

LOTHIAN TEACHERS MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting held on Thursday June 5th 2025

1. Welcome and apologies: All present, therefore no apologies. Anne L in chair, Oli taking minutes.

2. Minutes of meeting of April 29th.

- a) There were no amendments.
- b) Acceptance: Proposed by Val, seconded by Jante.
- c) Matters arising: Item 4b - Dale requested that the funds she had paid for the cancelled Kintail meet should not be refunded but held until her next meet.
Item 2c: Sheila had been unable to proceed with photos of Jerry Mills due to lack of response.

3. Recent Meets

- a) Day Walks: May 7th Helen led 6 members for a walk around Beecraigs CP, including an ascent of Cockleroy Hill. Weather was dry and sunny.

The walk scheduled for May 22nd was cancelled.

- b) Weekend meets: The meet to Kintail on May 16 - 18 was cancelled.

4. Future Meets

- a) Day Walks: Sheila and Karen have swapped dates for day walks in June, with the next date scheduled for June 12th lead by Karen, and the final walk of the current programme organised by Sheila in the week beginning June 23rd.
- b) Weekend meets: The next weekend meet is to Milehouse Cottage on August 22nd/23rd. Jenny to send reminder to Dale.

5. Dinner Meet November 7th - 8th 2025

Sheila has had a reply from Boat of Garten Hotel quoting a price of £260 pppn for DB&B for 2 nights, which is a very modest increase from last year.

6. Meets for 2026

- a) March 20th - 21st Killin Highland Lodges have agreed to retrospectively apply the 15% discount offered to Mountaineering Scotland clubs, bringing the price down to £25 pppn.
- b) July 31st - August 1st Confirmed that Braedownie, the CDMC hut in Glen Clova has been booked for 10 members at £15 pppn. Jenny is to check if the deposit is paid.

- c) September 4th, 5th, 6th confirmed as Morvich Lodge, KIntail, this booking transferred from our May 2025 cancellation. 8 places reserved at £25 pppn. A balance of £120 to be paid by July 6th.
- d) October 9th, 10th, 11th It was agreed that Sheila would contact F&RCC to book Birkness Cottage in Buttermere for 8 people.
- e) December 4th/5th No success in finding a venue in Glenshee area. The possible option of Compass Christian Outdoor Centre was too expensive (£79 per person for 2 nights). Further research required by everyone.
- f) 50th Anniversary Dinner in November 2026, probably at Boat of Garten but other options to be considered. It was agreed to organise a sub-committee to discuss and plan a way forward, Brian will send info to all members asking for volunteers and suggestions.

7. Social events

Club Barbeque - Sunday June 8th Venue - 19 Charterhall Road.
25 Members have said they will be attending.. Dot, Sheila and Anne will provide salads and rolls. Members bring their own BBQ food and drink.

8. A.O.C.B.

The next programme of Midweek Walks from July to December will be produced by Oli. Karen said that Bert has volunteered to join the rota, and Anne L has dropped out. It was agreed to keep the format as before, but emphasizing that each organiser may choose any day that suits them within the week allocated.

Date of the next meeting is August 26th at 19.30hrs at 16 Belmont Gardens