

## Minutes of a meeting of Nether Lochaber Community Association held on 29 August 2025

**Present** Iain Jenner (chair) Becky Jury Jack Hewlett Lisa Glaze Gordon Milne Gordon MacIntyre

**Apologies none** Karl Spierling Roger Barnett Lucy Cooke

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** adoption proposed by GM seconded GMac

**TREASURERS REPORT** RB sent the following report and also a letter from the bank changing our account to a Charity Account.

overall balance £26,050

current account (nlca) £ 1,060

nlca outgoing:

nlca incoming:

donation £ 50

inchree major outgoings:

payroll (2 months) £ 3,260

barn photography £ 500

inchree major incoming:

highland 3rd sector fund £10,000

other funds:

squirrel feeders £ 135

gardening (flower tubs etc) £ 310

NB: we have now spent all of the Scottish Land Fund award.

Concern was expressed that the upper limit of the new account would be insufficient for our requirements

★ **RB as to the change and what if we require a higher upper limit**

★ **IJ to ask Sunart Community Company for advice**

**INCHREE** The UHI project is finished but they will do a training day to allow us to continue the history archive. This can be stored on the website as digital audio for approximately \$50.

IJ/CB/GMac are interested. Jo Cowan to be approached. Wick Voices are an example.

Ali Beradelli is working on the Voices in Stone project which aims to celebrate Nether Lochaber through references to stone. Some community involvement will be forthcoming.

We will now have Lucy until December. She has offered to do foraging events. It was decided to ask for a token amount for an event from participants and for the NLCA to subsidise the shortfall to cover Lucy's fee.

★ **IJ to ask KS to cut back vegetation around the barn**

**VILLAGE HALL** no report

**TUBS/GARDEN AREAS** IJ has had a mishap with his weed sprayer so will have to wait until he has acquired a new one.

There are plenty of pears and apples for anyone who would like them.

Culvert pipe sliced and filled with gravel might solve the tub elevation problem.

★ **IJ to ask KS to cut culvert pipe into slices**

GM has cut the grass at Creag Mhor. It has to be done in two sessions as the battery only covers half. A second battery at approximately £350 was deemed too expensive.

IJ visited the BT offices but nobody answered so still waiting for resolution re pole.

**500 CLUB** GMac has sent form and paid for renewal of licence .

**CORRESPONDENCE** none

**ACTIVITY DAY** at the water tank, volunteers cleared the top exposing three hatches and installed the safety signs. The stile is still to be done. Some removal of trees would open up the area and planting insect friendly plants would be beneficial. Would a water supply be of benefit to the local crofts?

★ **Next activity day CREAG MHOR. SATURDAY OCTOBER 11.(TBC) Meet at picnic site 10 am**

★ **LG to bring tea coffee and cake**

★ **BJ to bring soup**

**AOB**

1. ★ **IJ to contact Cb re giving BJ admin privileges to allow sharing of membership list**

2. JH proposed we put forward a complaint to HC about the charge coming for foot passengers on the Corran Ferry asking at least for a concession for the local communities.

★ **IJ to draft a letter to HC and local councillors and the newspapers** ★ **KS to find out if there is a community association in Ardgour**

3. LC has raised £10,000 from the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub to run community engagement events (not barn specific). Suggestions have been Community Suppers which would be free to attend, possibly in the Loch Leven and Roam West. For a small contribution we could add on music. We also have permission for a Food Festival in Cuilcheanna walled garden. A minibus is available and neighbours have been approached. A mini Highland Games event for children could be included. Local food and drink providers have or will be approached. ★ **IJ to speak to AG and RW**

★ **JH and BJ to approach Ardgour Ales**

★ **LG to approach Spean Market**

★ **BJ to speak to the swing band**

Community table would be a good idea.

4. We require an EGM to update our SCIO by adding to our purposes to take ownership of land and property on behalf of the community to align with our memorandum of understanding with FLS.

★ **GM to check availability of the church hall for the week starting 6/10/25**

**Meeting closed at 20.33**

**Next meeting 22 September and venue to be confirmed**