

Draft Minutes

Laggan CC – Ordinary Meeting No 14.

21st July 2025 - 18:30 Laggan Village Hall

1. Attendees Present – K Thew (Chair), A Gallagher (Sec) Cath Hamill (Treas) A Armstrong, V Macpherson, A Todd.

K Deans (CNPA), R Cummings.

Meeting declared quorate and commenced 18:35

Apologies: R Jones (THC)

2. Approval of Minutes May 2025 – Minutes agreed. KT/AG

3. Matters Arising and Actions from previous meeting

- Badenoch Broadband update – (AG) The update we were to provide to the meeting has been overtaken by the open event held by BB last week. Information from them has been shared.

4. Loch Earba Pump Hydro Storage Update (AT)

- SSEN-T Coire Mashie – SSE have now provided us with further information and maps to show possible access tracks to each of the proposed substation sites. This has been shared with the community
- Earba Alliance – An email address has been set up specifically for the Alliance group in order to present a united voice. A group structure is still under discussion (Chair, Sec etc) as is the number of attendees per Community Council. LCC will continue to attend with rotation of attending members as necessary.
- Gilkes and Foundation Scotland meeting update – A meeting was held at the Village Hall with Highland Council Development Officers, Earba Alliance Group and Gilkes. A representative from Foundation Scotland was also in attendance. The position of the Alliance is that we should not engage with Gilkes until we have the result of the Cap and Flow, the outcome from the government consultations to which Laggan recently responded on behalf of LCC and until a final developer has been decided. As a result of the meeting LCC will meet independently with Rachel Searle of Foundation Scotland regarding potential assistance with managing community benefits.
- Engagement with Transport Scotland – Laggan and Newtonmore CCs have issued a joint letter to Transport Scotland outlining our concerns about the condition and visibility of the roads (A86, A889) The other CCs have also written separately to TS.
- Next steps – AT will draft a letter to Gilkes as a formal follow up to the meeting.

5. Invitation to attend Community Council Convention Meeting 12th August 2025 at Kingsmills Hotel 1.30 - 3.30 – KT and AG will attend on behalf of LCC and report back

6. Student Grant launch- We now have the applications forms which will be made available on our website by end July. Applications should be sent to chairlcc@laggan.com with proof of course enrolment and residency. Once confirmed, payment will be made to the student from ringfenced funds provided by SSE. There will be no deadline for applications, they will be taken on an ongoing basis throughout the year, but we will run funding on an annual basis from September to August for maintenance of financial recording.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer report Laggan Community Council

1 May–30 June 2025

<i>Previous bank balance:</i>			£3618.51
	Previous sub-totals	+/- since previous meeting	
Council funds:	£616.68		
- Hostworld. SSL Certificate		-42.12	
<i>Balance</i>			574.56
Ringfenced:			
SSE Micro Grant money	£2870.76		
Microsoft licence – Laggan Matters		-84.99	
<i>Balance</i>			2785.77
CNPA funds for environmental/litter projects	£51.07	£0	£51.07
Current bank balance (574.56+2785.77+ 51.07)			£3411.4

Accounts prepared by C. Hamill

Printer/printing costs. Agreed by members present to provide recompense to KT for outlay for new printer in the amount of £41 and printer ink as and when required.

8. Statutory Items for Community Council to note and discuss

a. Planning Applications Update - none

b. New Planning Applications –

- **24/01679/FUL** Land 4350m west of S Lodge Dalwhinnie 25 M Lattice
- **24/05323/FUL** 32.5m high Lattice tower etc 5 KM SE of Fersit House, Tulloch,

Both planning applications have been withdrawn. These masts fall under a different scheme (government) than the mast which was given approval at Creag Dhu. (O2). Under the government scheme a total of 258 masts of this type have been withdrawn, 44 have been reserved for areas such as the West Highland Way.

9. Licencing Update – Nothing to report

10. Roads – We will continue to update the community as we receive any updates from Transport Scotland or Highland Council.

11. Public Sector Agencies -Nothing to report

12. Highland Council

- Bin collection Balgowan – AG to contact the resident to ascertain whether problem now resolved.
- Street Lighting – issues with street lighting have been resolved.

13. Laggan Community Action Plan - Active Travel/Connecting Laggan, CNPA (Cairngorms 2030), Christmas Lights, Village Amenity Group, Public Toilet

- Laggan Community Development Trust – We now have commitments from several residents which will allow us to proceed with our application to OSCR to form a CDT. KT to confirm procedure with VABS. Thank you to everyone who has given agreement so far. We hope that over the coming months many more will become members.
- Allotment update. We have an agreement in principle to set up an area of small allotments within Gergask. Paperwork is currently being drawn up.
- Christmas Lights – We will contact The Highland Council. (AT/KT)
- Paths update – The Balgowan Woods path works will commence at the beginning of September. The park path is delayed as we wait to engage a new consultant. The path to the Memorial is unlikely to commence before the end of the year but remains a work in progress.

An invitation to a meeting was sent, possibly to LFT, via VABS and the Moray Paths Group. Information about the meeting can be found on the CNPA website. Feedback about navigation of the new website to be given to KD. AG to check with Cristian P whether he has received this invitation.

- Toilet update – Funding remains available, and we will continue to work with Newtonmore church until such time as we can take over the running of the facility via the CDT.

14. AOB – Date of next meeting to be sent to C Slimon regarding future hall booking for LCC meetings

15. Date of next meeting – 15 September 2025 – Laggan Village Hall