

Minutes. Laggan CC – Ordinary Meeting No. 23

17th August 2026 - 18:30 Laggan Community Hall

1. Attendees K Thew, A Armstrong, A Gallagher, C Hamill, W Todd, R Jones (THC)

Apologies M Khazaka, V Macpherson, A Todd, K Deans (CNPA)

2. Approval of Minutes Proposed by WT, Seconded by CH

3. Matters Arising and Actions from previous meeting

- **Memorandum of Understanding** between LCC and LCDT – the document has been agreed and can now be signed by the chair of each group. An electronic signature is acceptable and the document will be forwarded to the chair LCDT in PDF form. A copy of this document should then be held by each group.
- Liam Irving of New Cross Filming has contacted LCC and advised us of 9th and 17th September at Garva Road will be closed to public. A further letter to residents will be issued via the info@laggan.com email system at the beginning of September. The closure is from Garva Bridge towards the Corrieyairack Pass and will affect only vehicular access.

4. Loch Earba Pump Hydro Storage Update – there has been no update issued for August by Gilkes. We are aware however, of the recent announcement that this scheme is one of a limited number to progress to a shortlist for the Government sponsored Cap and Floor guarantee.

5. SSE Updates

6. Student Grants -sub group required. The project has been running for one year and there is a need to review the MoU to ensure that it meets the needs of the community. KT to invite council members to an informal meeting to discuss this scheme as well as the apprenticeship scheme and other grant mechanisms.

Moving forward, a small sub group of 2—3 people is also needed to administer the scheme (reviewing applications and making recommendations on eligibility/amount). WT has volunteered but at least one more person is needed.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer report Laggan Community Council

1 May 2026–17 August 2026

<i>Previous bank balance: £3327.38</i>	£	£	£
	Previous sub-totals	+/- since previous meeting	
Council funds:	319.15		
Laggan toilet cleaning April/May/June/July		-1200.00	-880.85
Toilet paper May–August		-61.52	-942.37
HC comfort scheme grant April/May/June/July		+800.00	-142.37
Cash donations toilet		+456.00	313.63
Community hall hire LCC May meeting		-20.00	293.63
Community hall hire AGM June		-20.00	273.63
Accounts audit		-35.00	238.63
Hostworld SSL certificate		-42.12	196.51
HC Annual grant		+788.30	984.81
<i>Balance Subtotal</i>			984.81
Ringfenced:			
SSE Micro Grant Fund	957.16		
Renewal of microgrants fund		+5000.00	5957.16
Compost for village flowers		-70.00	5887.16
Bedding plants		-47.50	5839.66
LCDT			
Laggan Community hall hire for LCDT launch		-15.00	5824.66
<i>Balance Subtotal</i>			5824.66
SSE Student Grant Fund	2000		2000
Student grant Payment		-100.00	
Student grant top up from Stronelairst fund		+5000	6900.00
<i>Balance Subtotal</i>			6900.00
CNPA funds (environmental/litter projects)	51.07	0	51.07
<i>Balance Subtotal</i>			51.07
Current bank balance (984.81+5824.66+6900+51.07)			13760.54

Accounts prepared by C. Hamill

Discussions about building up funds for resilience. CH has looked into various account options and advised that there is a 35 day notice account available. This would allow us to accrue interest at a rate of 2%. It was agreed that we should take this forward.

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

- **Laggan Community Development Trust** – Nothing to note
- **Active travel** - nothing to note
- **CNPA** Nothing to note.
- **Christmas Lights** – There are works required on some of the village lamp posts electrical systems, the posts require painting and new brackets will be fitted. Eleven new Christmas

lights are on order via the Highland Council. THC will provide sockets, fit the lights for the first year and make any necessary adjustments. CH has applied to Stronelaig Community Fund and to SSEN-T directly for funding assistance. Thanks to Ben Alder for their kind offer of assistance with telehandler and uplift. KT to ask THC about using the school outbuilding for storage.

- **Paths/Park/Planters** – Work on the paths in the park is still planned, we await confirmation of a start date from the contractor.

LCC and Laggan Community Housing (LCH) have met with Lynn McGilvary of THC to determine whether we might be able to have additional play equipment installed (as requested by our young users of the park). Following this meeting KT met with a representative from Proludic who was able to provide options and easy to achieve repositioning of some of the current equipment. Groundworks for any repositioning can be done for us by this company, however, we can keep costs down by having a team of volunteers carry out preliminary groundwork.

KT and P Gallagher of LCDT have now met with CPOA rangers who can help us with this task by arranging a volunteer day. If you would like to volunteer please contact

chairlcc@laggan.com We will keep you update of any potential dates.

- **Toilet** - We have created a new set of signs to be laminated and put up in the public toilet in an effort to encourage donations to help meet monthly expenditure. It is hoped that in the future the toilet would fall under the remit of LCDT but we will continue to operate the comfort scheme until such time as a transfer is appropriate.
- **Resilience/Emergency Plan** - Following agreement by LCC, CH will add their contact details to the plan. The Plan won't be shared with general public. Next meeting of the sub group will be end of August following which CH should be able to provide us with an updated plan. There should then be a public meeting to solicit help from the community and ask for volunteers who may be able to help with any skills or equipment. We will be seeking to meet with Sandy McCook, Nethy Bridge Community Council, to gain insights from recent events in his area, which may be an excellent opportunity for other CCs to also meet. We can ask CNPA to assist in arranging this. RJ advised that this was discussed at councillors' ward meeting recently. He will bring this as a motion to the next HC meeting.

9. Statutory Items for Community Council to note and discuss

a. New Planning Applications:

26/02946/CLE Feagour Cottage Kinloch Laggan – Use of property as short term letting prop. 4/5/26
– Planning permission has been granted.

26/01963/FUL Erection of House(renewal of 210381/FUL Land south of Feagour Cottage Under consideration – Previously granted in 2021, which had a lot of constraints.

b. Planning Applications Update:

26/0098/DET (26/00993/S42 Laggan Distillery – This change in conditions to the original planning permission was called in by CNPA and following a special meeting was allowed. The change in conditions will allow a further 3 years before any works must commence.

24/01732/PSCON Melgarve – The time for any submission from LCC has passed with no benefit in LCC making any comment. Details appeared to be identical to the 2023 approved application. CH has been informed by SSE that the Melgarve Community Benefit Fund has already been established by SSE and consultation/negotiations with the community will likely begin in the Autumn.

10. Licencing Update – Nothing to report.

11. Roads Strathmashie Road works overnight -insert.

KT and CH had a recent meeting with G Leadbitter, MP regarding the lack of action and engagement from Transport Scotland. He has undertaken to ask TS to come to Laggan to discuss and review the state of our roads. RJ will also be meeting with TS and will raise our concerns with them as well. CH will provide RJ with our previous correspondence to TS and photos of the roads.

12. Public Sector Nothing to report

13. Highland Council – Tree roots on Laggan Road (General Wades Military Road) and pavements around the Gergask area– Potential solutions are being sought. Flowers provided by THC to all local communities were noted as not being up to usual standards. This information has been reported to THC from several communities and has been taken on board with a promise that more effort to provide good specimens will be made for next year.

14. AOB

- AT provided information about the community Electric bikes which was shared at the meeting. AA queried whether this information had been confirmed with C Pizarro and will make checks for us in this regard.
- CC forum – Tuesday 25th August AG can no longer attend.

15. Date of next meeting: 28 sept Wolftrax