

Minute of the Annual General Meeting
The Loch Tay Association
The Reading Room, Kenmore on Monday 16th March 2026 @ 6.00pm

Present: Bill Oppenheim, Alex Stewart, John Nevin, Charlotte Flower, Donald Riddell, Adam Harrison, Robin Menzies, Peter Ely, Daniel Howie, Graham Milroy, Jenny Robertson, Steve Thomas and Wilma Harrison.

- 1. Apologies:** Keith Mitchell, Billy Duff, Jon Iddon, Steve Griffin. Jon will be stepping down as a Co-opted Committee member.
- 2. Minutes of AGM 24/03/2025** - Proposed to accept by **RM**, accepted by all those present.
- 3. Receive & approve accounts:** - proposed **DR**, 2nd **AH**
- 4. Chairs Report:** Good evening and thank you for coming to the 2026 AGM of the Loch Tay Association. Since the arrival of the Discovery Land Company and the redevelopment of Taymouth Castle and the subsequent arrival of “Protect Loch Tay” in the spring of 2023 there has been revived interest in the Loch Tay Association, and really in all the development, and redevelopment, around Loch Tay and here at the east end of the loch in particular. In August 2023, the LTA had our first AGM since 2018, would you believe, and at that meeting, and during that summer, we had reason to believe that, in spite of all the furore, and a fair bit of political posturing, there was and is, in fact, overwhelming support for the Taymouth Castle redevelopment in the local community as DLC have proved good neighbours and really supportive of the local community – though there are plenty of local people who would like to see the hotel re-opened and the proposed pub come to pass sooner rather than later. But they know that.

Since the furore over the Taymouth Castle redevelopment has died away the LTA has been more active in other areas. Last year Stevie Thomas, in cooperation with Taymouth Marina, oversaw the revision of the LTA Code of Conduct, and last year and this year there has been renewed interest by LTA members in environmental issues around the loch. Adam Harrison identified a number of issues ranging from testing water quality to wild swimmers, and Donald Riddle found funding of over £1500 from an SSE grant for a water quality testing project which will get underway this spring and summer. We applied for and received a microgrant from Kenmore Community Council, and Robin Menzies has overseen a complete overhaul of the LTA website which is now up and running and even selling fishing permits I am told. Our thanks to SSE and the KCC for their support, and to Donald and Robin who are putting in the hard yards to make these ideas come to life.

This is my final report as LTA Chairman as I am handing over the gavel, so to speak, after more than a decade and a half in post. My thanks above all to our long-serving Secretary, Wilma Harrison, who has kept us going during a long dormant period as the LTA re-emerges as an important contributor to lochside communities and issues. Thank you all so much.

- 5.** To receive changes to the Constitution: (Previously Circulated)
Motion to approve: **RM** seconded by **DR** and a unanimous vote to approve by those present.
- 6. Subscription:** The category of ‘Associate Members’ for non-locals is to be added to the website. Otherwise, will remain unchanged.
- 7. Election of Office Bearers:** To be elected by Management Committee at next meeting.
WH proposed a vote of thanks to Bill for his many years on the Committee and as Chair. Bill will remain on the Committee. We currently have 10 Committee Members, 3 co-opted from Community Councils and a further two, one of whom will be our designated ‘fishing person’.
- 8. A.O.C.B.:**
 - Fishing Permits are now available on our website. A formal letter will go to The Tay Fisheries Board for support. Grants may be available to help with projects.
 - Rewilding and restocking projects are doing well.
 - There was a discussion on the situation following the oil spill in the River Dochart. Final findings have still to be reported. This will come when all investigations are complete.
 - We will aim to rotate our meetings in other facilities around the Loch to promote engagement from other areas.

The chair thanked those present for attending. Meeting closed at 7.10pm