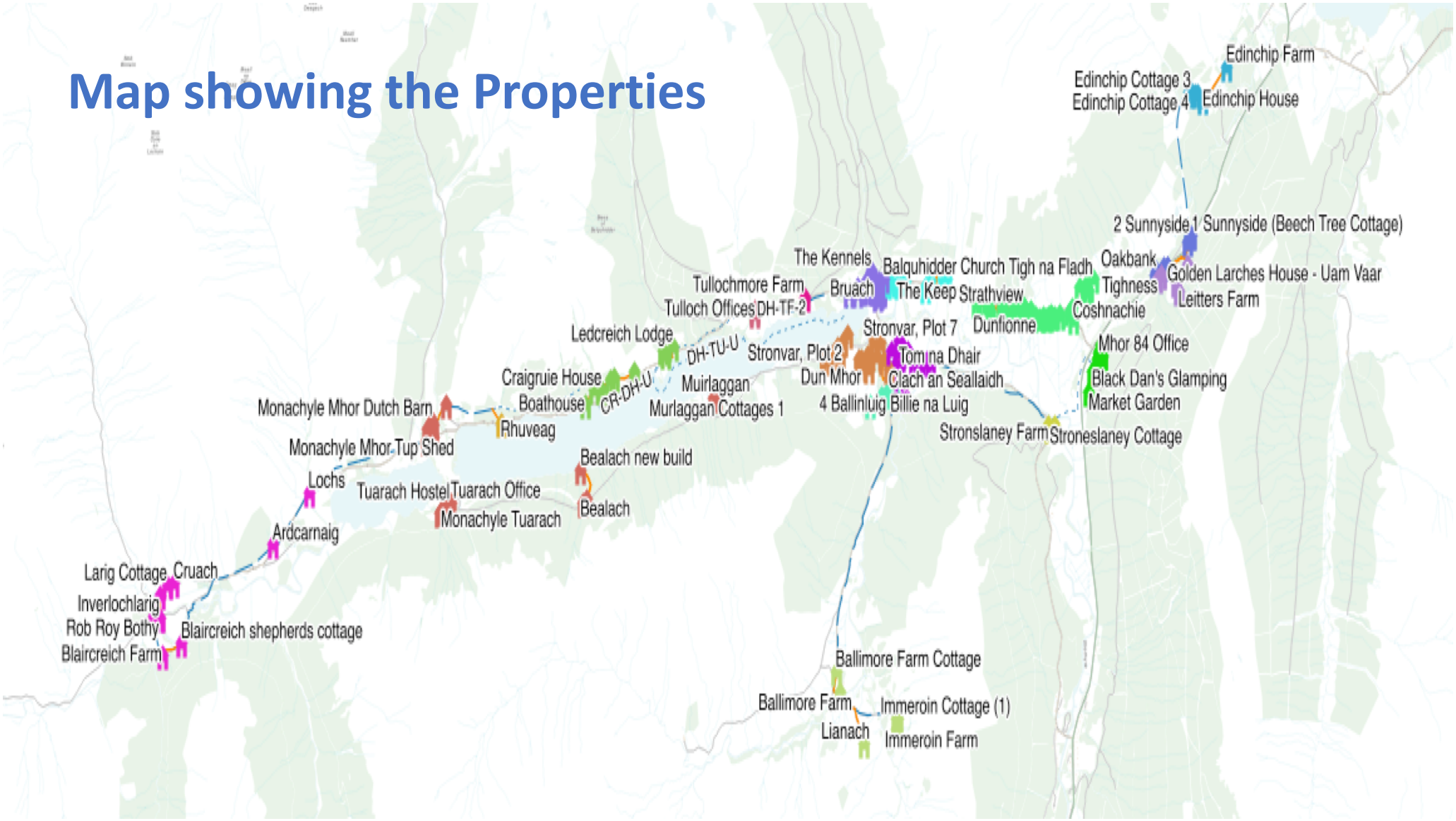
Balqihidder Community Broadband CIC
Situated in the National Park



Map showing the Properties



Balquhidder Community
Broadband
Works in
Road Ahead
Delays Possible

BALQUHIDDER GLEN

- 197 Households / Properties
- 100+ Businesses / Home Workers
- 200 – 250 Residents / Occupants
- 28 School Aged Children

BALQUHIDDER BUSINESSES

Hotels / Restaurants / Holiday Park	4
Farms	12
Tourism Related / Self Catering	32
Technology Related	9
Health Marketing	1
Builders / Construction / Forestry	8
Professionals	12
Shops	2
Home Workers	32

THE NEED FOR BETTER BROADBAND

- Legacy broadband ADSL or Satellite
- ADSL speeds range between no service and 5Mb/s
- No 3g or 4g mobile phone coverage
- The growing demand from 'The Internet of Things'

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

- Balquhidder Community Broadband CIC set up 23 June 2015
- Partnership formed with Bogons Limited for a full FTTP solution - 2015
- De minimis funding package with Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) failed with closure of the national Business Voucher Scheme - 2015

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

- Full funding package from CBS and Stirling Council failed due to legal dispute on process – 2016/17
- Now progressing with 'de minimis' funding from Stirling Council and hopefully additional funding from a new Business Voucher scheme – 2017/18
- Application for the Gigabit Business Voucher Scheme to complete the funding package

HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Self build with community volunteers
- Community provided machinery
- Material purchases cash flowed by Bogons
- Financial investment by Bogons
- 2 Project Officers on job share contracts funded by LEADER and Stirling Council

PROGRESS TODATE

- 1 Gb/s Backhall connected to Bogons Bunker
- 15K of Core Fibre laid
- 38 Properties connected
- Free Wi-Fi hotspot at Stronvar Cabinet
- Village Hall Cabinet installed Mhor 84 Cabinet in progress
- Temp Microwave link to Monachyle Mhor Hotel set up for May Festival

BOGONS BUNKER

QUESTIONS?
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