

Loch Goil Community Council Monday 12th October 2026

Community Councillors present:

Andrea Finkel-Gates - Chair (AFG)

Colin Mitchell– Vice Chair (CM)

Lucy Clabby – Secretary (LC)

Samantha Moorehouse – Treasurer (SM)

Jeremy Game (JG)

Alastair Moodie (AM)

Tom Murray - (TM)

Argyll & Bute Councilors

Gordon Blair

Apologies

David Nairn (DN)

Declarations of interest

AFG (Community Ready App – create by AdFG – Adam Finkel-Gates)

Welcome

AFG welcomes everyone. Explained the new seating arrangements and asked for feedback to LGCC email address.

Minutes of September 26 meeting, passed as read:

Proposer – AM

Seconder – CM

LPP Portfolio updates

Communication & Engagement – LC

LC updated that post-Sept meeting, had met with AdFG to discuss moving forward with the community ready App, devising a 'train the trainer' tutorial for stakeholders who will have their own respective pages and that two training dates had been promulgated to the stakeholders, with good sign up rate, this will help for the subsequent launching of the App on the 17th Oct at the resilience information day. LC has begun creating a distribution list and up to date contact list for all community groups, trusts and stakeholders to build relationship and include them in updates with the Community ready App etc.

TM asked why he had not received any communications from LC regarding minutes, agendas etc. other committee members stated they had received these emails in a timely manner, and suggested TM checked his spam/junk folder for all correspondence. TM reminded LC that all agendas must be disseminated at least 7days before a committee meeting.

Iain MacInnes (IM) asked for it to be noted in the minutes, his disappointment that a rep from Argyll & Bute council was not present. (NB- GB joined the meeting late and sent his apologies for being late).

Action point – LC to continue to prioritise the community comms plan and report back to the committee and community at the next meeting

Roads, Transport & Infrastructure – JG

JG updated the committee that he was waiting for additional information from the trust regarding the community vehicle. It was explained that the contact was currently away and would be able to update on their return.

JG is looking into the viability of the water taxi suggestion, currently looking at Loch Lomond's model for this.

JG has sent a letter to A&B council regarding the current state of our roads. He will report back when he has received a response. In addition, has communicated with the forestry regarding the condition of the roads around the arboretum.

JG has joined the Cowal transport forum, on behalf of LGCC.

Update on the bridge works, currently waiting for Carpenters.

Action points – JG

- To continue to investigate the viability of a water taxi in the local vicinity.
- To continue to create a road report mechanism for residents to utilise
- Update committee on a response from A&B council letter re roads

Housing & Place – AFG

AFG updated on the current play park project, which is currently in the final stages of the tender process within the framework agreement. Whilst simultaneously looking at the potential funding streams that are available to the project with the trust, for example match funding and potential grants.

AFG has contacted Carrick trust and arranged to a date to identify potential empty properties to notify A&B council.

Action points – AFG

- To update the committee on the Tender being awarded to a contractor for the play park.
- To update the committee on any findings regarding potential empty homes in Carrick.

Resilience & Energy – AM

AM updated the committee on the resilience information event, being held on Saturday 17th October in the village Hall (in collaboration with the Apple event) where relevant stakeholders and organisations will be on hand to offer advice and guidance to attendees, examples given were local emergency departments, energy suppliers and representatives from the resilience sub-committee and welfare element of A&B council, in addition, the fire brigade will be attend.

AM invited another member of the sub-committee (Adam Finkel-Gates) to share an update on the community App that was unanimously voted through at Sept meeting. AdFG updated on the training and tutorials already discussed by LC and talked through what information would be available when the App goes live on 17th Oct. Questions from the attendees were relating to the App being available for desktop, rather than just an App (Desktop format is available). AdFG announced that LC would be the POC for the community ready App from the committee. CM noted that he has had star link installed into The Gail Inn, which can be annotated onto the village map and emergency plan as a resource.

The contract for the App was discussed. The first 12 months are free of charge (FOC) as it is a pilot scheme. £800+VAT thereafter. AdFG was asked where the funding will come from after the pilot (This will be confirmed NLT 12th August 2027, the date of our contract break clause, to be discussed in June 27 meeting). Committee voted to trial the App until 12th Aug 27. Attendee asked if App would be compatible with sight impairment software downloaded onto their smartphone. AdFG will report back. Attendee questioned AdFG on how much the current internet platform was costing the community, which AdFG would confirm at the next meeting he will be in attendance of.

Action points - AM

- To send poster/information to the website and Facebook page for this Saturdays event.
- Update committee on the E-booklet going onto the community Ready App.

Planning – TM

TM updated the committee on 2 current planning applications and a prior notification to an extension of a forestry track (REF:2026/0241/MOT) within and outside our AOR.

Important to note, Church building (listed) in Carrick have applied for alterations to their initial planning application.

The applications are available on request to the committee and via A&B Council/Loch Lomond & The Trossachs planning portal.

Wellbeing – SM

More volunteer cooks are required for meet up Monday, please contact SM directly if you can volunteer.

SM is currently looking into funding opportunities and ideas that will support the wellbeing of the community.

Councillor Gordon Blair (GB) –

Raised by **AFG** that LGCC & LGT write to A&B council regarding lack of refuse/recycling collection and lack of bins within the main refuse area in the village.

GB was welcomed by AFG to the meeting, and he would ensure a costings form would be sent to the committee regarding the viability of an uplift in the quantity of the bins. GB asked what we want. Bigger bins, more bins or more frequent collections. More likely to be the former. AFG stated it was predominantly a summer issue.

Previous AP (CM) completed the task of contacting A&B council to empty the recycling and glass bins in the village carpark.

GB was asked about the planned long-term works to A83 and the letters that have been sent to residents. He will contact BEAR Scotland, for a full update and the facts and will forward to LGCC in short order.

Lochgoil Trust update:

- Approved the resilience group funding request of £7,000 and match funded the application for the generator (to be located at the village Hall).
- The trust has now approved over £260,000 different funding applications which support our community.
- The trust has received circa £35,000 in dividends from the hydro (Sharon thanked the previous members of the trust for their foresight in this matter).

Carrick Community Trust update:

- Continue the ongoing project of the jetty. Currently at the funding stage of application. The surveys have been completed. Have recently formed The Carrick Jetty trust as a sub-committee of The Carrick community trust.
- The trust has banking facilities once again.
- AGM, planned in the foreseeable future for the trust.

The Village Hall update:

- IM informed the committee of purchasing a further 500L of Heating oil for the hall and asked all users to ensure the thermostat is turned down after the hall is used to conserve fuel.
- The base for the newly ordered generator (for the community hub during power outages) has been installed.
- Bookings are now starting to come in for Christmas (x2 so far)
- Thurs 22nd Oct at 11.30 RBS Bank drop in/health check for RBS customers, in addition to the mobile bank, that is available from 10.30 in the carpark.

Cormonachan Woodland Trust update:

- AGM 4th November. Guest speakers will be in attendance to talk on the woodlands past, present and future

Lochgoil Jetty trust

- Imminent meeting to discuss winter maintenance programme for the jetty
- JG discussed the public toilets, and GB suggested a revamp funding source for public conveniences, which he will raise at the area meeting, disabled facilities would also make the area a more desirable location for visitors. GB also mentioned funding for a feasibility study into extending the facilities to include a disabled accessible shower facility too.

Treasury update and 50/50

SM: Treasurers liquidity state is unavailable at this meeting, due to transfer of bank accounts still taking place. LGT have kindly offered to cover any outstanding payment shortfalls until we have full access.

50/50 unable to go ahead for this meeting only (it's up to date as at end of Sept 26). SM awaiting handover from Graham, has applied for a transfer of the gambling license and will then begin to reinvigorate 50/50, within the community.

Police Report – Reported crime on September 26

- 1x Attempted Fraud
- 1x Failure to stop at an accident
- 1x Assault
- 1x Threatening and abusive behaviour

AOB

Surveys for full fibre for our AOR has been completed, proposed that it will be available circa Summer 27 (subject to change).

Book exchange (currently in storage) needs to find a new location, **AP – AFG to investigate a suitable storage location.**

Community Payback Order Consultation has been sent to the committee for completion. POC (IM) stated that he has already completed on behalf of the community as he is the POC for supervising their work in our area of responsibility (AOR).

Remembrance Day falls before the next LGCC meeting. A fundraiser event, will be held in the village Hall on Saturday 7th November and Remembrance Sunday will be held the following day, with a church service and wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial.

Meeting End

Next meeting Monday 9th November at 18.30 (zoom link to follow).