

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

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

Apologies Gordon MacIntyre

Minutes of Previous Meeting adoption proposed by Roger Barnett seconded Jack Hewlett

TREASURERS REPORT £6295 in bank. £1465 available for general spending
Outgoings £5500 on gatherings, £4500 on Stories in Stone project, £4000 in wages, £200 squirrel food, £500 to Barn website
Inchree fund has £4470 remaining, £270 in gardening budget
Accounts have been submitted to VAL for auditing
A query on membership - full members have to reside in Nether Lochaber.
We are now liable to submit info for corporation tax

★ **COMMENT to RB on the draft report before Feb meeting**

INCHREE JH has looked into an outdoor shelter, gazebos and marquee options.

★ **JH to buy two 3x3 green gazebos**

★ **BJ to look into flags and banners**

★ **KS to mend noticeboard at barn**

LC contract is now finished. RB and IJ to meet and do handover. The application to Historic Scotland is still to be finished

★ **IJ to share the document from Just Enterprise who have analysed our position. They suggest we redo our business plan for the barn.**

Changes affecting us include the creation of a village hall SCIO, Place Plans created in other communities, the Corran ferry issue, NI changes which have made it difficult for community cafes. They stress that communities that do not have a Place Plans are at the bottom of the pecking order for funding.

★ **IJ to arrange to meet with LC**

★ **RB to buy flowers**

★ **KS and IJ to slice pipes for tubs**

★ **IJ to buy bin to store squirrels peanuts**

★ **the ward council require a report on use of funds**

★ **IJ to give tub measurements to KS so he can buy wood from the sawmill**

★ **RB to reapply for the council grant to include benches and bird boxes, specifically an owl box**

★ **to undertake a wildlife survey of the field**

Any other additions for next meeting.

★ **IJ to draft a letter about the Corran ferry. Ardgour CC are willing to circulate**

The gatherings were well attended and very enjoyable with very positive feedback. RW are keen to host more. The budget of £2000 for food and musicians is not sustainable without grant funding. Suggestions to cut costs include open mic nights, simpler food.

★ **KS JH BJ to talk to Roam West about a future event.**

ENVIRONMENT GROUP CC has not managed to locate the equipment

TUBS/GARDEN AREAS LG has bought and distributed top up bulbs

AOCB

1. IJ has not had a reply from FLS about a new road
2. If we are to hold a walled garden event we need to start now
3. The laptop LC has will go to BJ as secretary.

4. AGM SATURDAY 21 MARCH, afternoon

★ **LG to book church hall**

★ **Everyone to bring ideas for the format to next meeting**

5. UHI have money for a training event for creating the living archive. 3 trustees so far are interested.

★ **IJ to ask other members**

6. BJ has created a mailing list BCC if using

7. BJ has been through the website mailbox and will continue to monitor

8. ★ **IJ to write next newsletter**

9. Wildlife cameras for the water tank to be added to the grant application

NEXT ACTIVITY DAY

Saturday 7 February 10 am at Creag Mhor

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 21 February at Cuilcheanna 10 am

Business Plan to be discussed online and a separate meeting organised if required.