



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 7.00pm (on Whatsapp video call)

Attendees: Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) Bea Jefferson (BJ) Ros Wright (RW) Alison Collins (AC) John Henderson (JH)

Apologies: Roger Boston (RB) Karen Meikle (KM) Jan Adamson (JA) Julie Cribb (JC)

Chair: PM
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:
1. Apologies
2. Committee update/matters arising
3. Treasurers Report
4. Social Walks Report
5. Social Walks Leader Guidance
6. Local Group admin access
7. Forthcoming AGM
8. AOB
9. Date and time of next meeting.

			who	when	Status	Comment
1	Apologies	PM Welcomed everyone. Apologies noted as above.	PM			
2	Committee update / matters arising	Matters Arising JC to start funding application for Martin Greaves Fund for Blow up beds and pillows, blankets and shelters for Challenge Events. PM has bought a 10 man shelter which has not been used yet. Other items will be discussed through the Agenda	PM		On going	

3	Treasures update	Current status £3356.59 LS had sent out by email a Statement of the accounts for 2025 prior to the AGM. These are available to view on the website. Some items do not have an invoice, BJ suggested that Minutes from a meeting with the Item on would be sufficient for the accounts. BJ asked about outstanding bills. LS has not donated to historic churches society as she has no contact details (£100). Also PM has bought a 10 man shelter cost £82.90.	LS		On going	LS to obtain contact details for historic church scotland so a donation can be made.
4	Social Walks Report	BJ reported that a couple of walks had to be cancelled due to bad weather. There is a full programme for Nov/Dec. BJ will seek members views on what they would like to see on the walks programme for 2026 at the AGM.	BJ			
5	Social Walks Leader Guidance	BJ has written a document for potential and existing walk leaders, 'Social Walks Leader Guidance', this had been sent to the committee by email. It lets walk leaders know what is involved and is very comprehensive. BJ will try to encourage walk leaders by 1. Emailing existing walk leaders 2. Using monthly news bulk emails to encourage members to become walk leaders 3. 1 to 1 encouragement. At the AGM BJ will try to determine what members want, the areas they would like to walk in and the length of walks. PM is stepping back from leading the cafe walks and he is hoping to lead more traverses. BJ suggested the cafe walks be shorter, this will be helpful for members coming back from illness, with the main monthly walks being longer. There was some discussion about a weekend away further afield, but there is often a lot of admin associated with this. Easier for members to find their own accommodation for weekends away. Any suggestions please let BJ know. PM suggested that some of the members who did the navigation course in 2024 could be encouraged to lead walks. BJ has yet to formulate the walk for the New Year walk on 03.01.2026. AC said she would try to get some members to organise entertainment for this event. BJ said that the deadline for Strider had gone, but more groups are just writing 'Look at website'. BJ has updated our details in Strider.	BJ			Entertainment for the festive walk to be arranged. AC will look into this.

