

Nether Lochaber Community Association

Thursday 15th June 2023, 20:00

Minutes

1. **Attendees and apologies** (in alphabetical order)

Attendees:

Clara Barnett
Roger Barnett
Lisa Glaze
Iain Jenner
Gordon Milne
Brian Pearson
Sharon Pearson

Apologies:

Gordon Macintyre
Karl Spierling

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

G Milne proposed, and L Glaze seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's statement**

The balance in the account is £6105.33. Our biggest outlay this month was payment to Kinlochlaich Garden Centre for bedding plants.

The treasurer has also signed up for direct debit for the Information Commissioner's Office annual fee. Choosing to pay by direct debit means we get a £5 discount (£35 instead of £40.)

The end of year figures will be circulated in the next month or so. The treasurer is needing to keep track of different allocated funding pots, and asked trustees to note that the amount in the account as stated above is not available funds.

4. **Inchree Project**

The Project Officer post is now advertised on HI jobs. There was a slight amendment yesterday but otherwise we are pleased with it. I Jenner asked trustees to please share the ad on personal social media accounts. We will approach the Lochaber Times to advertise in next week's edition. We would like to recruit by end July. S Pearson and I Jenner met Sarah Kennedy at Nevis Accounting, who subsequently drafted the job description. She will also take care of HR provision that will need to be in place. She said we can host the interviews at VAL. C Barnett will ensure the bill for these services is paid. Sarah Kennedy will take care of interview scoring etc. though she did suggest not advertising on Goodmoves due to cost. S Pearson reported that we already have one applicant.

I Jenner was planning to go to the Ward business meeting on 12 June. However, he decided to postpone to the August meeting. We want to be in a position of strength before we go. Ideally, we'd like to take the new Project Officer to the meeting. We are still waiting to hear from F&L Scotland.

B Pearson suggested that using 20-minute communities as a selling point will help get councillors on board.

Chris Boles of Caledonian Computers is helping us access free Office 365 accounts that we can apply for as a charity.

CB – solicitor – checking some wording with harper mcLeod. A fresh draft is coming next week.

Exp of interest to Regeneration Capital Grant fund. Need to wait until August to see if invite to full application.

Ne funding opening 12 July – The Fall/Fore? Can get up to 30K would help us get architectural drawings.

UK Government community ownership fund – turned down. The building has to have been used by the community in the past.

6. **Village Hall**

The survey of the Village Hall was not great. Though it is not in imminent danger of falling down, it is to remain closed at present, possibly forever.

7. **Tubs/Garden Areas**

All tubs have been planted. L Glaze asked people to please water them as they go past as no rain is forecast.

8. **Creag Mhor**

G MacIntyre and I Jenner worked on this at the activity day. I Jenner was approached by Creag Mhor to do more work on trees. We are to consider lifting of branches of trees that we now own. Most of the work is across the street, and therefore not our responsibility. I Jenner will speak to the transport authority first.

9. **Picnic Site**

The picnic site needs more work, as it requires regular upkeep. L Glaze suggested that we always meet at the picnic site on an activity day, then one person can stay at the picnic area to tidy up to keep on top of it. We cannot use weedkiller as the area is heavily used. L Glaze said that we should try to block the area in the hedges where the gap is, as it is being used as a toilet. The hawthorn planted there has not taken. However, it will be better when the weather changes.

10. **Activity Day**

School bench – path. Will need to order gravel. G Milne will order from Travis Perkins.

Meet at picnic site, 10am. Sunday 2nd July. If delivery can't be made, then may delay until Sunday 9th July.

Think about Creag Mhor delivery later in July.

11. **500 Club Draw**

To follow. Winning numbers will be published on Facebook.

12. **Correspondence**

None.

13. **AOB**

Barbecue 24th June - Access through Stuffy's, who has said we can access hard standing if required. Gauge weather as to whether we use beach or hard standing.

Marie said we can use parking in front of her house, too.

Meeting from 5pm

Food – buy just a few things. But generally we will ask people to bring their own.

Gordon has some charcoal but will need more. Gordon mac will bring the BBQ from the hall.

SP to ad Project Officer job on GoodMoves.

CC website now has direct link to CA website.

F&L Scotland meeting room west 27th June – Iain will go to talk about barn and the importance of the bypass road. Strategic timber transport forum will make a decision on the funding, and have rejected, so re coming back to meet community

14. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20th July at 8pm.