

Minutes of a meeting of Nether Lochaber Community Association held on 21 February 2026

Present Iain Jenner (chair) Becky Jury Jack Hewlett Lisa Glaze Gordon Milne Gordon MacIntyre Karl Spierling
Apologies Roger Barnett

Minutes of Previous Meeting adoption proposed by GM seconded BJ

TREASURERS REPORT RB sent the following report
Designated funds £5405

Available funds (nlca) £ 1565

nlca outgoing: £1003 for event tents
The first draft of the audited accounts will be circulated next week.
GM has looked into cameras and sent the details to RB
BJ is still looking into flags and banners

INCHREE RB and IJ took Lucy to lunch as a thankyou/ handover.

★ **IJ to do a thankyou in the upcoming newsletter**

Lucy is happy to continue to advise. RB has the laptop.

KS has bought a bin to store the squirrel peanuts.

★ **KS to trim vegetation around the barn and mend the notice board**

TUBS/GARDEN AREAS

★ **IJ and KS to cut culvert pipe into slices to raise smaller tubs off the ground**

IJ has measured the large tubs to be replaced for timber.

★ **KS to purchase timber**

Lining with plastic and painting will be required. The first to be replaced will be the two at the picnic site and the two at the church. GM suggested preservative be used on the inside.

We have costs for gravel at Creag Mhor @£440 including delivery. 4m2 plastic grid @£60.

GM suggested kerbstones for the bays.

★ **RB to apply for ward funding**

★ **IJ to price owl boxes and camera**

★ **IJ to draft letter about Corran Ferry**

★ **BJ still to speak to Roam West**

The tubs at the school have been badly damaged and will have to be replaced. Jo Cowan to monitor for us. New tubs will have to be out of the way of the council strimmers.

CORRESPONDENCE none

AGM to be held on Saturday 21 March from 7-8.30

★ **LG to book church hall**

UHI training the UHI are pressing for this to be finalised. IJ suggested requesting the use of Cuilcheanna barn. Dates to be set in March.

★ **IJ to liaise with UHI and interested people**

Activity Day was poorly attended but the two debrambled the back area of the cemetery. I J suggested the toolbox be moved to Creag Mhor.

AOB

1. Just Enterprise has informed that we should update our business plan as community cafes have been struggling and that a Local Place Plan would help with funding applications. The Community Council had been discussing this under the chair Brian Pearson but had not done anything. Chris Boles (CC) does not believe the CC intends to progress it.
 2. IJ has been investigating if other communities have local place plans but believes a visitor facility/heritage centre will come under the Lochaber Place Plan.
 3. It will also probably be beneficial to look at ways to cut costs, eg leaving out the mezzanine initially. G Mac suggested thatching as a roof covering. The idea that it is not just a cafe could be stressed, building on the work done by Ali Beradelli and the UHI. GMac suggested bird feeders and live camera feeds in the cafe helping to promote the environmental heritage. LG suggested we look into leasing the cafe space as a guaranteed income rather than consider running it ourselves and possibly in the meantime offer the outside space to a catering van.
 4. The Inchree Steering Group should be reconvened and people approached to join.
 - **★BJ to take charge of the steering group and set up a meeting**
 - **★IJ to arrange a meeting with Just Enterprise**
 - **★BJ to request a copy of CC minutes be emailed to secretary**
 - **★IJ to write to all local groups to invite participation in setting up a place plans, jointly with CB.**
 5. GM recently tried to access the defibrillator at the shop but was unable to. He has written to the CC to suggest a motion sensor light would help now that it is located in a private garden.
 6. We have two new members, so welcome to Dan and Liz.
 7. South Lochaber Community Company might need people to sign up as supporters. IJ suggested that the NLCA join as a whole and that a letter of support could be provided.
 8. Emma joined the meeting for a discussion about the event planned for Cuilcheanna walled garden. Suggestions include craft market/local producers/music/children's Highland Games/gin tasting.
- Saturday 6 June is the suggested date.
- **★IJ to speak to Andrew Dewar about cutting the grass**
 - **★LG to email Glen Spean Producers Market**
 - **★BJ to contact the Great Glen Swing Band and Ardgour Ales**
 - **★Emma to check with landowner**
 - **★G Mac to contact the Gin people and the bus**
 - **★Emma to speak to Esther**
 - **★IJ to organise a tug of war**
 - **★IJ to contact LIDAR concerning the report of human remains at Creag**

Mhor

Next meeting Sunday 15 March , 4pm, venue to be confirmed

This was postponed and will now be on 1 April at 7pm in the Barn belonging to Beside the Loch

The next Activity Day is Saturday 4 April, 10am at the picnic site.