

# **Lothian Teachers Mountaineering Club**

## **Minutes of meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Venue Janet's 20 Fountainhall Rd. EH9 2NN**

**Present:** Sheila Kennedy (Chair), Anne Lyall (Minute taker), Dot Greig, Brian Carson, Janet Hodgson, Val Ludlow

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies from Karen Stevenson, Jenny Carson, Oli Lulow
2. **Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**
  - a) Amendments: point 5 dates in the heading should be 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April
  - b) Acceptance: Proposed by Janet. Seconded by Dot.
  - c) Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere: Photos of Jerry to be forwarded to Charlotte
3. **Recent Meets**
  - a) Day Walks:  
18<sup>th</sup> March Oli, 1<sup>st</sup> April Anne M, 14<sup>th</sup> April Jenny  
Route details on the website
  - b) Weekend Meets:  
28-29<sup>th</sup> March Muir Cottage Inverey, Coordinators Karen and Bert 10 attended  
25-27<sup>th</sup> April Ronnan Cottage, Aultbea Coordinator Jeanette 8 attended  
Meet reports on the website
4. **Future Meets**
  - a) Day Walks:  
7<sup>th</sup> May Helen, 22<sup>nd</sup> May Barbara (**Action: Anne to check with Barbara**), 4<sup>th</sup> June Sheila.
  - b) Weekend Meets:  
16-18<sup>th</sup> May Kintail Hostel, Morvich Coordinator Brian. Due to a poor uptake it was decided to cancel the meet and transfer the booking to 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> choice 4-6<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 11-13<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice 9-11<sup>th</sup> October  
**Action: Brian to contact NTS, Dot to refund Dale**  
13-14<sup>th</sup> June It was decided not to go ahead  
23-24<sup>th</sup> August Milehouse, Glen Feshie Coordinator Dale 10 places
5. **Dinner Meet 7-8<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Coordinator Dot. Sheila has emailed Boat of Garten but no reply.  
**Action: Sheila to phone and liaise with Dot.**
6. **Meets for 2026**

Loch Tay 20-21<sup>st</sup> March, Killin Chestnut Lodge (Highland Lodges) booked: 2 doubles, 2 twins, sleeps 8. Cost, if full occupancy, £27.75 pppn + approx. £1 per person for electricity. Deposit of £111.00 paid with balance on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. Total £444 + £14 electricity. Security deposit of £150 paid on a credit card. Highland Lodges have advertised a 15% reduction.  
**Action: Val to contact Highland Lodges to see if we can get this reduction and to send paperwork to be sent to Jenny.**

24-26<sup>th</sup> April Glenfinnan Bunkhouse booked for 12, cost £30 pppn if there are only 8 but if more people the cost would be less. £720 for 3 nights. No deposit and no cancellation fee for up to 2 months before booking.

**Action: Val to send paperwork to Jenny**

15-17<sup>th</sup> May Mol Mor Hostel, Torridon: booked for 10 people, £156 deposit paid. Total cost £780 for 3 nights so £78pp for 3 nights.

**Action: Anne to send paperwork to Jenny**

31st July/ 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Braedownie, Glen Clova booked for 10 people

5 days September Depends on transfer of Kintail booking

9-10<sup>th</sup> Oct Lakes. Sheila will book as an LSCC member. A decision on which FRCC hut is to be decided once committee members have looked at the possibilities.

**Action: consider at the next meeting**

4-5<sup>th</sup> Dec Not the Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut, North Ballachulish.

**Action: All think of venues for next meeting**

**Action: Jenny to update the 2026 Meets spreadsheet for all the above.**

## **7. Dinner Meet 6-7<sup>th</sup> November 2026 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Ideas: funny stories, photos, old meet reports (focusing on the last 10 years?) It was suggested that we have a meeting dedicated to planning this celebration.

**Action: Dot to look at what we have done before. Brian to look at old meet reports and to contact members (present and past?) for ideas and photos.**

## **8. Social Events**

No response to Brian's email asking for volunteers to investigate a pub night.

Organise a quiz night in the winter.

BBQ possible dates: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> June (preferably the latter weekend)

**Action: Janet to speak to Frances and Rob to see if they would host. Otherwise Dot has offered.**

## **9. AOCB**

Cards sent to Alison, Sue, and Barbara. Need to let membership know when cards are sent on behalf of the club.

**Action: Janet to get an update on Gordon and Anne and let the members know.**

Thanks to Tony following his resignation for all the work he has done over the years.

**Action: Brian to email the club and advertise the vacancy. Dot to send a thank you card to Tony.**

**Date of next meeting** 7.30pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, at Dot's 18 Charterhall Road, EH9 2NN