

Minutes of a meeting of Nether Lochaber Community Association held on 24 June 2026

Present Iain Jenner (chair) Lisa Glaze Gordon Milne Gordon MacIntyre Roger Barnett Dan Ayers Karl Spierling

Apologies Jack Hewlett Becky Jury Chaela Carrell

Minutes of Previous Meeting adoption proposed by GMac seconded GM

TREASURERS REPORT £4820 in bank. £1325 available for general spending. Gardening pot £350 remaining

Income .£300 tub sponsorship £50 squirrel feed

Outgoings Data registrar renewal and weed killer

INCHREE Alex Smith and Catriona Morrison are to assess our business plan, we have five days work from them for free to revise our strategy.

FLS IJ has proposed a tree for the owl box and it is being taken to their environment team.

We are still waiting for a meeting on leasing forest ground. They are waiting for our 'wish list' .

FLS are keen for a community group to take over the Loch Linnhe picnic site.

IJ suggested we include the amenity woodland from the An Drochit path to the car park and from Birchbrae chalets to Wades walk as far as the quarry. KS added the fields by the farm.

★ **IJ to send the wish list in at the beginning of next week, any additional suggestions contact IJ**

IJ has contacted Jane McKinnon, the community support officer at HC to look into funds coming up.

More squirrel food is required, IJ proposed that some barn funds could be used to top up donations. Squirrels food is £200/6 months approximately. We are hoping a QR code for donations at the hide will bring in more contributions.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP no report

TUBS/GARDEN AREAS the two tubs at the school have been replaced and elevated to provide protection from strimming. The one at Cuilcheanna Cross needs replaced and elevated. The new resident is happy to take over the strimming of the path up to the cross. There are plans to elevate the other tubs at risk from strimming or being hidden by long grass.

Kinlochlaich garden centre donated some free bedding so we should have a good display this year.

IJ has acquired two half moon baskets which have been fitted to the two noticeboards at the barn and picnic site.

KS and IJ spent 12 man hours prepping timber to replace four of the big tubs.

Some of the trees at the orchard are failing and the tree at the bridge still has to be removed.

Mitigation is needed to protect from strimming.

Creag Mhor GM, GMac and IJ met Andy Bate from Charles Brand and discussed replacing the boundary wall and gravel as community payback.

The back area needs attention.

★ **IJ to speak to Creag Mhor guesthouse owners about burning cleared vegetation**

★ **Trustee meeting on Saturday 10 am at graveyard**

Other suggestions were a social media call out for a memorial bench and the creation of a memorial wall for people who have been cremated.

Matters Arising

★ **each trustee to find a decent raffle prize**

★ **IJ has installed the camera but it doesn't seem to be working**

- ★ IJ/RB to get two wildlife cameras with barn money with SIM cards. A wildlife camera notice may deter people from using the squirrel hide as a toilet.
- ★ IJ to speak to Lucy
- ★ the art project is hanging in Loch Leven Seafood Cafe. An idea is to turn it into weatherproof boards and mounted at the barn and maybe other venues
- ★ IJ has wording for a QR code for donations to be put at various locations .
- ★ litter picking mobile signs £45 for a pair
- ★ LG to email Helen Michie about tiles falling off the mosaic again
- ★ Charles Brand don't do LIDOR but will run the possible burial in the bay at Creag Mhor by the council archaeologists

AOCB

1. Dan Ayres was unanimously voted on as a Trustee
2. ★ **IJ to meet Chris Boles to update the website**
3. DA suggested a map of all of the various projects. To include tub sponsors.
4. KS suggested a record of skills and equipment available via Trustees should be made
5. We were invited to put our own newsletter in with the recent CC newsletter but unfortunately could not get one ready in time.
6. **IJ asked everyone to keep an informal log of hours spent on NLCA to be logged each month and used for funding applications. Recorded in minutes.**

500 Club winners were 22, 74 and 82

NEXT ACTIVITY DAY

Creag Mhor July 4th 10 am to clear the back area

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 July at Cuilcheanna 7pm

Timesheet

GM 5hours strimming CM
IJ 6 processing timber
KS 6 processing timber
LG 1 typing up minutes