



Logie Coldstone Trust

MINUTES OF LOGIE COLDSTONE TRUST MEETING

26 January 2026 7:30PM – 10:45pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Hitesh Mitchell-Mehta, Katrina Lovie, Trevor Bint, Sylvia Anderson, Anne Mathers, Pat Turner

Apologies: Joyce Lovie, Gillean Morrison, Paul Mather

Hitesh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Note of last meeting

Minutes from the committee meeting of 01/12/25 were proposed by Sylvia and seconded by Trevor.

3. LCT administration & communications

- **New members/ register of members** – Anne and Katrina to update with any changes. A new member joined at the AGM and the committee approved his membership tonight. **Action:** Anne and Hitesh to access the document and update and go over Gdrive.
- **LCT funds** – Balance on Memorial account £6425, and general account £19,749.33. Notables: accountant bill £ 1,344, which included Xero charges of £192. Plus £12,000 came in from AVA grant. To create and keep track of a grant tracker document to monitor grant expenditure. Emailed Sue clarifying the income and expenditure. Thanks to Anne for liaising with James Milne to finalise accounts and for submitting the OSCR annual return. Hall hire fees – the committee agreed that hall hire charges can include a rate of £50 for 9am – 5pm hire for workshops/classes at LCT members rate. Non LCT member rate £60. **Action:** Hitesh and Sylvia to revise the hall hire terms and condition/hire form when time allows. Ongoing. Katrina and Hitesh to meet and create a document.
- **Hall invoices** – There are a few invoices for hall fees to issue and cleaning to receive. **Action:** Sylvia/Hitesh to arrange.
- **Correspondence** – No further action required on correspondence.
- **Companies House ID** - All trustees to go online verify ID and get a code. **Action:** All existing directors to go online <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/verify-your-identity-for-companies-house> and acquire their ID code for onward transmission to Jean Stott jstott@jamesmilne.co.uk. Needs to be done by March 2026. Contact Hitesh or Trevor if you need a hand. Gillean, Paul, Pat, Evie, Sue and Joyce still to confirm ID.
- **OSCR** – From 30 June 2025, OSCR will require us to submit the following details for each charity trustee:
 - Full name
 - Home address
 - Email address

- *Telephone number*
- *Date of birth*
- *Date of appointment*
- This will be actioned at the next meeting. If any charity trustees have concerns, please contact us to discuss.
- **EDF invoices** – £446.45 20/1, and £369.84 17/12. Includes 20% VAT. There is an annual and monthly threshold and if we use a certain amount of units, we are charged 20% VAT.
- **Election 7 May** – emailed confirmation that the hall is available for election on 7 May. Council staff to send us a PO (£500 fee for the day).
- **Rates** – We do not have to action anything.
- **Food pantry/sheddie** – Trevor to fix the sheddie. Thanks to Trevor for doing the foundations for the sheddie.
- **LCT annual dates spreadsheet** – OSCR return needs to be submitted by end December. We have emailed Jean to ask for the finalised approved accounts to go with the submission. Trevor to use a cleaning rod and try cleaning out gutter spout and check if any need replacement.
- **Website, mailing list, facebook, tik tok, insta & marketing** – advertising LCT committee meetings Ongoing thanks to Julie with the latest reels etc on social media. Website – Thanks to Hitesh for updating the website. **Action: Committee to update at each meeting.**
- **Newsletter** –**Action: Pat and Anne to update newsletter distribution address spreadsheet. Ongoing.** Anne and Pat have met and are working on updating the address distribution list. Aim to have newsletter ready for delivery by beginning April 2026.
- **Calendar 2026** – Calendar sales have raised £334 so far. If anyone is still interested in buying a calendar there are some left in the hall lobby.
- **Admin. and comms tasks** - **Action:** Need to tidy up our Gmail (12,450 emails) and Gdrive. Currently using 67% of our 15GB storage. Ongoing. **Action: Hitesh to ask Gordon McKnight about transferring our file storage to Sharepoint.**

4. Hall management

- **Hall bookings** - Actioned. Potential booking for cycle event in 2028. We are investigating an online booking system integrated with existing website calendar and existing card payment system (Zettle/Paypal).
- **Hall cleaning** – Thanks to Sylvia for keeping the hall spik and span. Sylvia to investigate purchasing a boot brush for outside front door of hall. Have emailed Graham Pest Control to ask if they have any humane solutions to prevent housemartins nesting above door. Graham pest control suggested a plastic fan shaped device to go under the eaves. **Action: Hitesh to investigate this further.**
- **Hall maintenance** – Fire alarm servicing has been done. Hitesh has been in touch with the Barry Geddes from Craighash quarry who has kindly offered to provide chuckies for the hall car park free of charge. Down pipe and gutter spout at little hall came down in the winter weather. New pipes have been ordered and will be fitted when they arrive. **Action: Trevor and Hitesh to visit Craighash to establish the size/spec. of chuckies. Ongoing. Trevor to fit new pipes when they arrive.**
- **SSEN network fault** – This occurred on Monday 12 Jan at 14:53 and caused extensive damage to equipment at the hall as well as the garage and another couple of local properties. Voltage was coming in to the hall at 260-394 volts. The SSEN reps initial assessment was water ingress to the underground electric cables causing the power surge. Hitesh, Trevor and Richard Baikie were at the hall that afternoon. Hitesh alerted our insurance broker and they advised us to let them know when there were more details of cause and liability. ASHP, solar

panel invertors, coffee machine, microwave upstairs, small lamps, battery pack and printer are not working. Kieran is an independent electrical contractor who is paid by SSEN to repair damaged items or assess when replacement items are needed when a network fault occurs. Invoices for specialist repairs (ASHP and solar panels) to be submitted to Kieran. Duncan from Ceiba has been to replace SPD's and assess damage and he will submit a report. 10 microinvertors on the west side solar panel array need to be replaced. Andrew Duncan is to come and attempt to repair the ASHP. Scot Tel Gould sent an engineer to fix the fixed wireless internet system. Trevor to text Kieran to ask for his email address so we can have correspondence in writing. Thanks to Hitesh and Trevor for dealing with all of this. **Actions:** *To ask Kieran if there is any kind of surge protection device we can fit to protect the whole hall. Also to highlight the upstairs equipment is almost brand new and will a repair (rather than replacement) affect the longevity of the items? Emailed Andrew Duncan to ask for indicative timescale for fixing ASHP as need to know whether café and other bookings can go ahead. Emailed Duncan Crossthwaite, Ceiba, to ask for his report asap to pass to SSEN.*

- **Optimising solar panels and battery storage** – The hall has three phase electric as we are a relatively large consumer. Each phase feeds a distribution board. (1 distribution board powers the kitchen, 1 is mostly sockets and heating, and 1 is mostly lighting). During power cuts only the kitchen sockets can be powered by the batteries. To explore with electrician, in conjunction with Ceiba, whether there is scope to change the distribution board and panel/battery gateway set up, e.g. purchase an additional gateway. This would help our resilience. Our current tariffs and settings allow us to charge up more cheaply overnight, so we have optimised this aspect as far as possible.

5. Projects

- **Enphase** – Enphase envoy not communicating solar panel data since Nov. Ceiba looking into this.
- **EDF** – Thanks to Paul and Trevor for sorting out meter readings. Trevor to submit meter readings regularly.
- **New electricity contract** – Thanks to Paul for investigating options. We have agreed to go for Scottish Power: Day = 25.19p; Night = 18.78p; Standing Charge = 78.95p/day. We will go for a 2 year contract. Moving to Scottish Power means we can access the full amount of payment for the electricity we sell to them. **Action:** *Paul to arrange new contract.*
- **'Powering the Future' Action** – Brackets are fixed with thanks to Jack and Trevor. Trevor to order plastic soffit boards to use as shelf. **Action:** *Trevor to order soffit and fit.*
- **Co-working hub & other AVA CMHWP grant expenditure** (storage, café equipment etc.) **Action:** *Once electrical damage repaired / replaced, to order a second table for co-working hub (£190), storage items and get electrical work completed.*
- **Cromar Food Share** The pantry hoosie is owned by the Cromar Food Share project and they will attend to any maintenance issues. Thanks to Trevor for installing shelving inside the hoosie. **Action:** *Trevor to fix sheddie once weather improves. Paul to contact the Food Share organisers and clarify next steps. Ongoing.*
- **Rag bag bin** – the bin has been removed. It raised funds for the school. Lumphanan use Ragbag.co.uk – which may be for schools and nurseries only. They do around 4 collections a year and it generates c. £250/collection. May be worth considering as a fund raiser for LCT. **Action:** *No reply to our email to the <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/> company in Dec. No further action for now.*

6. LCT events

- **Community café** – A real Coldstone success story and special thanks to café volunteers for hosting another enjoyable and very busy café. **Action:** *Next café 6 Feb pending confirmation of heating in place for then.*
- **Toddler group** – Toddler group waiting for heating. Now meeting on a Wednesday morning. The toddlers and parents/helpers are always warmly welcomed at the monthly Friday community cafes.
- **Hogmanay ceilidh** – Thanks to Coldstone Roses band, Barry and Katrina for piping and to Julie, Emma and Laura for organising the event which was greatly enjoyed by attendees. It was a great fund raiser too raising £1169.

7. LCT community issues

- **Logie Coldstone School** – We sent an email to our mailing list encouraging people to register an interest in enrolling primary school aged children for the 26/27 school year, following the letter to residents from Aberdeenshire Council. **Action:** *In March we will email Learning Estates to ask for feedback on how many expressions of interest there have been.*
- **LC Curling Club** – 100 club tickets for sale. Membership open to all. The club have a hand held snow blower and plough which is being fixed and the club intend to make it available to the wider community. A good days curling was enjoyed in early January.
- **Cromar Community Council** – The CCC are to meet in LC hall on alternate meeting dates and invite anyone from LCT to come along and update on LC issues.
- **Any other business** –
- **CMHWP funds** – We have been awarded the full amount we asked for and year 1's grant of £12,000 has been paid. Thank you to Katrina and everyone for inputting. **Action:** *Creating a tracker to monitor grant spend.*
- **Inventory** – **Action:** *Trevor and Hitesh to start collating an inventory of equipment in the hall. Ongoing.*

8. Any other business

Next meeting – Monday 23 Feb. 2026.