

Loch Melfort and Kilninver Company Limited – LMKC

2nd AGM – Monday 20th April 2026

CHAIR'S REPORT

- We have held various successful events, helping to raise finance for the company.
- We have received a small grant from DTAS to enable us to attend their conference to make useful contacts and acquire knowledge on a range of issues.
- We held a general meeting on 24th April 2025 to approve changes to the LMKC Articles of Association, allowing us to register with the Scottish Government as a suitable community body and to submit applications for a “Community right to Buy” notification on the Land Register. This was formally approved and adopted.
- We held various events, including a Litter pick at Degnish Road, a Ceilidh and a Table Top sale. We participated in various community events, such as the Summer Festival and Christmas Fair.
- We report to the Community Council public meetings on our activities. In the last few months we have assisted them with the compilation of the community survey required to prepare a local place plan, printing and distribution of the public notices and the assessment of the survey results.
- The results of the survey are being examined by a sub group of the Board, especially in relation to the issues of relevance to LMKC.
- Your Board has continued to explore projects, as suggested at various meetings. Despite intense investigations, so far none of the proposals have come to fruition. This is very disappointing and we need to update our efforts to try and get a sound project in place to meet the wishes of our members and community.
- The place plan has highlighted the need for a shop/café.
- The community has suggested the use of the field behind the Village Hall as a car park, playing field, allotments, walks connecting to the village & woods, a children’s play area, and possibly a small café. Our first hurdles will be to get permission to use that area, since there is a cairn at the north-west end, and to come to some agreement with the owners of the land. This will take time but we must be positive if LMKC is going to make a sound and positive contribution to our community. We will need more members to be involved.
- We have three directors resigning, Liz MacKay, David Wilkie and myself – we are all prepared to stand again if elected. Alex Tweedy is standing down as Treasurer but remains a Director. Liz is standing down as Secretary but will become Treasurer. Ross MacKay remains a Director and is willing to take up the Secretary’s position. I will remain as Chair for one further year.
- I would like to thank all the current directors, particularly Alex and Liz, for their invaluable contributions, and also our vital Minute Secretary Marianne Pearson.

I hope to see as many people as possible on 20 April 2026 and look forward to a productive meeting following the very interesting talk by Marnik van Cauter of Kilchoan Melfort Trust.

Thank you.

Stuart Cannon
Chair