



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Tuesday 18th August 2026 7.00pm (on Teams)

Attendees: Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) Bea Jefferson (BJ) Ros Wright (RW) John Henderson (JH) Jan Adamson (JA) Rikky Beck (RB) Roger Boston (Ro B) Alison Collins (AC)

Apologies: Karen Meikle (KM)

Chair:
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Membership update
4. Treasurer's report
5. Social walks report
6. Challenge events Laich o'Moray
7. Social walk guidance
8. Forthcoming AGM
9. AOB
10. Date and time of the next meeting

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1	Apologies	All welcomed. Apologies noted as above.	RB			
2	Minutes of last meeting/ matters arising	Minutes of Previous Meeting RB asked if anyone was unhappy with the last minutes and invited any comments. The minutes were then approved. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting			On going	

		• RB has now been added as a signatory for the bank account. • AC outlined the geographical areas of new members on WhatsApp, as requested. All other matters arising will be discussed throughout the meeting.				
3	Membership update	122 members	AC			
4.	Treasurers update	Balance is £4495.31 £2345.84 from SI Entries Receipts still to transfer £195 Receipts withheld £846.95 Si Entry charges £229.37 LS, JA and PM all have access to SI Entries. There are lots of outgoings to be paid and lots more to come in. PM said that the balance for the Laich o'Moray was positive £600	LS			
5	Social walks report	BJ reported that in July, seven people joined the Lossiemouth Lighthouse walk. Sadly, the Glenlivet walk had to be cancelled due to wildfires. Angela Mitchell organised an alternative walk. Tom is happy to reschedule the walk. Sadly, RB is unable to lead the Ben Wyvis walk on 23rd August. We are looking for an alternative walk leader; otherwise, the walk will be cancelled. On 13th September, Claire Hamilton is leading a walk in Aberdeenshire. The joint walking weekend is on 26th/27th September. Angela Mitchell is leading a pre-AGM walk on Sunday 4th October. Angela is also	BJ			Any ideas for a Christmas/New Year walk contact BJ

		leading a walk in Drynachan in late October. JA is happy to lead a café walk in November. If anyone has any ideas for a Christmas/New Year walk, please contact BJ.				
6	Challenge event	Laich o' Moray PM reported that we have 76 participants for the Laich o' Moray events. There will be no refunds now. PM has sent out an event schedule and a new volunteer rota by email. There have been a couple of volunteer drop-outs. RW will volunteer at the Lossiemouth checkpoint to fill a gap. JH will stay at Lossiemouth for as long as possible. PM is hoping that some supporters will also be able to help. PM suggested that two volunteers at Alves may be enough. Goodie Bags LS will collect the shortbread from Walkers and the whisky from BJ. All of this will go to Rafford. Food JA asked everyone to have a look at the food order spreadsheet. It needs to be a collective responsibility, as JA does not have any experience of mass catering. JA and LS will meet at the weekend to look at the order. There is a fridge at Rafford Village Hall where milk and other items can be kept. There was some discussion about frozen food, and PM suggested using cool boxes. There is a Booker's in Elgin and Inverness. There is an app and we have a code. It was	PM JH			Everyone please look over the catering order list and feedback.

		discussed whether click and collect or delivery would be the best option. LS will look into this and how payment works. There was some discussion about payment, as our bank account does not have a bank card. Historically, money has been transferred into a member's account, and they have then made the payment. PM and JH are available to pick up food on Friday. RoB offered to help. Catering at Lossiemouth Mark Wallington is the lead at Lossiemouth. The majority of the catering will be done here. The planned food is baked potatoes with Bolognese sauce and cheese. Dietary Requirements JA asked how many people are gluten-free. PM will send an email asking for dietary requirements to assist with meal planning				
7	Social walk guidance	BJ has been involved in a group looking at national guidance for social walks. When the official guidance comes out from the NEC, BJ will make sure that our North of Scotland social walks guidance is updated. The social walks register will be mandatory. BJ suggested that she handles the bookings, completes the register and then passes this on to the walk leader. The walk leader can then either print it off or have an electronic copy.	BJ			
8	Forthcoming AGM	The AGM is on Sunday 4th October. Our constitution outlines that all members of the committee shall retire at the AGM, but	RB			

		are eligible for re-election. RB asked if anyone wanted to step down. RoB said he would like to step down as he is away a lot. AC said she would like to step down as she hopes to go travelling. AC asked if anyone would like to take over the role of secretary. JA said she was thinking of stepping down.				
9	AOB	Local Groups Meeting BJ attended the Local Groups meeting on Tuesday 14th July. Here is some feedback from that meeting: 1. New Digital Platform All websites will be transferred to the new digital platform. They have asked that the websites are given a cleanse. BJ is happy to have a look and remove anything that is no longer relevant. 2. Long Distance Paths Some LDWA groups have a proactive role with their local Long Distance Paths, being involved and keeping updated. They have a person on the committee responsible for this role. We decided that we do not have the capacity, as such a small group, to take on this role.	BJ			
10	Date and time of the next meeting	Sunday 4th October 2026 AGM 2-4 pm Blairs Loch Boat house				

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