



## Lairg Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in Lairg Community Centre, Kinvonvie Suite

Wednesday 1st October 2025, 7pm

1. Present: Steve Maclean (SM), Jamie Dick (JD), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Jackie Young (JY) Cllr Michael Baird (MB), Caroline McMorran (Northern Times)  
Apologies: Louise Skinner, Iain Thompson, Catherine Macdonald
2. Declarations of Interest  
RJ - Chair LDCI item 6
3. To confirm the minutes of the LCC meeting held on 5th June 2025  
Proposed by JD, seconded JY, minutes approved
4. Matters arising from previous minutes  
Tree at Ord Place, no further update  
Graffiti in the village removed: LDCI applied for a grant to cover cost of removal  
Paintwork an issue on bridge at Lairg Station. ScotRail to be contacted.
5. LDCI Report
  - Progress made on signs for Tennis Court - ANSCO signs
  - Lairg Paddleboard Project - Highand Whole Family Wellbeing Fund granted money for wetsuits, buoyancy aids. Equipment will be stored Lochside.  
Clearing a site next to existing container at the Sailing club to store equipment. Thicker wetsuits bought so can paddle in Sept.

Beginning next year will publicise Lairg Teens clubs - local schools 8+ to teenager, after school clubs. Instructors live in Lairg  
MB suggested apply for Ward Discretionary Fund.

- Place Plan: Met with Steve Jack (FLS) to discuss ownership of land on left of track to Ferry Woods. Community asset transfer/lease - buying process lasts 18mths.
- Sailing club & slipway: spoken to Alistair Marshall re presenting HC with a proposed plan for redevelopment of the area. Extant right of way across the area
- 6th December - Winterfest

#### 6. Trees at Main Street corner

Council discussed the current works being undertaken by Energie Kontor  
Planned 5+ years ago - there were consultations  
Trees found to be rotten inside and a danger  
Paperwork and permissions correct. No preservation order on the trees  
Planting scheme for new trees part of conditions of permission

#### 7. Lairg Place Plan

Draft plan emailed to neighbouring community councils and all six Sutherland  
Councillors on 15th July  
Submitted to HC on 26th August  
Receipt acknowledged 01.09.25  
Mon 1 Sept, 14:08

*Dear Miranda,*

*I acknowledge receipt of your submission for the Lairg Local Place Plan.*

*This will be allocated to a member of our team to check its validity against the legal requirements. Once this checking has been completed we will prepare and send to you feedback including the outcome of the checks and, if not all requirements have been met, then what matters will need addressing in order for the LPP to pass all the checks and be registered.*

*We currently have a backlog of LPPs in the checking process that we are working through, so please do bear with us.*

*Kind regards,*

*David Cowie*

*Principal Planner*

*Development Plans Team*

8. Grant funding reporting.

Agreed SM to complete reporting for Foundation Scotland instead of MJ

9. Financial Report

Balances at 30.09.25:

**Treasurer's account:    £5525.28**

Out:    £4.25 Service Charge    on 29.09.25

Out:    £40 Skymount Ltd        on 26.09.25

**Windfarm account:    £1035.84**

Out:    £4.25 Service Charge    on 29.09.25

Out:    £250 LDCI                    on 05.09.25

Balances at 31.08.2025:

**Treasurer's account:    £5569.53**

Out:    £4.25 Service Charge    on 29.08.25

**Windfarm account:    £1290.09**

Out:    £4.25 Service Charge    on 29.08.25

Balances at 31.07.2025:

**Treasurer's account:    £5573.78**

Out:    £4.25 Service Charge        on 28.07.25

Out:    £16 Lairg Community Assoc    on 18.07.25

Out: £45 Secretariat Services on 17.07.25

**Windfarm account: £1294.34**

Out: £4.25 Service Charge on 28.07.25

Balances at 30.06.2025:

**Treasurer's account: £5639.03**

Out: £4.25 Service Charge on 30.06.25

Out: £16 Lairg Community Assoc on 03.06.25

**Windfarm account: £1298.59**

Out: £4.25 Service Charge on 30.06.25

#### 10. Lairg Primary School heating

MB - not received report back as to why heating not fixed.

PTA contacted LCC in June

MB temporary repairs in Easter, permanent repairs in summer. This was not done.

MB will chase.

#### 11. Highland Councillor's Report

Tree, Ord Place - no progress to report

Roads - strawberry road drumliah, 2 sections in Culrain. Tomich Road appalling. MB has raised it with the HC Roads Dept many times. Roads on agenda for Monday ward meeting

Rheanbreck is 172 on list for repair capital roads programme

Community Transport - HC has money available. MB to forward details

JY requested Migdale Strathy Ward update.

MB Peter Todd FOI requests re agency costings. Bimonthly meeting with Fiona

Thomas no update

12. Achany Wind Farm

13. Planning applications

Nothing to discuss

14. Correspondence

Maya Stewart Strath Tirry Wind Farm update on their Strath Tirry Section 42 Application to the Highland Council - application was approved by delegated authority

Invoices and a thank you letter from Royal Highland Education Trust

Consultation request Spital-Beaully

15. Any other competent business

None advised

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

5th November 2025, 7pm

Meeting end 8.05pm

**Private Session - Wind Farm Community Benefit**

Letter re Wind Farms

Fuel Vouchers to be discussed in November

Microgrant application from Sutherland Adventure Company **£250 awarded**

Microgrant application from Light Up Lairg **£250 awarded**