

LOTHIAN TEACHERS MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 August 2025

Chairperson: Oli

Minutes: Karen

Present: Oli, Val, Sheila, Dot, Brian, Jenny, Anne, Janet and Karen

1. Welcome and apologies

No apologies.

2. Minutes of meeting of 5 June 2025

a. Amendments were made as follows:

2(b) Jante corrected to Janet

2(c) Corrections to Matters arising

‘Dale requested that the funds she had paid for the cancelled Kintail meet should not be refunded but held over for future meets’

‘Sheila had been unable to proceed with photos of Jerry Mills due to assistance required for IT’.

6(b). ‘Jenny is to check if the deposit has been paid and if we could decrease the number of beds booked.’

b. Acceptance of minutes: Proposed by Sheila, seconded by Janet.

c. Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere.

Jenny had contacted CDMC and confirmed that we can decrease the number of beds booked at Braedownie.

3. Recent Meets

a. Day walks

12 June Karen led a party of six members and Frankie the dog for a walk to Pirn Hill Fort and along the Leithen Water. Weather was warm, dry and sunny.

1 July Sheila led a party of four members on a walk in The Pentlands from Torphin over Harbour Hill and Capelaw. Weather was drizzly, windy and muggy.

18 July Brian led a party of four members on a walk in Peebles up the John Buchan Way over Cademuir and back via the Tweed. Weather warm and sunny.

5 August Bert led a party of seven members plus a guest on an exploratory walk around Penicuik estate taking in Penicuik House and Ramsay’s monument and along the North Esk to Penicuik and back via the woods. Oli joined by bike. Weather sunny and warm.

19 August Anne M led a walk to Mendick Hill. No details have been entered in the spreadsheet on the website. Brian to chase.

a. Weekend meets

Milehouse 22-23 Aug. Eight attended and the weather was good. Everyone walked from Glen Feshie to Sgor Gaoith except for Val and Oli who went for a bike ride.

4. Future meets

a. Day walks. Oli will take over the day walk on 3 Sept. Jenny will take over the day walk on 18 Nov. Sheila will take over the day walk on 29 Dec.

b. Weekend meets

Next meet at Lael nr Ullapool 12-14 Sept coordinated by Rob. Meet full.

3-4 Oct Blackrock Cottage coordinated by Oli. To charge £18.75 pp based on 8 beds being taken. 10 beds available if required and the cost could be adjusted with the food bill.

5. Dinner meet, 7-8 November 2025

Dot will book the hotel and will be the point of contact for both the hotel and club members. Details will be circulated in mid Sept for payment. Janet and Jenny to liaise re entertainment.

6. Meet programme for 2026

a. Venue for December. Committee decided on Balgowan. Sheila to contact JCMS and book for 8. Cost to be confirmed (£10ppn on the website).

b. 50th Anniversary dinner in November 2026

Brian sent out a request to club members for ideas and suggestions. Received only one response from Frances and Rob who suggested a dinner in Edinburgh at their sports club. The preference of committee members was to have the anniversary celebrations as a weekend meet event as it would be more relaxed and there would be no time pressure to be out of the venue. Jenny suggested sending out a 'Save The Date' after the dinner meet this November to the club and additional potential attendees. Boat of Garten Hotel was suggested as the venue as it is reasonably priced, easy to get to, known to the club and the club has been a good customer for the hotel. There was a discussion on how we could make it special. The committee agreed to continue talking to members for ideas. Dot will prepare a list of ex club members who went to the 40th Anniversary dinner and any others who have expressed interest. Jenny suggested 'Bingo' with anecdotes and numbers.

7. Social events

Suggestions were a Pub night in November after the Dinner Meet or early December and a visit to Portobello Turkish Baths (Sheila will look into bookings).

8. A.O.C.B.

Sheila contacted Fell and Rock regarding Birkness in The Lakes. 11 Oct is their family weekend and not available for booking. However, we could book either the weekend before or after. Sheila to provisionally book the cottage (8 places) for a three day meet 2-4 Oct. Fell and Rock will confirm the booking in Sept after their AGM.

Club AGM to be discussed at next committee meeting.

Date and venue of next committee meeting

Monday 6 October at 14:00 at 54 Macdowall Road EH9 3EG. Karen chairing, Janet taking minutes.