

British Community Foundation Council Meeting – Agenda

17 November 2025, 1600-1730

British Ambassador's Residence

Chair: Ambassador Neerav Patel

1. **Chair's welcome.**
2. **Updates on events and budget (Enforcer).** Council to discuss guaranteed Council Members' access to future events.
3. **BCF Strategic Direction 2026-2029.** Council members to discuss, amend and agree the level of ambition for BCF across the next three years.
4. **Assistance discussion paper.** Council members to discuss options for how the BCF can deliver on its objective to support the welfare and wellbeing of British expats in Qatar.
5. **New proposals for BCF Events and Initiatives.** Council members to discuss and provide feedback on each new proposal.
6. **AOB.**
7. **Next steps and close.** Confirm future dates for BCF Council meetings: 1600-1730 on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

British Community Foundation Council Meeting - Key Decisions

17 November 2025

The Council agreed to focus on stabilising BCF finances and delivering a consistent programme of activities over the next year. The Council will review progress and Foundation's ambitions after one year.

The Council agreed that BCF efforts to support the welfare and wellbeing of British expats in Qatar should be consistent with, and complimentary to, the British Embassy's consular offer. The BCF should only offer additional support in extremis and by referral from the British Embassy Doha consular team. The Council agreed that BCF resources should be used for small-scale preventative projects which support Consular work.

Council approved two proposals for community events and initiatives in Spring 2026, including a British community iftar and contact and care packages for British detainees.