

Nether Lochaber Community Association

Thursday 23rd November 2023, 19:30

Minutes

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

Attendees:

Clara Barnett

Roger Barnett

Lisa Glaze

Iain Jenner

Gordon Macintyre

Brian Pearson

Sharon Pearson

Apologies:

Gordon Milne

Karl Spierling

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's statement**

There is £3,439.69 in the bank account. £4,004 was paid to MacPhees for legal fees. However, there was an £84 refund as they had overcharged us. £514.46 has been spent on tools and will need to be reimbursed.

There was a long discussion about the pros and cons of having a separate bank account for the Inchree Barn. As the treasurer was not present, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision.

4. **Inchree Project**

A quote is due from Inch Architecture next week. The barn has a new Instagram page, and there was an article in the Lochaber Times about taking ownership of the barn.

Vertical Descents have offered to do a fundraiser, with potentially 60 people raising over £100 over two days.

Lucy has set up an account with Easyfundraising, which can be used to raise funds by anyone shopping online, at no charge to them.

There will be a monthly communique to members which will keep everyone up to date. Not necessarily just for the barn, but for NLCA activities and news. This should also be shared with the community council and can be placed on noticeboards.

5. **Village Hall**

No report. A meeting is due to take place on Tuesday next week (28/11/23).

6. **Tubs/Garden Areas**

No report.

7. **Creag Mhor**

A contractor is required to clear the bay on the right-hand side. We need to be careful that there is not a grave there. We should get a quote and speak to the individual who wishes to donate and ask if they could pay it. I Jenner will action this.

8. **Picnic Site**

The bins were checked and have not been too bad. There are a couple of people in the community who wish to adopt looking after the picnic site.

It is important that we are careful with the QR codes on the noticeboards as fraudsters have been targeting QR codes and placing fake codes on top of genuine ones. We must put the website address on the poster so that people know they are donating to the correct place.

9. **Activity Day**

The walling was not completed at the previous activity day. I Jenner will contact the wallers and hopefully this will be finished in December.

10. **500 Club Draw**

To follow. Winning numbers will be published on Facebook.

11. **Correspondence**

The secretary corresponded with the insurers regarding PLI for the Barn site. There is a 'demolition and debris' option which we could get a quote for.

12. **AOB**

Water Tank – to take ownership would cost around £60, please £1,500 in legal fees. G McIntyre has sourced a grant which could help towards these funds, and further information is to follow. We also need to ensure that there are no other interested parties i.e. Loch Eil Estate and Bidwells.

There was lots of discussion on this topic and we need to have a clear goal before making the purchase. This could be a good natural history interpretation point. G Macintyre will speak to Loch Eil estates and complete the funding application. B Pearson will speak to Cllr Fanet.

Ceilidh – We need to have a decision on the next week if this is to go ahead. HF Holidays turned down our request, but perhaps they would agree to a '12th night' ceilidh e.g. on 5th January. S Pearson will speak to HF and Ballachulish Village Hall again.

Communications – B Pearson has informed members of the community council that if they have any concerns about the community association, then these should be addressed directly to the community association.

13. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 14th December, venue TBC.