

LOTHIAN TEACHERS' MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
2025 Annual General Meeting
Monday 1st December 2025 7.30 for 8 pm at Braid Hills Hotel

Chair: Jenny Carson Minutes: Brian Carson

Present: Brian & Jenny Carson, Barbara Darcy, Dot Greig, Chris & Janet Hodgson, Sheila Kennedy, Tony Kent, Ron Loan, Oli & Val Ludlow, Anne Lyall, Douglas & Jeanette Fraser, Helen Roy

Apologies: Dale Collie, Sue Davidson, Mike Kesby, Neil & Alison McDonald, Anne Moss, Bert & Karen Stevenson, Rob & Frances Williamson.

1. Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and summarised the year by saying the following:

Another year has flown by. There have been eight weekend meets since the last AGM, as usual the most popular, in terms of numbers attending, were the Burns Supper and the Dinner Meet. There were two meets which unfortunately did not go ahead, the Kintail and the Blackrock meet. The Kintail meet was due to lack of signup; however the potential financial hit to the club was mitigated due to the fact that we were able to transfer the booking to next year 2026, losing only the deposit. The second cancelled meet was Blackrock in October, due to a Met Office weather warning, advising essential travel only. A refund was obtained for that meet.

17 day walks went ahead with varying weather conditions and attendance. All the details of the weekend and day meets can be found on the website.

The committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to coordinate the meets and there will be an opportunity to volunteer for next year's weekend meets later.

2. Minutes of 2024 AGM

No amendments required

Adoption of the Minutes of 2024 AGM:

Proposed: Oli Ludlow, **Seconded:** Sheila Kennedy.

3. Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere: none.

4. Treasurer's report – Dorothy Greig

Dot reported that finances are generally in good shape, there were some losses due to unfilled meet places and the loss of the Kintail deposit however the clubs finances were able to cover these. The return payment for Blackrock was received in November 2025 and will appear in the 2026 accounts. The club has reduced its allocation of spaces booked at huts to reduce risk due to lower numbers attending some meets. Dot thanked Tony on behalf of the committee for reviewing the accounts.

Adoption of 2025 accounts: proposed by Tony Kent, **seconded** by Val Ludow.

Setting of subscriptions

Margins, however, have become increasingly tight with the latest increase in MS subs, so the Committee are proposing raising the club membership to **£30**. This figure was agreed by a majority present.

Setting of the 2026 subscription at £30: **proposed** by Dot Greig, **seconded** by Anne Lyall

Cost per night for use of huts

There was discussion about this and the meeting supported our preference for sole use – or “best use” of accommodation – and agreed that this may require increased charges for members attending the meet.

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members

Secretary: Brian Carson. **Proposed by** Anne Lyall, **Seconded by** Janet Hodgson.
Treasurer: Dot Greig. **Proposed by** Janet Hodgson **seconded by** Chris Hodgson.

Ordinary committee members

1. Jenny Carson
2. Janet Hodgson
3. Oli Ludlow
4. Val Ludlow
5. Anne Lyall
6. Karen Stevenson

Committee **proposed by**: Jeanette Fraser, seconded by: Dot Greig.

6. Amended LTMC Constitution

Proposals in amendments to the club's Constitution were made by the Committee in October 2025 and sent out to members in November for comment. No comments were received.

Adoption of the amended Constitution: proposed by: Oli Ludlow. **Seconded by:** Janet Hodgson.

7. Assigning coordinators for 2026 meets

Date	Meet	Coordinator
23-24 Jan	Kinlochleven (Blackwater Hostel)	Dot Greig
20-21 Feb	Milehouse	Oli Ludlow
20-21 March	Loch Tay, Killin Highland lodges Chestnut	Val Ludlow
24-26 April	Glenfinnan bunk house	Dale Collie
15 - 17 May	Torridon Mol Mor	Jeanette Fraser
31 July-1 August	Carn Dearg Braedownie Glen Clova	Helen Roy
4-6 September	Morvich Kintail	Anne Moss & Ron Loan
9-11 October	Lakes (still to be confirmed)	Janet & Chris Hodgson
6-7 November	50 th Anniversary Dinner Meet	Sheila Kennedy
4-5 December	Balgowan	To ask Karen Stevenson

8. AOCB: Oli said he would continue to produce the rota for midweek walks, the new one to start in January 2026. The meeting also discussed the issue of transport on meets, as the Constitution states that this issue is a responsibility of the Meet Coordinator. It was felt that this arrangement should continue but there should obviously be flexibility to help promote car sharing and help those without their own transport to be able to attend, and also to ensure that an appropriate balance be struck between car sharing and having enough cars to provide flexibility for meet activity.
9. Meeting closed at 2045. The first meeting of the new 2026 committee agreed to meet at Dot Greig's home, Monday 15th December 2025 at 1430.

Brian Carson 5.12.2025

