

Nether Lochaber Community Association Meeting
Thursday 21st July 2022 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Attendees	C. Barnett, R. Barnett, L. Glaze (Chair), I. Jenner, G. Macintyre, G. Milne, B. Pearson, S. Pearson.
Apologies	None

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of last NLCA meeting Proposed and seconded

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by C Barnett and seconded by B Pearson.

3. Inchree Project

This is progressing and G Milne is aware of the invoice payments system. These will be paid by the SLF Funding Manager on a weekly basis. As soon as we get an invoice, we send it to the funding manager.

The Investing in Communities application was submitted on the day of the deadline but we will not know the outcome until December.

Our application to the UK Government Community Ownership Fund was rejected. We did not show evidence that the barn was previously used by the community.

The Aviva Community fund requires us to put together a crowdfunding page. Aviva employees can donate to charities, and are given a good sum of money to donate to projects they are interested in. We will try again next year.

Legal work

We still need to look at the rights of access deeds of service on the road. We need an MOU between us and Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS). The maintenance of the road should be assessed in terms of use. We estimate that 90 per cent of use is by FLS.

Legal fees

We could not apply for legal fees at Stage 1 of the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) but we can at Stage 2. However, as per the criteria, we need three quotes for each item requested. Our solicitor has already done some work and SLF has advised us to pause work so that we can apply for funds for work not yet done. HIE have professional funds to help community groups, could have funds to cover legal fees. This means that we will need to seek funds to pay for work that has already been completed. But it puts us in a difficult position as we required solicitor input. In the meantime, C Barnett has asked for estimated costs from our solicitor and will seek other quotes.

David Mee

Prepared architectural drawings previously before the whole situations arose with the Scottish Land fund. I Jenner met Mr Mee today, who will invoice us for the work previously done. We will prepare a response on why he was unsuccessful at the tender stage.

4. Treasurer's Statement

A balance of £9375.91 at the end of June 2022.

£693 is allocated for Kinloch.

5. Village Hall

Village Hall issues are still being looked at by the Community Council.

6. Flower Tubs, garden areas

Dave spoke to Church. He was not sure if the tubs are going to be removed. There are spare plants for tubs at the graveyard. The tub outside the primary school is in need of repair. All were encouraged to check tubs close to their area so we can list those to be repaired/replaced. This can be done over winter.

Gardening tools

Oban - West Coast tools – have a cordless strimmer costing about £500 plus battery. There are delays on these at the moment and thus are taking longer to deliver. It would cost an extra £100 for a spare battery. They have 45 mins run time.

7. Creag Mhor

The purchase of Creag Mhor will cost around £1,500 in legal fees. The intention is to Crowdfund for this as there are people who have connections to the graveyard who may wish to donate.

Clarification around the Discretionary fund. This was for Highland Council legal fees, so we did not have to pay these. G Milne to clarify this with Dot Ferguson.