

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 30th April 2026, 7pm

Present: Alison, Bob, Catriona, Nick, Kirsty, Sally W, Sally M

Apologies: Laura, Matt, Dot, Mairi

Welcome: Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting

Matters Arising:

1. Towing reimbursement

- At the moment the rate for towing is 45p/mile. Agreed to pay this for towing to all events.
- Due to increased fuel costs the committee would monitor the costs and it may be we have to reintroduce a £5/per person additional charge for participants.
- The committee want to make sure that any towing policy developed would be sustainable and fair.
- Action: Committee to monitor costs and develop a towing policy.

2. Affiliation Update

- The next step is for NCRC to provide the sailing club with a list of requirements.
- Storage of kit, access to toilets and a couple of bookings for large events were initially suggested.
- Ongoing Action: Alison will get back to Stuart, NSC.

3. Feedback from Watersports Forum, 31st March

- Alison, Bob and Nick provided feedback from the Watersports Forum they attended with the Sailing Club, Kayak Club and Inverness Rowing Club.
- The key principals of the initiative are to reduce costs through closer collaboration, enhance the overall watersports in Nairn, increase participation across all age groups and abilities, ensure more efficient use of existing facilities and strengthen links with school, youth groups and charities.
- After each club has obtained guidance from their relevant governing body, the group will meet again.

4. Sailing Club Open Day - 30th May, 10.30 - 1.30

- Agreed we would get a boat out for people to look at and take names of people who would like to have a go.
- Discussed possible fundraising ideas.
- Actions: Committee to investigate if we could get some merchandise in time. Also to find out if already have a treasure map or make one.

Membership Update:

- Another successful come and try row was run in April.
- There has again been a request to make joining the club more straightforward.
- Action: Kirsty will speak to Mairi and Laura about developing a QR code for joining.

Treasurer Report:

Current Account: £6086.68

Savings Account: £10,126.17

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

- **Life Jacket servicing** - 2 back (Nos 1 and 3), 4 and 5 away being serviced
- **Scheduling maintenance** - Ongoing Action: Alison in touch with John
- **Door locks** - After some discussion, agreed the best option would be to replace the door locks as needed. Ongoing Action: Bob to purchase an additional lock.

Regattas / Social events:

- 5 Harbours - 2 May, Greg Coordinating.
- Sail and Oar Gathering on the isle of Tanera Mor. 16th - 17th May. Kay coordinating.
- Sunday Social Row Dates - Sunday 31st May, Sunday 21st June (Solstice)
- Laura is looking into taking the skiff to Loch Morlich.

Club Nights

Finished for the season - should start to consider winter content so that we get some different topics / speakers.

AOB

Developing a youth team within the club.

- Kirsty has contacted Hilife Highland and provided a lot of useful information. There are a number of steps the club would need to complete - all relevant policies in place, registering with Hilife Highland, Adventurous activity risk assessments and PVG certificates for those club members interested in coaching.
Action: Sally W to put information into the next newsletter.

Club Assets

- The committee are aware the club has assets stored in different locations.

Ongoing Action: Sally W to contact John about the asset register

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm, Boatshed

Review Actions from last meeting:

Start	Who	What	Complete?
30/4/26	Committee	Monitor towing costs and develop a towing policy.	
30/4/26	Committee	Sailing Club Open day - Find out if can get merchandise ready Find out if treasure map can be reused	
30/4/26	Sally W	Will put a piece in the next newsletter about developing a youth team and see if any members are interested in coaching.	
30/4/26	Kirsty	Speak to Mairi and Laura about developing a QR code for new members joining the club.	
25/03/2026	Matt	Matt to remind members to complete Gift Aid declarations so their donations are eligible for gift aid and that the upper limit for gift aid donations is £30. Matt to check who has already completed these and let them know.	Reminder sent. Needs to check gift aid forms.
25/03/2026	Laura	Share final AGM docs with the club via Whatsapp. These should also be added to the newsletter	Complete
25/03/2026	Alison	progress affiliation with the sailing club and provide updates to the club.	On-going
25/03/2026	Alison/Sally W	Talk to John Ashford about getting an inventory of the items in storage at the sailing club.	

25/03/2026	Alison	Liaise with John Farquhar to arrange the correct oars to be trialled by Findhorn.	
25/03/2026	Alison	Talk to John Ashford to get a schedule going for maintenance	
25/03/2026	Bob	Research alternative options for locks and discuss at the next meeting. Would a key and keybox be the most straight forward option? Bob to purchase a new lock.	30/4/26 - Committee agreed best option was to replace locks as needed.
25/03/2026	Laura	Contact Jeanette about replacing First Aid Kits in the Boatshed.	Messaged on Whatsapp. Jeanette will look at the first aid kits and then order the refill kit needed.
25/03/2026	Laura	contact lead coxes to check the bags and let the committee know what's missing / make sure the contents are the same in both.	Complete. Nick contacted Berny. Berny will action.
25/03/2026	Laura	Respond to Appin Coastal Rowing Club about their request to row in company Nairn.	
25/03/2026	Kirsty	Kirsty to set up first Saturday Social row	First date - 31/5/26
25/03/2026	Laura	Laura to contact Jeanette to arrange a date for the RNLI rescue training session.	Messaged on Whatsapp.
25/03/2026	Kirsty	Kirsty to engage with Evolve to understand what we need for PVG checks etc.	30/4/26 - Kirsty provided information
25/03/2026	Alison	Let CPR training know we want to go ahead with the training on the 1st April.	Complete.

Link to outstanding actions from previous meetings: [NCRC Actions](#)