



Lochgoil Community Trust

Minutes of a meeting on **Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 19:00**

1. Welcome and apologies

Lochgoil Community Trust is regulated by OSCR. Our aims and objectives are defined within our Articles of Association, and our priorities are informed by the extant Community Plan (currently the Local Place Plan). Our primary activities involve the acquisition and charitable distribution of funds and working on a voluntary basis on community projects. Membership of the Trust is open to all in the community. The appointment of the Board of Trustees is by election at our Annual General Meeting. Up to 9 elected and 3 co-opted Trustees can serve on the Board.

Present: Sheron Hambly (SH) (Chair), Lorraine Drew (LD), Tim King (TK), John Hawkins (JH), Neil Robson (NR)

Apologies: none.

Minute-taker – NR

Declarations of interest: TK is a director and Chair of Lochgoil Energy Ltd, a Director and Treasurer of the Argyll Fisheries Trust, and Treasurer of the River Gail Angling Club. JH is a director of Lochgoil Energy Ltd.

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed by LD seconded by TK

3. Action List from previous meeting (as per minutes)

SH to notify funding decision to Village Hall. Complete.

SH to notify funding decision to Community Council. Complete.

SH to notify funding decision to Parent Council. Complete.

LD to meet with AFG to discuss playpark – Complete

LD to submit funding application for playpark repairs – complete

JH/TK to discuss charging infrastructure

TK to add JH as LEL director

4. Treasurer's report:

Old Account - £17,834

New account - £163.673

Total: £181,507

Funds available for distribution – Approx £131,000

Community Transport Account - £ 40,351

TK and SH have contacted RBS for the various bank accounts. Process of updating contacts continues. Some progress made.



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5. LEL

Dividend for FY26 of £35,000 paid into Trust account. Profits this year are more in-line with normal market electricity prices but reflect the positive impact of paying off our SIB loan.

6. Community project updates

Playpark – LD

LD met with Andrea (AFG) several decisions and actions were agreed:

LD to submit funding application for repairs and removal of equipment. Complete

LD to contact contractor and organise work. Complete.

SH to check planning requirements. LLTNPA confirmed there should be no change for the equipment upgrade but suggested submitting a pre planning form in case there are issues with the adjacent area. Work in progress

LD to update FLS about land transfer and get quote from solicitor. FLS contacted and have requested a site visit to look at boundaries – TBA. Waiting for response from solicitor.

AFG to draft tender for refurbishment of equipment. Complete.

SH to check insurance implications for equipment such as zip-wires.CF

LD to engage with parents once repairs have been completed.

Community Transport – JH - Meeting with Carrick needs to be rearranged. TK has started setting up Optimise Community Transport software. As well as volunteer drivers we can register people willing to take passengers on existing journeys, for example their regular commutes. TK/JH to meet regarding charging infrastructure. JH has emailed Argyll and Bute regarding funding. JH booked Strachur minibus for Highland Games in Inveraray which was well attended.

Community Gardens TK – parking signage to be installed. As the National Lottery funding for garden repairs is now complete, TK applied for £10,000 further National Lottery funding to replace the gazebo and furniture damaged in storm Amy, but our application was unsuccessful due to the high number of applications.

Invasive non-native species - JH will book courses and will link with CC. Contact made with Hazel Walker from FLS. LLTNPA have asked to be kept informed of progress.

River Goil – flood mitigation (NRF funding)

TK - Contact made with SEPA who confirmed they have no real issues with the project. FLS (the landowner) visited the site and reviewed all works on the river so far. They are very supportive of the project but were concerned that there might be an issue with their internal systems not being able to respond in time to give the National Park confidence to commit the £150k funding, despite having had the feasibility study for over a year. The National Park are also helping to apply pressure to FLS to make the project happen. TK progressing with planning application and detailed design works.

Community Hall Hire SH – invoices paid for the Art class, chiropody and music sessions.



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7. Funding applications

Playpark - LD submitted application for repairs and removal of playpark equipment. Approved.

Seawall – Lochgoil Trust consider that a revised quote from Ross MacArthur for a partial repair costing £22,600, offers value for money for community funds - it would provide a repair to the most damaged section of the wall and restore public access to that part of the Village Green. This would be of immediate benefit to the community and therefore Trust funding could be approved, with the proviso that external funding is sought for the rest of the work. This is consistent with previous funding decisions - the Trust has placed funding limits and caveats on other large scale capital projects. SH to update the Hall trustees.

The Hall trustees favour the option of a total rebuild of the entire length of the wall. On top of the £900 survey already funded by the community, they have been advised by AM that they will need to pay for additional surveys to support an application to the Coastal Communities fund for the total rebuild costs. This fund is often oversubscribed, and competition is likely to include larger communities and high-profile economic regeneration projects.

Due to the significant risk attached to this approach, a further application for community funds for the additional surveys would most likely be unsuccessful. If the Hall trustees pursue the full rebuild option, the Trust recommend that they consider alternative funding options and make plans for fundraising for match funding.

Resilience –application from the emergency planning group for the £1,500 match funding for the £15,000 application that the Trust submitted to SSEN in May. On hold until we receive notification from SSEN expected mid-August.

Wild Goilers queried response to their funding request to LLTNPA. SH followed up but all revenue funding has been allocated. Signposted to alternative funding sources. They may also apply to the Trust for funding.

Wellbeing/Meet up Mondays – the Trust have been facilitating payments from the external funding secured by EC since the start of the project. No payments have been requested since March but CC have assured SH that everything is in hand and still within budget.

8. Communications/Letters received

None.

9. Any other business

SH met with Drew Snow who has expressed an interest in being co-opted as a Director. All in agreement, Drew to be invited to the next meeting.

Two new members joined this month, membership is free by completing this [membership form](#)

10. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 @ 7.00pm by Zoom.