



## Lairg Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 8th January 2025

1. Present: Steve Maclean, Chair (SM), Jackie Young (JY), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Iain Thomson (IT), Cllr Michael Baird (HC), Caroline McMorran (N Times)  
Apologies: Catherine Macdonald, Louise Skinner, Jamie Dick, John Sutherland  
The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year
2. Declarations of Interest  
None advised
3. To confirm the minutes of the LCC meeting held on 6th November 2024  
Proposed by RJ, seconded by JY
4. Matters arising from previous minutes  
War memorial update - money from legacy funds for repairs to memorial (HC) War memorial fund - community group or cc to apply.  
Write to Debbie Sutton (HC) re public toilets  
Representative from Wildlands be invited to CC mtg to share plans. Contact Christian Nicholson - RJ to send contact info.
5. Lairg Place Plan  
MJ & RJ attended Lairg community market re the local plan survey which has 70 responses. Next step is for the working group to meet, plan an open consultation day for Place plan

## 6. LDCI Report

Winterfest - the weather was not great and coincided with other events locally, however there was good attendance, more spread out during the day. -

Food larder - delivered food parcels over over Christmas

Skate Park - LDCI need to digest the current survey results for public approval and want for a skate park in Lairg

Q do the local plan survey results mean LDCI should take on projects advised by the survey?

AGM is 6th February - Kaye will be stepping down (but carrying on with other community pursuits eg luncheon club)

New board elected in February will decide next steps

## 7. Financial Report

Balances at 31.12.2024:

**Treasurer's account:** £6949.76

Payment to M Jones

Secretariat Services November £60 on 02.12.24

Payment to Lairg Community Association £16 on 02.12.24

Room Hire

Payment to Lairg Community Association £4 on 16.12.24

Stall Hire (Local Plan)

**Windfarm account:** £1044.84

Payment to Skymount Ltd £750 on 16.12.24

Fuel Vouchers for students and apprentices

## 8. Highland Councillor's Report

**2 surveys** - 20mph signs are being made permanent

**Visitor levy consultation** runs until 31st March.

[Visitor Levy Consultation | Visitor Levy | The Highland Council](#)

Free webinar Tuesday 14th Jan 7-8.30pm

**Trees** - no further update. HC need to employ a tree surgeon

**Cars at Ord Place** - officer at council needs details of vehicles to be passed to Michael

**Lairg recycling ctr** road surface - reported

**Crask speed limit** - not a lot the police can do except send a car out now and then, Advised fencing to protect children.

**Dalchork BESS** in scoping

**Public enquiry for StrathOykel** ministers have approved the application that includes 230m turbines. However there is no viable transport plan.

MB trying to get a committees from Scot Gov (Edward Mountain) to come to the area - 15 wind turbine farms in the area.

**NoRoS meeting with Maree Todd** on 13th February at Bonar Bridge

**Lairg wind farm extension** - a local young woman will be returning to the area having secured the site manager's position

**Flooding in Shinness** - MB has reported the issue and spoken to roads dept with assistance from Ardgay Team. Culverts are broken, ditches overflowing. Water flowing into private property. Shoddy repair of culvert by HC putting slab over broken culvert and stamping in tar.

**Gritting at new houses Sutherland Way** - top 4 houses not being gritted - 4 are fit homes. Albyn Housing contacted

JW: The Cemetary paths have been done,, looks really good, chips laid and gates put back - painted & re-hung.

#### 9. Planning applications-

Dalchork substation

#### 10. Correspondence

Proposed Chleansaid Wind Farm and Dalchork Substation (10.5km in length).

HC Consultation with Community Councils re permanent 20mph speed limit orders.

Dalchork BESS consultation in scoping

Lairg Recycling centre road surface

#### 11. Any other competent business

Blythswood are wanting to install a clothes bank. SM to write to say ok.

12. Date of Next Meeting and meetings for 2025 (all at 7pm, Kinvonvie Suite tbc)

5th February 2025

March 5th

April 2nd

May 7th

June 4th

September 3rd

October 1st

November 5th