

Minutes of a meeting of Nether Lochaber Community Association held on 14 July 2025

Present Iain Jenner (chair) Roger Barnett (treasurer) Lisa Glaze Gordon Milne Gordon MacIntyre

Apologies none Karl Spierling Becky Jury Jack Hewlett Lucy Cooke

Minutes of Previous Meeting adoption proposed by RB seconded GMac

TREASURERS REPORT £19,745 in bank. £941 available for general spending.

Expenditure LC wages

Two new members and a donation of £10 plus a £50 donation toward a barbecue. LC has successfully achieved funding of £10,000 from the Highlands and Islands Climate Hub

INCHREE There was an activity day at the squirrel hide. Six attended and replaced upright posts, took down old feeders and put up one new one. Two more have been ordered. Planning permission for the barn is imminent. The forestry officer has put a condition on protecting tree roots.

LC has expressed interest to the Capital Grant Regeneration Fund and is working on one for the Heritage Lottery.

We are still waiting for an ecologists advice regarding owl.

VILLAGE HALL no report

TUBS/GARDEN AREAS IJ has concocted a safe weed killer to use on the gravel areas. We are still waiting on an offer of timber for boxing in the larger tubs. Someone has strimmer the path to Cuilcheanna X, Thankyou!

The paths at the orchard have been encroached on by vegetation. The fruit trees are doing well. Some tubs could do with elevation

★ IJ to check if culvert pipe is suitable

CREAG MHOR s in need of weeding. GMac and IJ moved more capstones and removed the roll of wire. GM cut the grass. The back area has been assessed and the start of a plan has been formulated.

★ GM to investigate the cost of a spare battery for the strimmer.

★ IJ to visit the BT office in FW

PICNIC SITE The noticeboard has been installed.

★ IJ to spray weeds with eco friendly mix

500 CLUB GMac is waiting for the gambling license renewal.

500 club application form is now live on the website

★ IJ to check with CB who receives them

CORRESPONDENCE 1. The Development Trusts Association invited us to their Annual Conference, 26/27 August in Glasgow

ACTIVITY DAY Saturday 9 August Water Tank

Meet at the picnic site at 10am. The water tank needs scraping off. Remake stile.

The boarding at the rosebed needs repainted. Thankyou to the ladies who look after the rosebed, the ivy on the wall has been cut back and it's looking great.

★ RB to get danger signs

★ LG to bring tea and coffee

AOB

1. BJ has put together a membership list
2. The website now has the slideshow from the memories weekend in the gallery. Forms are now live.
3. IJ is waiting for planning to send the newsletter.
4. Barbecue was postponed due to weather! It was suggested to hold it at lunchtime on the next activity day. A decision to be made when the weather forecast is available and emails/posters sent out.
5. A statement of our disappointment at the treatment of the Community Association was sent to the Community Council. We have not received a response.
6. LC has £10,000 for community engagement events including staff costs. Suggestions are community suppers at the Loch Leven and Roam West, September /October and an outdoor food festival possibly in the Cuilcheanna walled garden, possibly 27 September.
7. GMac suggested we had a 'best photo of the village' competition with a prize of free 500 club membership for a year.
8. Possibly a dog show?
9. Lucy and Irene have a Coleman tent available to borrow.

Meeting closed at 9.30

Next meeting date and venue to be confirmed