



## Lairg Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lairg Community Council

Lairg Community Centre, Kinvonvie Suite, Wednesday 4th June 2025, 7pm

### Annual General Meeting 2025

1. **Present:** Steven Maclean (Chair), Jamie Dick, Robert Johnstone, Jackie Young, Louise Skinner, Cllr Michael Baird, Caroline McMorran (Northern Times)

**Apologies:** Iain Thomson, John Sutherland, Catherine Macdonald, Miranda Jones (Minutes Secretary)

2. **Declarations of interest:** None advised

3. **Adoption of the minutes of AGM 2024:** Proposed RJ, seconded JY, minutes adopted

4. **Chairman's annual report:** Chair thanked LDCI for their work in the past year including the completion of the new house builds (Sutherland Way) and the new Play Park at Ferrycroft. Robert Johnstone and Iain Thomson were thanked for their work attending meetings and consultations for proposed wind farms. Niall Smith congratulated for his work tidying up the village and lochside. Minutes secretary thanked for her work.

5. **Treasurer's submission of the Financial Statement noted by the council**

6. **Adoption of the Financial Statement:** Proposed by Steven Maclean and seconded by Jamie Dick, Financial Statement adopted

7. **Election of Office Bearers:**

Chair: Steven Maclean (proposed and seconded by JY & RJ)

Vice Chair: Jamie Dick (proposed and seconded by RJ & JY)

Treasurer: Robert Johnstone (proposed and seconded by SM & JY)

Secretary: Jackie Young (proposed and seconded by SM & RJ)

8. **Any other business relevant to the AGM:** None advised

9. **Provisional Date for next AGM:** 3rd June 2026

## Ordinary Meeting - June 2025

1. **Present:** Steven Maclean (Chair), Jamie Dick, Robert Johnstone, Jackie Young, Louise Skinner, Cllr Michael Baird, Caroline McMorran (Northern Times)  
**Apologies:** Iain Thomson, John Sutherland, Catherine Macdonald, Miranda Jones (Minutes Secretary)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None advised
3. **To confirm the minutes of the LCC meeting held on 7th May 2025:** Proposed RJ, seconded JY, minutes adopted
4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

Tennis Courts: Niall to get a moss sweeper through 5k fund LDCI were awarded and cut trees around tennis courts – LDCI look at getting a sign

Meeting with Chair of Creich CC re Balblair wind farm community benefit: No update yet

Ferrycroft Visitor Centre: MB to find out opening times, LCC in agreement the centre should be open at Easter and Bank Holidays. LDCI working on fencing within Ferrycroft
5. **LDCI Report:** Lairg Area Place Plan now all with stakeholders, starting priority list of work & getting landowners details for future projects. Lots going on with who owns what land, exploring what costs would be for future projects, fencing in playpark, helping Sutherland Adventure Company with plans for Lairg – Looking at options for storage, boards and wetsuits
6. **Lairg Place Plan:** As above
7. **Financial Report:** Submitted and approved at AGM
8. **Highland Councillor's Report:** Ord place tree, MB has pushed Marina Grant and Callum Goskirk, MB has also let them know they have employed Ben Bruce before, Achany glen and Sallachy roads all getting tarred. JY highlighted Tomich and Rheanbreck roads again. Signs have graffiti on them at bottom of village.
9. **Planning applications:** None received
10. Correspondence
  1. SSE Renewables Achany Extension - Wind Farm Update
  2. Community Council Energy Infrastructure Convention - 14th June 2025
  3. Highland Cycle Campaign

4. Highland Energy Training for Community Councils
11. **Any other competent business:** JY: send James Lockhart a letter of thanks from Lairg CC for clearing and repairing the bird hide. Can we send Scotrail a letter regarding the state of repair / lack of paint on the railway foot bridge
12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 3/9/25

### **Private Session - Wind Farm Community Benefit**

#### **Rosehall Achany letter from SSE/ Foundation Scotland**

Steven to email proposing a third option for Lairg, their share paid in Lairg to Windfarm account run by Foundation Scotland

Option 1 – Could work in 2 years' time when more money is available

#### **Micro grants**

None

#### **Lairg Fund**

**1 - Lairg Community Association** 3-year multi award for office admin, 12.5 hours per week, all other roles are self-funded

Year 1 - £8848 = £13.61

Year 2 - £9290 = £14.29

Year 3 - £9754 = £15.00

Funding Agreed

**2 – Feis Chtaibh FR**, £4000 for events in Golspie from 7<sup>th</sup> July for 1 week, 7 people attending from Lairg area, fund recommends £1k

Funding denied as conflicts with Lairg Gala Week

***Chris Lee contacted 4/6/25 about applications***