



## Lairg Community Council

Minutes for meeting held in Lairg Community Centre, Kinvonvie Suite, Wednesday  
1st May 2024, 7pm

1. **Present:** Steven Maclean (Chair), Robert Johnstone, Iain Thomson, Louise Skinner, Catherine Macdonald, Jackie Young,  
Cllr Michael Baird (HC), Caroline McMorran (Northern Times), Miranda Jones (Secretary)  
Two members of the public

2. **Apologies:** Jamie Dick, John Sutherland

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None advised

4. **To confirm the minutes of the LCC meeting held on 3rd April 2024**

Proposed by RJ, seconded by Steven Maclean, minutes accepted

5. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

**ACTION:** Councillors to submit a list of roads in serious need of repair to Cllr Baird

6. **Police Report** none received

7. **LDCI Report** Work progressing on Ferrycroft Play Park. Equipment being purchased through the Highland Council (John Mackay).

Project Officer has returned to work following a period of absence due to illness.

Lunch club numbers are increasing.

Food larder and deliveries continuing.

The group is considering ideas for Phase 2 of the Play Park with a Skate Park being a possibility. Thought also being given to improving the car parking.

**ACTION:** LCC sub-group to meet with LDCI to consult on plans.

8. **Financial Report:** Main account £3757.61

April Paid out: £163.23 insurance, accounting, room hire charge for Comm Ctr.

HC grant money received

Wind Farm benefit fund £3713.84

April paid out: Microgrants to Lairg Gala Committee and Shinness Social Amenities.

Awaiting information from Golspie Youth Project.

**ACTION:** Template created to be used for microgrants going forward.

**ACTION:** LCC rates for bird hide owed, exemption needs to be completed. £12.45 fees to pay

**AGM actions needed** Agenda (to include apptmt of office bearers), all monthly minutes from 2023, audited accounts & draft AGM minutes to

[ccsupportnorthandeast@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ccsupportnorthandeast@highland.gov.uk)

**ACTION:** Iain to send 2023 monthly minutes and last year's AGM agenda and minutes to

[secretary.lairgcc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.lairgcc@gmail.com)

9. **Planning Applications** 1 x house in Gruids, no objections.

10. Tree at 68 Ord Place: unsafe, concern for storms. Cllr Baird has written to relevant dept. at the Highland Council

11. **Highland Councillor's Report**

Waste & Recycling Service Changes - coming to Sutherland in Sept 9th-27th

Existing Green Bin - will be used to recycle plastics, metals and cartons

- Collection every 4 weeks

Existing Blue Bin - will only be used to recycle paper, card & cardboard

- Collection every 4 weeks

New Grey non-recyclable waste bin

- Collection every 2 weeks

Food waste caddy (to be confirmed for Sutherland)

- Collection weekly

Roads update: Cllr Baird meeting with HC Chief Exec re state of Sutherland roads

Report signs in need of repair SM

SM - Cemetery: gates have gone for refurbishment - cemetery noted to be very tidy now

12. **Secretary - responsibilities & expectations**

**ACTION:** MJ to produce a brief outline of responsibilities of secretary role and expectations to be approved at the next meeting. To include: Minutes within 7 days, agenda 7 days before next scheduled meeting. Assist Treasurer with finances and invoice payments, check council emails weekly, present monthly income and expenditure for approval at Council meetings

13. **Correspondence** circulated to cllrs in advance of meeting

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 5th June 2024

7pm AGM

7.30pm monthly meeting

Meeting ends 19.45pm

### **Windfarm Community Benefit**

- a. Sub-panel for reviewing LCC grant applications - HB, IM, KH, CL  
£3k Lairg fund £3k Achany.

**ACTION:** JY to contact Lairg Estate for permission to clear Lochside

**ACTION:** SM to contact HC (Liam Clancy) for permission to maintain and tidy areas around Lairg

- b. Fuel Vouchers £2000 spent

**ACTION:** MJ to forward list of recipients to Chris Lee

- c. Grant applications
- d. Lunch Club paperwork
- e. Village Improvement Fund

**ACTION:** All to suggest ideas for best use of fund, to be discussed at next meeting

**ACTION:** Monthly council minutes to be sent to Creich Community Council