

Draft Minutes

Laggan CC – Ordinary Meeting No. 20

16th March 2026 - 18:30

Laggan Wolftrax

1. Attendees: AA, CH, VM, KT, WT, RJ (THC)

Apologies MK

2. Approval of Minutes February 2026 : Nominated WT, Seconded CH.

3. Matters Arising and Actions from previous meeting

Abandoned Cars – KT is currently dealing with the THC and will continue to request removal of the vehicles which are situated at Dun Da Lamh car park area and Dalwhinnie (just off the A9)

4. Loch Earba Pump Hydro Storage Update – Currently still no update on the Cap & Floor Westminster guarantees, for this project. The access track from Loch na Earba up to the top loch (Loch a Bealach Leamhain), being constructed by George Campbell plant, is now almost complete. A preferred contractor for the geological test bores is in the process of being appointed. Next Earba Alliance meeting will be held in April, hosted by Newtonmore and vicinity community council (NVCC). A full report on that meeting will be given at the next LCC meeting. With regard to the ongoing issue of the roads, LCC have sent a further letter to Transport Scotland which includes photographic evidence of the state of disrepair of our roads. (A86, A889) to highlight how unfit for purpose they are and to once more request that they are brought up to standard particularly given the predicted increase in traffic due to this development.

5. Financial Report

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

- **Laggan Community Development Trust** – The LCDT now have a bank account. This means that their Treasurer, Pat Gallagher can deal directly with C Masheter of SSEN to request funds. A small “launch” event is scheduled to which the other “Laggan Groups” have been invited. LCDT propose to hold a further event in the summer which will include the whole community.
- **Active travel – Community Connections** KT joined the Travel Forum at their recent meeting. There was representation from Highland Council, LNER trains, Ember Bus, Kingussie High School, VABS and other local Community Councils. Several items were discussed with common issues throughout Badenoch and Strathspey. We were able to add our voice to the discussions around the lack of local public transport. This is an issue which does affect the larger towns as well as our much smaller villages, albeit to differing degrees, and in particular there is concern around the lack of connectivity between buses and trains. The current contract for the local buses will be concluded in 2028. It is hoped that the new contractor will be able to offer solutions. A presentation was given to the meeting from Emily Davie of the Trossachs Explorer Bus Service. This is a small minibuss circuit serving Loch Lomond and the Trossachs for both locals and visitors. KT to contact Emily Davie to gain further information which can then be given to the community. If you have any issues that you would like us to take forward to the Transport Forum at their next meeting, please contact chairlcc@laggan.com
- **CNPA – 2030 Panel Fund** No CNPA representative present to supply any update.
- **Christmas Lights** – Cllr Russell Jones had the following response from THC in connection with our request for upgraded street lighting to be able to accommodate Christmas lights. *“We’re*

just finalising our programme for next year, I've included Laggan, no firm date as yet for the works but likely over the summer." KT to follow up

- **Paths/Park/Planters.** No update on proposed works on the paths for park. Summer bedding plants were ordered last year, and they may well arrive before the next LCC meeting. If you would like to offer assistance in the maintenance and planting this year, please contact info@laggan.com - CH to draft an email to residents when a date has been chosen to plant them. If there are excess plants then, as previously agreed, additional planters will be purchased and placed around the village.
- **Toilet** - Nothing new.
- **Resilience/Emergency Plan** - Our thanks to Cath Hamill for the work she has put into drafting our Resilience Plan. The next step will be to meet with the various Laggan groups to explore what they see as being necessary for inclusion in the Resilience Plan and whether they would like to be involved.

7. Statutory Items for Community Council to note and discuss

a. Planning Applications Update:

25/04860.FUL Conversion and change of use to conference facility and office. 40m SW of Mains of Aberarder, Kinloch Laggan. 10 Feb for representations. Not commented. **Still under consideration.** For information only.

26/00049/FUL Change of use property for short-term letting unit. Old Tullochroam, Kinloch Laggan. 13 Feb for representations. Not commented. **Still under consideration.** For info only.

23/02328/FUL Installation of 25m high telecoms mast, cabinets, generator, formation of 175m access track – **Application withdrawn** (applied for in 2023). For information only.

b. New Planning Applications

Ref. No: 26/00761/SCRE - EIA Screening Opinion Request for the proposed Coire Mashie Substation Land 2KM SE Of Feagour Cottage Kinloch Laggan. | Received: Tue 17 Feb 2026 | Validated: Tue 17 Feb 2026 | Status: under consideration.

Ref. No: 26/00651/FUL - Construction of replacement bridge. Land 535M North of Sherramore Lodge Laggan. Received: Fri 13 Feb 2026 | Validated: Fri 27 Feb 2026 | Status: under consideration.

Ref. No: 26/00464/SCRE - EIA Screening Opinion Request for the proposed reconfiguration of the existing Overhead Line (OHL) at the location of the proposed Coire Mashie 400kV Substation, near Laggan. Land 2KM SE Of Feagour Cottage Kinloch Laggan. Received: Tue 03 Feb 2026 | Validated: Tue 03 Feb 2026 | Status: under consideration.

8. Licencing Update - nothing to note

9. Roads – As metioned above, LCC have sent a further letter to Transport Scotland with photographic evidence of the state of disrepair of our roads (A86, A889) and asking for action to improve them.

10. Public Sector – Police Report attached – Appendix (i)

11. Highland Council

- **Roads** – The Shared Space signs are now up on Glentruim Road and a 40mph limit is now in place. LCC thanks to RJ for facilitating this.

Some work has been done on the potholes along the village road and Gergask avenue. More works will be carried out when the weather allows for more thorough repairs. KT is in contact with THC in this regard.

We were asked to request works to be carried out on the village footpaths. THC have replied advising that there is no capacity to have pavement works carried out at this time. KT will continue to liaise with them in this regard.

- **Badenoch and Strathspey Transport Forum** – Second meeting was held last week. Next meeting will be in three months' time. See point 6 above for further information
- **Tree at church** –No progress as yet. However, it has been ascertained that the land is owned by THC - there is an issue with access. RJ to chase up with THC.
- **New website – project pack** – log your project in the bag and there might be some startup funding available or can sit in the “bag” - RJ to send me some cards for it. HC or comm regeneration funding. Gets it to “shovel ready” stage HOLD UNTIL I HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION or amend if you like

12. AOB – Vattenfall wind farm project (Glenmarkie Windfarm) This project is still in the preliminary stages. KT/CH met with Vattenfall representatives 15/03/26 where we raised some issues that the community is facing with the Earba/SSEN projects. For example, turbine height and lighting concerns. These were issues raised by community members. Whilst the turbine height is industry standard these days, Vattenfall are looking into ways to mitigate the lighting issue possibly by requesting a Transponder Exclusion Zone which would mean the lights would only come on when a plane flew close by. Vattenfall have assured LCC that all aspects of the environmental impact reports etc will be carried out by independent experts. They expressed a willingness to assist (with advice) with community projects such as moving towards a net zero village, even before the project is submitted for planning. even will also This will be of benefit to the community even if the Vattenfall windfarm does not progress.

13. Date of next meeting: 18 May @ Laggan Community Hall