

Nether Lochaber Community Association Meeting
Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Attendees	C. Barnett, R. Barnett, L. Glaze (Chair), I. Jenner, G. Milne, G. Macintyre, S. Pearson (joined late)
Apologies	B. Pearson

1. Apologies

B. Pearson. S Pearson will join the meeting later.

2. Minutes of last NLCA meeting

Proposed by G Milne and seconded by G MacIntyre.

3. Treasurer's statement

A balance of £9015.92 held in the bank. The treasurer reminded the meeting that this included a significant amount of funding allocated to certain projects:

- Around £600 for tools donated by NLCC;
- £1900 from hydro scheme money given by NLCC, a portion of which we should use for donations to local organisations;
- Most significantly £6120 remaining from Inspiring Scotland funding for surveys in relation to Inchree. Unallocated funding from this source at 31st March 23 to be repaid under the terms of the grant.

4. Inchree Project

The Scottish Land Fund have expressed some concerns around the original business plan for this project. In particular they questioned the 5-year revenue plan and asked for more realistic figures to ensure the sustainability of the hub. The Inchree Steering Group had met and drawn up a revised revenue plan by the 10th Feb deadline. This has not formally been accepted by SLF but a representative had given positive feedback. A further ground condition survey has been commissioned from Ardmore Point. Forestry and Land Scotland will be informed when this survey is due to take place. Disappointment was expressed that the original business plan for which NLCA paid a consultant had contained such unrealistic revenue expectations. It was pointed out that this consultant had however helped in the identification of several successful funding streams and that we had learned a considerable amount through the process.

5. Village Hall

Due to a partial ceiling collapse and general disrepair it seems that the hall will be out of use for some time.

6. Tubs, garden areas

It was noted that the tub at Bail Ur had been emptied and moved to across the street from its usual location. L Glaze to contact those who maintain tubs to remind them of new planting etc. Original log planters at the picnic site are in need of replacement. Discussion ensued about building planter boxes or replacing log planters like with like.

7. Creag Mhor

A successful activity day in early February saw the remaining entrance wall largely removed and a plan drawn up for the trees in the front east side bay.

It may be possible to access further Sustrans funding for developing the area of the old church building to the rear of the graveyard.

A family who recently interred ashes in Creag Mhor have asked to make a donation for the upkeep of the graveyard. A mechanism for doing this is available through the crowdfunder page.

Discussion ensued on a possible memorial wall or memorial bench.

8. Picnic site

No update other than planters mentioned above and need for painting benches.

9. Activity day

Agreed to further progress wall building and general ground clearance at Creag Mhor cemetery on 5th March.

Painting (Benches/Bus Stop) deferred until better weather.

10. 500 club draw To be carried out later

11. Correspondence

Treasurer reported Voluntary Action Lochaber had completed preparation of accounts and annual report for submission to OSCR.

12. AOB

None.

13. Date of next meeting/AGM – Thursday 16th March 2023

It was decided to approach the Church for use of their hall for this. G Milne to contact church for this and inform trustees asap.