

Nether Lochaber Community Association Meeting
Thursday 20 October 2022 at 7.30pm by Zoom

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Clara Barnett and Iain Jenner.

2. Minutes of last NLCA meeting Proposed and seconded

The minutes of the meeting on 15th September 2022 were proposed by G Milne and seconded by G Macintyre.

3. Treasurer's statement

The treasurer reported a balance of £3,004.44. Spending for last month includes a £30 additional fee for the purchase of Creag Mhor cemetery and £900 to MacPhees for legal work undertaken on the Inchree Barn project.

We are almost ready to launch the Crowdfunding page. L Glaze asked R Barnett if he could add the orchard to the Crowdfunding page. Once set up, the Crowdfunder will be promoted on Facebook and a note should be sent to Anne-Marie for the newsletter. We want to make sure we reach those no longer living in the area who have family connections to Creag Mhor. R Barnett says he has a link to a webpage that lists the graves in the cemetery.

S Pearson agreed to send information to G Milne on registering for GiftAid.

4. Inchree Project

S Pearson provided a short update.

Three funding applications have been submitted with the aim of getting the required surveys done sooner than the end of January. C Barnett is going to contact all those who sent quotes and ask them to confirm if they can work on the surveys no later than four weeks after we receive any funding. This is to speed up the process and hopefully to meet the deadline suggested by Forest and Land Scotland.

The Inchree Steering group have agreed that professional equipment should be used in the kitchen and are seeking to purchase reconditioned equipment to save on costs.

It has become apparent that as an association we need a proper website as many funders use this when looking at funding applications. S Pearson has sent a request to Chris Boles for a quote.

5. Village Hall

At the open meeting in November to discuss the barn project, we should have a table to drum up support for the Village Hall. We should assure people that it will still be around as well as the Inchree hub. We also need to encourage people to get involved with the Village Hall, otherwise it will not be viable.

6. Tubs, garden areas

No comments, however there was a compliment about the picnic site planters from a family member of one of the trustees!

7. Creag Mhor

We need to continue with the work on the wall. This can be continued through winter, but not on rainy days.

The chair asked if there was a list of those who completed the wall building course. G Milne will check the cost for the course as there was discussion about running the course again. We would need to raise funds before we could commit to this. The optimal attendance at the course is three people.

8. Picnic site

The picnic site is being well used despite the time of year. It would benefit from some routine tidying. There was a suggestion that we put a QR code on a poster for the noticeboard at the picnic site, as well as other noticeboard locations, so people can access the Crowdfunding page.

9. Activity day

The last two activity days have been poorly attended and we need to encourage the community to get involved. We can look at changing the day so it is not always on a Sunday morning. There was discussion about having a litter picking day and inviting the school children along. We should speak to the parent/teacher committee and ask about representation from them in the association.

Next activity day: The gabions need filled at Bishops Bay. Meet at 10am at the ferry slipway on Sunday 6th November 2022.

10. 500 club draw

Will be drawn later.

11. Correspondence

S Pearson was asked by the insurers if any particular item in the graveyard need to be insured separately. However, all agreed this was not necessary. Any damage to the mosaic can be repaired as we have spare tiles.

There is some correspondence from MacPhees regarding the graveyard. This is not the deeds, but simply information to be kept on file.

12. AOB

Ceilidh

Ideally this would take place on Friday 30th December, but if the band are not available then we can try Tuesday 27th December. We can book the community bus. We should discuss catering at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th November 2022. 7:30 pm by Zoom.