



## Lairg Community Council

Minutes for meeting held in Lairg Community Centre, Kinvonvie Suite

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 7pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Steve Maclean (SM), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Iain Thomson (IT), Jacqui Young (JY) Cllr  
Michael Baird (MB), Caroline McMorran (CM) NTimes  
Apols: Jamie Dick, Louise Skinner, John Sutherland

2. Declarations of Interest

None advised

3. To confirm the minutes of the LCC meeting held on 5th March 2025

Proposed RJ second IT

4. Matters arising from previous minutes - MJ to write letter of support to Bradbury Centre

5. School Heating System

MB received an email from Tom Murdison service lead, corporate property management at Highland Council who carried out a site visit 5th March- several pipe failures due to corrosion - heating infrastructure needs to be refurbished. Officers attended the site on 5th march to survey the heating infrastructure. A scope of work is being developed to replace/upgrade the heating system. Will be shared with MB once developed. Intention is to carry out a major refurb over the coming summer

holiday period Tom Murdison can attend PTA meeting or CC meeting - electrical system also being reviewed.

2 members of PTA present - they had been told repairs being done in Easter holidays

6. Lairg Place Plan - update from community market

MJ (Sutherland Community Partnership), RJ (LCC) and Kirstin Langlois (LDCI) attended Lairg Community Market. Useful feedback and input received. MJ & KL working on the first draft of the Local Plan

7. LDCI Report

Kirsten helping with Place Plan, end of year reporting for grants, lunch clubs, friendship club, food larder.

RJ asked if Lairg Community Council wants LDCI to be leading on outcomes of place plans or does the CC have another view of how they'd like to implement things.

100% LDCI should be leading on that (SM) Agreed by council

Phase 2 of Ferrycroft, skate park not a favourite in survey, MUGA one of favourites, could start to approach HC in relation to ownership of land - establish ownership of development land

MUGA could potentially fit and be sited at Ferrycroft.

SM - need place plan to be done so can show funders of consulted upon ideas

MB There is a Terra Tracker facility at HC - enter postcodes to see what is owned by the council - council houses v private ones

Contact HC re access

8. Financial Report

Treasurer's a/c as of 31.03.25

£7519.98

Wind Farm a/c as of 31.03.25

£311.34

#### 9. Annual Accounts & Date for AGM

End of year audited accounts have been completed by Highland Bookkeeping Services

Date for AGM - 4th June 2025

#### 10. Police Report - Ward 1 North West & Central Sutherland received from FEB, circulated to councillors.

#### 11. Highland Councillor's Report

- Approval received for judicial review of Strath Oykel decision
- MB reported on item 9 of the Full Meeting of THC Results of consultation for ECU consenting in Scotland: proposal to reduce 3 month period to 6 weeks & remove right to local public enquiries and judicial reviews, starting 2 months after royal assent
- A number of roads have been identified for a makeover locally. SM commented that the road repairs in Bonar Bridge look an absolute mess
- Visitor Levy Consultation now ended
- Speed restrictions at Crask, no further update from MB, only info gleaned from Roads dept./Police suggestion to get a moveable bike or cart with a notice on it, or a 'smiley sign' like at Edderton. Fencing around the property? HC would require a run of 20 houses to make a speed restriction.

Shane from Crask Inn was present at the meeting. He has installed fencing around the property but said it is dangerous for customers who have to park on the other side of the road. MB said he has spoken to everyone he can about the issue and has been assured that the road is a priority for monitoring by police.

#### 12. Community Benefit Meeting - Creich & Ardgay CCs

The secretary of Creich CC wrote to LCC suggesting a meeting re response to the community benefit consultation. LCC representatives couldn't attend the meeting on that date so IT and RJ met to work on a response.

LCC agreed they can submit their responses

13. Planning applications

None since last cc area

14. Correspondence

Coach House: Owners are looking to put it back on the market and wanted to know if and groups or organisations within the community would be interested in purchasing it

15. Any other competent business

LDCI to apply for funding for Village Officer to carry out maintenance work/seasonal cutting & strimming - nothing to be cut until after nesting season

MB: HC reps are meeting with council tenants representatives to walk around Ord Place to look at Highland Council houses

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting - 7th May

Meeting end 8pm

Private Session - Wind Farm Community Benefit

Lairg Learning Centre, funding approved