

LTMC AGM draft minutes 2023

Thursday December 7th 2023 8-9.15pm at the Braid Hills Hotel

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Dot Greig was in the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking members for turning out on a cold and very wet night.

Apologies: Jean Baillie, Barbara Darcy, David Leslie, Oli & Val Ludlow, Neil & Alison Macdonald, Shonagh Potter, Helen Roy.

Present: Brian & Jenny Carson, Dot Greig, Chris & Janet Hodgson, Sheila Kennedy, Tony Kent, Alex Laidlaw, Ron Loan, Anne Lyall, Gordon & Anne McKay, Anne Moss, Douglas & Jeanette Fraser, Bert & Karen Stevenson, Rob & Frances Williamson.

2. **Minute Taker:** Brian Carson

3. **Minutes of last year 2022 adopted.** Proposed by Tony Seconded by Sheila

4. **Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere:** none

4a. **Report of the Year's Activities.** Dot Greig

Meets have been well attended and a good number of hills climbed – munros, corbetts and others. Weather has been, as usual, mixed, but several excellent days were enjoyed, and on all meets many walks either low level or hills - munros, corbetts and others- were completed.

January - Inverary Burns Supper Meet - a new venue which worked well for the very healthy number of members who attended. Notable was the stunning day on Loch Lomondside for the drive to the meet on Friday. Saturday was damp but everyone got out walking somewhere, or visiting interesting sites. In the evening we enjoyed great food and entertainment. Sunday was wet.

February, Milehouse: both days were good, notably Sunday where conditions in the hills in germs of weather were Alpine, albeit with not much snow.

At Blackrock we were back to low cloud and rain, and Anne was halfway up a Corbett before she realised that she had already done it!

Aultbea in early May was a new venue for us – a nice hut but rather interesting seating – not good for those of us with sore knees!

At the second long weekend meet in May, at Inverie, Knoydart, cycling was popular but the midges were a bit of a nightmare.

Our return to Invergarry in August was another most enjoyable meet – lots of potential for different areas to explore and really quite a luxurious lodge/hostel, especially the amazing drying room. Weather was pretty good though some of us did get a bit wet on the Saturday.

At Elphin, once again the weather on Saturday was stunning.

At Muir Cottage, the weather, although windy, did not prevent members from getting into the hills in this beautiful area, resplendent in Autumn colours and baying stags.

At the Dinner Meet at Boat of Garten in November, two excellent days were enjoyed, particularly for those who were lucky enough to get above the cloud inversion. Sunday was cloudier but the munro tops were still clear at Drumochter. As ever, copious amounts of good food were enjoyed and most enjoyable entertainment was laid on by Sheila, Janet and Dot. The only black spot was yours truly getting the balaclava, so I have 12 months to learn how to embroider a head torch!

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Finally, Inverardran in December. Although the Ochils hut was shared by two other groups, it was fun meeting other folks and there were no problems sharing the kitchen as the other groups ate out on a different night. Jenny completed her 150th munro, Sgiath Chùil, on a beautiful and very wintry day with blue sky summits due to another temperature inversion.

5. Treasurer's Report – Dot Greig

a. Adoption of 2023 Accounts

Summary accounts were circulated previously. Dot reported that outgoings were higher due to a donation to OATS (Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland), but the Burns Meet had made a healthy profit because we were working with 2022 costings and there were more attendees than anticipated. So in October we had a healthy balance of £1760. The new meet booking system had been successful and, as meets had been well subscribed there was little negative impact on club finances. On the other hand no meets had been oversubscribed so ballots were unnecessary. The only significant budgeting issue is however the substantial rise in MS subscriptions, which necessitated decisions at AGM about a rise in the sub.

Thanks were given to Tony Kent for reviewing the accounts and to Dot Greig for her work as Treasurer.

The accounts were adopted. Proposed by Jenny Carson, seconded by Anne Lyall.

b. Setting of the 23/24 subscription

As the sub has not been raised for 8 years and MS have increased theirs there was discussion around the following options

1. Leave the sub at £25. We would still be solvent as a club.
2. Rise to £28.
3. Have a social membership for £10. However social members would not be MS members and therefore would not be able to attend meets staying in an MS hut; would not go up mountains or be able to go on midweek walks. They would not get shopping discounts linked to MS membership, but could still go to the Dinner Meet and the Burns Supper Meet.

Votes

- 1 Status quo = 4 for 14 against
2. Raising sub to £28 = 12 for 6 against
3. Social membership = 13 for 5 against.

No abstentions.

So it was decided to raise the 2024 sub to £28, but the Committee would draft a proposal for social membership at £10.

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Post	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Brian Carson	Sheila Kennedy	Anne Lyall
Treasurer	Dot Greig	Anne Lyall	Janet Hodgson
Committee	Jeanette Burns	Sheila Kennedy	Anne Lyall
	Jenny Carson	Anne Lyall	Karen Stevenson
	Janet Hodgson	Sheila Kennedy	Frances Williamson
	Sheila Kennedy	Jeanette Burns	Anne Moss
	Tony Kent	Jenny Carson	Alec Laidlaw
	Oli Ludlow	Frances Williamson	Tony Kent
	Val Ludlow	Jeanette Burns	Janet Hodgson
	Anne Lyall	Alec Laidlaw	Chris Hodgson

7 Assigning co-ordinators to 2024 meets

Date	Meet	Coordinator
26 / 27 Jan	Burns Meet - Inverary Hostel	Dot
23/24 Feb	Àite Cruinnichidh (Roy Bridge)	Anne
22/23 March	Blackrock	Jeanette
19/20 April	Braedownie (Glen Clova)	Tony
17 - 19 May	Strawberry Cottage	tbc
16/17 June		
23/24 August	Balgowan	Jenny
13 - 18 September	Ardtornish (Ardnamurchan)	Sheila
11/12 October	Beetham (Patterdale)	Rob
8/9 November	Dinner Meet - Boat of Garten	Sheila
6/7 December	Milehouse	Janet

Midweek walks programme – Jan – June 2024 ready to go out – Oli.

8 AOCB

Suggestions: pub social meets (Anne McKay)

Meet venues: Morvich, Ullapool, Loch Ossian, Coran Ferry, Raeburn Hut.

9. **The first meeting of the new Committee:** The first meeting will be on zoom 5-6pm 11/12/23.
Brian to send out link. Agenda: a. Membership renewal b. Burns meet.

12. The meeting was then closed at around 2130.

Brian Carson 11.12.23