



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Tuesday 19th August 2025 7.00pm (on Whatsapp video call)

Attendees: Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) Bea Jefferson (BJ) Ros Wright (RW) Alison Collins (AC) Jan Adamson (JA) Julie Cribb (JC) and guest Graham Smith (GS)

Apologies: Roger Boston (RB) John Henderson (JH) Karen Meikle (KM)

Chair: PM
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Committee update/matters arising
3. Membership update
4. Treasurers update
5. Coast to Coast Feedback
6. Joint Walking Weekend
7. Social Walks
8. Feedback from Bi-monthly April meeting
9. First Aid kits
10. AOB
11. Date and time of next meeting.

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1	Apologies	PM Welcomed everyone. Apologies noted as above.	PM			
2	Committee update / matters arising	These will be discussed as we go through the Agenda. PM ... matters arising from the last meeting was to send an email to Chris Burrell regarding data about walks in 2024 which was done after this meeting. Other items will be discussed through the Agenda	PM			
3	Membership		AC			

	update	116 members.				
4	Treasures update	Current status £3472.34 Received £6575.11 from SI Entries and £5395.88 spent. There was a £1179.23 surplus from the Coast to Coast event. LS has not donated to historic churches society as she has no contact . JC will let LS know the contact details. There was some discussion about the cash from the Marshals walk. JC was able to account for this and there is an email trail.	LS		On going	JC to contact LS with contact details for historic church scotland so a donation can be made.
5	Coast to Coast feedback	GS had sent notes to all committee members before the meeting. The event was a great success with lots of hard work. The motion to the Scottish Parliament being an absolute bonus. There were some issues due to the estates not being contacted and apologies have been sent. JC said that Alison the first aid helper suggested that we had blow up beds, soft blankets and camping pillows for unwell participants. JC said that she has received lots of nice emails after the event. It is hoped that the event will be staged again, but as PM pointed out without a Challenge event co-ordinator we cannot consider running it. LS asked about paying expenses to all the volunteers. JC said that all the volunteers had been asked if they would like to claim for expenses. JC said that she had a lot of badges and if anyone would like a badge then please contact her. JC has all Challenge event equipment boxed up in her shed and she would like to pass this on. PM thanked all for a very successful event.	GS JC			Suggestion of getting blow up beds, soft blankets and camping pillows for unwell participants. {see item 9)
6	The joint waking weekend	The joint walking weekend will be on the 27/28th September in Grantown-on-Spey. KM has kindly agreed to organise a high level walk for the Saturday. Rikky Beck has kindly agreed to organise a low level walk for Sunday. Bookings to be made for each walk separately for each walk to the relevant walk leader.				BJ to put the walks on the web site. BJ to contact KM

		BJ to put the walks when finalised on the website. BJ will contact KM with regard to ? KM agreeing to take bookings for the meal at the Grant Arms on Saturday evening. Guest GS then left the meeting.				regarding meal bookings.
7	Social Walks	BJ has now taken over from PM as walks secretary. BJ and Rikky Beck had done a recce today of the Cawdor walk for post Storm Florrie risk assessment and all was fine, so that walk will go ahead. After some discussion it was decided that the AGM will be on Sunday 26th October at North kessock. Cost is £12 an hour and will be booked by BJ from 2-4pm. JA will organise a walk of roughly 10 miles, JC is happy to help with that. A quorum of 12 folks is needed for an AGM. Festive walk will be on Saturday 3rd Jan 2026. The hall is in Strathpepper and will be booked by BJ from 2-6pm at a cost of £79 and BJ will co-ordinate a 'bring and share' meal. There will be a local walk. Entertainment will be planned, this will be discussed further. The MMC are putting on a bus meet for the Lairig Ghru on Sunday 21st September. PM will put on an alternative 20 mile walk on the east side from Linn of Dee to Glenmore Lodge. This will be for experienced walkers going at a good pace. PM will liase with JH and will put this on the website. PM said that he was going to step back from organising cafe walks with a view to leading long traverses using public transport or hiring a minibus.				BJ to book north kessock. JA to organise a walk for 26.10.25 Festive walk to be organised for 03.01.26 by BJ. Entertainment for the festive walk to be arranged. PM to put walk on the web site for 21.09.2025
8	Bi monthly meeting feedback	PM attended the July meeting. There was some discussion about the new Social walks register putting off walk leaders. It is mandatory to submit a walks register after a walk. Ideally a Gpx and a walk description, but that is not mandatory. There was some chat about the new email system. The chair email is not working, the	PM			

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