



Lochgoil Community Trust

Community Transport update – September 2026

Lochgoil Community Trust have been researching a potential vehicle for community use and are considering the Kia PV5, an all-electric vehicle with a flexible 5-7 seater configuration:

- It does not need additional driver license classifications like the old community minibus so more people could drive it
- An electric vehicle would be greener and could be charged within the community rather than driving to a fuel station outside the glen
- The cost could be covered by the existing funds in the Transport account although we may also look at leasing options

The vehicle has only just become available, so the next step will be to arrange a test drive. In the meantime, we have purchased Optimise software which is an online booking system often used by community transport providers. As well as facilitating vehicle bookings, it can be used to manage volunteer drivers and car-share journeys. We are in the process of setting up and testing the software.

We will need to work out charges for hire of the vehicle so that we can cover the running costs, and subsidise its use for community events, but it is likely to be more affordable than hiring a minibus.

We are also investigating the feasibility of installing additional electric charging points or working with local businesses to use existing charging infrastructure.

We look forward to working with representatives from the new Community Council and continuing to work with Carrick Castle Trust.