

NLCA Minutes - 01/04/2026

- **Attendees;** Iain Jenner (Chair), Jack Hewlett, Becky Jury, Karl Spierling, Chaela Carrell. Roger Barnett, Gordon MacIntyre
- **Apologies;** Gordon Milne, Lisa Glaze
- **Previous minutes:**
 - Proposed: Becky Jury
 - Seconded: Roger Barnett
- **Amendments:**
 - JH not present at last meeting
 - IJ will not contact LIDAR
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - £4765 overall
 - £1195 available
 - Major outgoings this month; ~£180 on insurance and ~£400 on Tubs + Garden Areas.
- **Inchree:**
 - IJ proposed the May activity day be at the barn, tidying around the site and managing the vegetation.
 - IJ suggested the deteriorating sandbags be used to level the bay at Creag Mhor.
 - JH mentioned restarting the Inchree Steering Group. First meeting 24th April. BJ to contact parties that have expressed an interest in being involved
 - IJ has written to Just Enterprise to set up a meeting – awaiting response. The deadline for the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund is June 2026; this will be our deadline for adjusting our Business Plan.
- **Tubs + Garden Areas:**
 - IJ & KS have measured and acquired timber to replace 4 of the Tubs. This has already been paid for. Wood preservative needs bought for these.
 - RB notes that our Ward Application has bounced back as they need quotes in order to release the grant money. They have also requested receipts for purchases in 2025, and all future purchases, and would like a report of how the grant funding is being used.
 - KS to get quote for timber and fastening for the remaining 4 tubs ASAP for submission to the Ward Application Grant.
- **Correspondence: None**
- **AGM:**
 - AGM was a success with a good turnout. All trustees are happy to continue with their roles.
 - CC Joins as a Trustee
 - JH to support IJ with Chairing October onward.

- IJ noted it would be good to be more proactive in utilising the Calendar, and JH to look into being more active on social media.

➤ **UHI Training:**

- First meeting was a success with 4 attendees, next meeting on the 09/04/2026

➤ **Walled Garden Event:**

- IJ has got permission to cut the grass in preparation.
- LG has emailed Glen Spean Market, no response yet, don't appear to start until may, will chase next week.
- BJ has been in contact with Great Glen Swing Band; suggests we budget £400 for this although will likely be less.
- IJ to look into Portaloo's
- How will we charge stall holders? Suggestion of free entry to the event to boost numbers, and charging stall holders a flat rate. £30?
- IJ suggests a raffle – all to look for prizes!
- Parking – Nick and Esther can only accommodate so many cars alongside their business. Suggestion to run Park and Ride from School, Church and Gleaner as we will have the Bus.
- JH to ask Ardgour Ales if they would be Interested in running a Bar – need to look into Licensing.
- RB to look into Licensing.
- KS to supply generator if required for power.
- JH to ask Roam West about borrowing their Sail for shelter.
- Discussion around Catering options: JH & KS to enquire with Roam West, GM to enquire about a Pizza Van. IJ to approach Allison around Seafood.
- LG to chase Glen Spean Market next week.

➤ **Any Other Business:**

- RB notes we have paid our renewal this month, and have not updated the policy for a while. It currently states “very small charity turning £7000 a year” and “2 events a year with 70 attending.” We have likely moved beyond this and need to explore. We are currently only covered for public liability and not for theft, damage or fire to anything we own.
- JH & BJ to look into a Risk Assessment to support this policy during large events.
- CC Squirrels – Something is eating the feed, 50% eaten in 3 days, and sightings of Red Squirrels. Issues with antisocial behaviour in the car park and around the squirrel enclosure. IJ to help with a wildlife camera and liaise with Forestry and Land Scotland re mitigating the behaviour as a joined-up

approach. We will need to think about improving signage, interpretation and protection.

- CC has acquired the Bio Blitz kit from Evan and Rowena.
- BJ has contacted all round signs for a quote, decision was made to accept the quote for a PVS banner, 2 flags, and 2 bases. as well as some work on our logo to have a format that is workable. Original quote was £533.18 but with the exclusion of 2 ground spikes this will become cheaper.
- IJ Suggests contacting Lucy to run a foraging workshop in the community.
- IJ notes Ali Baredelli has finished her art project, and it is currently on display in the school. He hopes to then have it moved around nether Lochaber as a rolling exhibition.
- IJ suggests that FLS might be interested in leasing some forest to the community rather than selling, this has positives for both parties. Suggests we approach them re leasing some of Glen Righ to support our work and the scope of future projects.
- IJ suggested the South Lochaber Community Company might need people to join up as supporters. Suggested the NCLA could join as a whole and that a letter of support could be provided.

➤ **Next Meeting: 30th April**

➤ **Meeting Adjourned.**