

# Nether Lochaber Community Association

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 19:30

## Minutes

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

**Attendees:**

Clara Barnett

Roger Barnett

Lisa Glaze

Iain Jenner

Gordon Macintyre

Gordon Milne

Brian Pearson

Sharon Pearson

Karl Spierling

**Apologies:**

None

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were proposed by G Macintyre, seconded by R Barnett.

3. **Treasurer's statement**

There was discussion at the previous meeting when the treasurer was absent, regarding the set up of a separate bank account for Inchree Barn. The current treasurer will reach the end of his tenure at the next AGM and thinks that it is best to leave this decision to the incoming treasurer. We should check that the auditors would be happy to deal with two sets of accounts. Having two accounts would mean extra work.

There is £5,834.23 in the bank account. The Scottish Land Fund transferred £4,387 on 24<sup>th</sup> November for PO salary. The main payments this month have been the PO salary and a reimbursement for gardening tools.

L Glaze has bought bulbs which will need to be reimbursed. There was also discussion around storage for the tools.

4. **Inchree Project**

The Trustees were asked to approve a policy on safeguarding. G Macintyre asked why there was no provision in the policy for parents coming in to the barn with children. It was argued that this situation is some way off yet. There was further discussion and S Pearson agreed to speak to the PO with regards a more detailed policy.

A quote was received from Inch Architecture for the next stage of architectural drawings. This also included a quote for the use of Community Links Scotland. However, this would essentially be double counting, as we now have a PO to do the business planning side of the work. I Jenner will ask Inch to remove this.

Donations are being sought to make the barn a bit more watertight. The PO will ask Ferguson if they can donate a large tarpaulin. K Spierling will ask for sandbags from the work going on at the bridge. I Jenner has rope that can be used.

There was discussion about the logo for the barn.

There was also discussion about how to get the community more involved. Items such as local wildlife, the history of the barn and an oral history project were raised.

5. **Village Hall**

There are lovely plans for a new village hall which is going to be green. The plan is to replace it on the same footprint to prevent any planning difficulties. Some had a meeting with S Livingston (chair of the Village Hall committee) as people have been concerned about the fall out from the questionnaire. The plan is to have a meeting with CC/CA/VHC together (Chairs and Secretaries) to talk through how we are going to work together as the village cannot sustain a fall out between these groups.

There is old Heras fencing at the barn that could be used for the Village Hall if required.

6. **Tubs/Garden Areas**

No report.

7. **Creag Mhor**

Contractor quote from A Dickie £350 to clear right-hand side at front. There was discussion about those who wish to donate to the cemetery and the ways in which they can do so. It was suggested that donors could pay by standing order. Gift aid was also discussed and said that this would need to be done by an accountant. I Jenner will speak to Sarah Kennedy.

8. **Picnic Site**

No report.

9. **Activity Day**

The stones were frozen to the ground because of the sub-zero temperatures. The volunteers ended up going home quite quickly. We are also running out of stone, and there is some at the ferry slip.

The decision was taken to keep the next activity day (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January) as a walling day. If it is too cold, other tasks can be done such as clearing the bramble.

10. **500 Club Draw**

To follow. Winning numbers will be published on Facebook.

11. **Correspondence**

None.

12. **AOB**

Water Tank – Hoping to hear about funding by March. It would be ideal to get a lawyer on board to reduce our legal fees. To take ownership would cost around £60, please £1,500 in legal fees. We can place an ad on Goodmoves to look for new trustees. We do need to try and get new trustees for the board. S Pearson will follow up with J Hewlett who has expressed an interest in becoming a trustee.

Ceilidh - S Pearson to check if we can book for 12<sup>th</sup> night in 2025.

13. **Date of next meeting**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30.