

Nether Lochaber Community Association Meeting
Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm by Zoom

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Iain Jenner and Brian Pearson.

2. Minutes of last NLCA meeting Proposed and seconded

The minutes of the meeting on 20th October were approved.

3. Treasurer's statement

The treasurer sent his report after the meeting took place.

The balance in the bank at the time of the meeting on 17 November was £2961.94

There were no major outgoings since the last meeting. As discussed previously a large amount of this money is designated for particular expenditure comprising approximately £600 for gardening tools from NLCC and a portion of the £2000 grant from NLCC as yet to be finally confirmed for a "small grants scheme".

4. Inchree Project

The Steering Group have been working hard and an open weekend for the community has been arranged for 19th and 20th November 2022. We have received the final reports from Stephen Singer (Community Links Scotland) with the Business Plan and Andy Milne (Inch Architecture) with the architectural drawings. The SLF Stage 2 application is being worked on, with a deadline at the end of November. We need to incorporate feedback from the open weekend in the application and show engagement with the community. The Chair will advertise the open weekend again through another Facebook post.

5. Village Hall

The Chair is currently collecting names for the new Village Hall Management Committee. Six people have expressed an interest. We will have a notice printed for the open weekend on volunteering for those who do not want to be involved with the barn, but may wish to volunteer in another capacity.

6. Tubs, garden areas

No report.

7. Creag Mhor

With thanks to Roger Barnett, the Crowdfunding page has now been set up and we have received the first donations. Both were paid through PayPal. The attendees discussed having a weatherproof sign next to the mosaic with the QR code on it, and also noted that we still need to put a QR code on the noticeboard at the picnic site.

8. Picnic site

No report.

9. Activity day

The activity day on Sunday 6th November went well. The badly damaged basket was removed and replaced. It was noted that there is quite bad erosion under the baskets at the slipway. There is the danger that the slip will fall at the corner area where there is a big hole. The Chair agreed to report this to the Community Council as we need to check who is responsible for the slipway.

For the next activity day (Sunday 4th December) we could replace another basket, but we would need more stones as we had to remove stones from the damaged basket to fill the new one. Alternatively, if the weather is bad then we can work on the Creag Mhòr wall and the grass.

10. 500 club draw

The draw was completed after the meeting.

1st 74

2nd 55

3rd 37

11. Correspondence

None.

12. AOB

Ceilidh

The ceilidh will take place on Friday 30th December, and the community bus and band are booked. We should tell the band that we will be there from 7:00 – 11:00 so they know what timeframe they can play in. The tickets will say the event is starting at 7pm L Glaze will check with Jennifer if there is a template from last time so S Pearson can make the tickets. Tickets will cost £5 and will be sold in advance. We will ask people to bring a plate to share, and BYOB. Children will pay half price. The capacity of the hall is 60, and the tickets should be numbered. For the raffle, there are some tickets left in the kitchen drawer at the village hall. The bus capacity is 16 people and will be able to do two trips. We will ask people for a donation towards taking the bus.

Minutes of meetings

These will be put on the website when it is ready.

Website Proposal

S Pearson wished to check if attendees were happy with the proposal sent by email regarding the website set up by Caledonian Computers. All agreed that we should go ahead with this.

Small Grants

G MacIntyre said there had been some requests for funds. We can give £50 to the lunch meeting at the Church Hall and the Children's Christmas party, but events such as the afternoon club are not open to all and we cannot fund something that is not open to the whole community.

There was discussion around having another beetle drive as a fundraiser. L Glaze will speak to Ann Marie. This is something that could be passed to the new Village Hall Management Committee when it is set up to help them raise funds for the hall.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th December 2022. 7:30 pm by Zoom.