

NLCC Meeting 11.08.26 at 7.30pm in the NL Church hall

Present- Marylin Macdonald MMD (NLCC, NLVH), Elizabeth Maclellan EML (NLCC), Kathleen Cameron KC (NLCC, NLVH), Chris Boles CB (NLCC), Marie MacLachlan MML (NLCC, NLVH), Cllr Thomas MacLennan TML.

1. Apologies; PC Stephen Cooper
2. Adoption of previous minutes; proposed by KC, seconded by EML.
3. Matters arising;
4. North Ballachulish sign, KC hasn't managed to get in touch about it.
5. No police present; KC has brought up residents on the sex offenders register that she has concerns about. We will contact Stephen Cooper regarding the matter.
6. Defibrillators
 - I. Lawson has the battery for the old Post Office defibrillator.
 - II. The one to be installed at Onich services is in progress. MMD will speak to the electrician that installed the Roam West unit to see if he could install the new one in North Ballachulish. EML is currently storing the unit until installation. Once we have a date in place, it will be taken to Onich Services.
7. Treasurers report
 - Payments
 - £12 out for hall hire
 - +£760.91 from Highland Council (administrative CC grant)
 - +£719.03 from the Glen Righ Hydro Scheme Community Payout.

Current balance of **£2588.87**

- I. EML is owed £282.00 for purchasing the replacement battery for the defibrillator.
 - II. MMD has had a very kind donation of £50.00 towards defibrillator costs. TML is checking to see what the regs are regarding pad changes.
 - III. Going forward, we will have a fund solely towards defibrillator costs, we will have 3 in situ within Nether Lochaber very shortly and there are ongoing costs associated with the upkeep of defibrillators.
8. Planning

Chalet at Allt Nan Ros and alterations to car park. (TML refrained from any contribution on the matter)

The committee has concerns about access and the tree clearance involved to form the car parking, we will forward our concerns to the planning department. MML will put a letter together.

9. Village Hall update

Ongoing. Next soup & sandwich is on Monday 17th August. Stewart Livingston is actively seeking funding. Next meeting is on Thursday 13th August at 7.30pm in the NL Church Hall.

10. AOCB

- I. NLCC is very grateful to Don Michie for printing all our newsletters.
- II. MML-North Ballachulish sign has not been up in a long time, after previous emails, nothing has been done. TML is going to have a look when passing next and get in touch with the relevant bodies to get it reinstated.
- III. MML-Cycle/multi use path is in a terrible state. Stones, glass and debris from minor collisions have made the surface in very poor condition for all users. MML has emailed Ian Cameron of HC regarding the matter, Ian was very helpful previously at getting the path cleared. (HC took on responsibility for maintaining the path when it was installed, this agreement was made with Sustrans).
- IV. MML - Blue signs at Onich Services; there has been a blue sign installed adjacent to the picnic area at Camus a Chois (at Onich Services). The sign points the picnic area but also states there are toilet facilities and dining facilities. It is misleading and must cause severe inconvenience to Gleaner as their toilets are solely for customer use. It is also a concern that folk might use the area around the benches when no toilet facilities are available. TML is going to look at the sign when passing and find out who installed it and highlight the inaccuracies of it.
- V. CB brought up the interim elections. TML will find out more about specific dates etc. The NLCC are looking to recruit new members. MML will be leaving at the autumn elections.
- VI. MMD brought up speeding in North Ballachulish, particularly passing St Brides. PC Cooper had suggested a speed survey. MMD had emailed regarding the matter. On the 1st of April 2025 Cllr Baxter was present at our meeting, he agreed to speak to Kristen MacLoed of HC Roads dept, we never heard back regarding the outcome. TML and MML will both speak to Kristen about the possibility of a speed survey or to find out conclusions from last year.
- VII. TML brought up the poor sound quality in our meeting, he suggested if we needed equipment and couldn't afford it, we could perhaps apply for the HC discretionary fund.

9. Next meeting is the 8th of September at 7.30pm (MMD sends her apologies in advance)

Meeting ended 8.30pm

