

Winter 2026 Newsletter

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026!

A few words from the Chairman, Andrew Gunn:

“Happy New Year everyone! A new year, and it feels like a fresh start for LLCCDC. In mid-September last year, we welcomed Centre and Development Manager Kenneth McElroy (pictured below) to the team, and we’re excited to see what he’s bringing to Latheron, Lybster and Clyth.

As ever we’re all working hard to make the LLC area better for everyone. If you’ve got ideas, projects, classes or anything then please get in touch, we’re here to listen and to help!”

A New Development Manager for LLCCDC

Hello! Kenneth McElroy here - I started in September 2025, having worked for the last three years as development manager for the John o’ Groats Trail.

I’m thoroughly enjoying this role – LLCCDC has offered a wide range of services to the Latheron, Lybster & Clyth region, and I’m keen to ensure that the organisation continues to serve the local community!

LLCCDC is here for you, and so I’m really eager to hear how you think we can help. Perhaps you’ve got a course or workshop you’d like to try? Let me know, or just pop in for a chat – the kettle’s always boiled at Seaview House.



NEW COURSES FOR 2026!



Do you want to learn a new skill?
Or develop existing ones?
...WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We’re really keen to hear what sort of classes, workshops and events you’d like to see in the LLC area.

Please email info@llccdc.co.uk to let us know what you’d like us to consider.

(Psst... we’re hoping to arrange Botanical Printing Classes & Quilting Classes – does that sound like fun? Then get in touch!)

New Prices for Seaview Room Hire

Seaview Conference Room rate - now only £10! Doesn't everything seem just that bit more expensive these days? We're positive that Jaffa Cakes were bigger when we were younger. Now you can eat a whole box in one sitting..

With Cost-of-Living in mind, and wanting to ensure that Seaview House can be a welcome and inviting place for groups and organisations to utilize, we have decided to cut our conference room hire costs in half! Now, for **only £10 an hour** you'll have access to a warm and inviting space at Seaview House, perfect for meetings, talks, workshops, courses and more.

Get in touch with info@llccdc.co.uk if you'd like to use our facilities!

Funding Success!

We are delighted to have been granted £9,665 from Foundation Scotland's Camster Wind Farm Fund towards the upkeep of the public toilets in Lybster and a further £5,000 from the RWE Bad a Cheo Wind Farm Community Fund (Latheron, Lybster and Clyth) towards the Centre & Development Manager position.

Together with funding from Highland Councils Comfort Scheme and the LLC Community Council, LLCCDC have been able to employ a cleaner to keep the public toilets open all-year round – especially important during the summer months for visitors and tourists to our pretty village (huge thanks to Alison Wares for her hard work this year!)

We hope to have the toilets given a fresh lick of paint later in Summer 2026.



With thanks to...



Golticlay Update

The Wind Farm extension at Golticlay is progressing.

In October, some of the the Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company directors and staff visited the site to see what was happening – the scale of the build is certainly impressive.



Please note that the EIAR (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) for Golticlay Onshore Wind Farm Extension can be viewed at Seaview House, during the times below.

Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company (LLCCDC) Office

Seaview House, Harbour Road, Lybster, Caithness, KW3 6AH

Opening Hours:

Mon – Friday: 9am - 5pm

Sat – Sun: Closed

More details can be found by visiting:

<https://uk.rwe.com/project-proposals/golticlay-extension/>

Lybster Men's Shed



LLCCDC are delighted to have played a part in the development of a “Men’s Shed” in Lybster, a part of the Scottish Men’s Shed Association, and now operating from Seaview House and the Lybster Community Toolshed.

A Men's Shed is a community workshop space where men gather to work on practical projects, share skills, build friendships, and combat loneliness, originating from Australia in the 1980s to improve men's health and wellbeing.

They offer a supportive environment for hobbies like woodworking, metalworking, electronics, and gardening, focusing on companionship, purpose, and community contribution, with activities often centered around tea and conversation as much as making things. Even if that thing is a bacon butty and a bowl of soup!

Although there is a strong focus on crafting at the Lybster Men's Shed, the 'Shedders' are exploring other hobbies like chess and music – maybe they'll form an LLCCDC ACDC? We're delighted with the camaraderie and all the crack – looking forward to seeing how the Shed develops from here.

The Lybster Men's Shed is open to all men over the age of 18, currently meeting at Seaview House & Lybster Community Toolshed, every Wednesday between 10am – 12.30pm.

If you'd like to join in, please just pop down, or contact Kenny on 07517719327, or email info@llccdc.co.uk.

Lybster Community Toolshed

It's not just about the Men! The Lybster Community Toolshed is for everyone to make use of and enjoy, to learn new skills and develop existing abilities too. In the near future, we'll be able to offer courses and workshop space for the community.

The Toolshed is currently being inventoried, tidied and made safe, and so it is closed to 'general use'. Your safety is paramount, so we just want to ensure we're doing everything right.

Please bear with us as we sort out a few things in the background. In the meantime, if you're interested in using the shed on a regular basis, please drop us a line on info@llccdc.co.uk, so we can get a good idea of numbers and who would like to get involved!

New Shed!

A big thank you to Graeme Macleod of North Coast Woodwork for knocking up this smashing new shed at Seaview House.

The shed will serve as improved storage for the village improvements team – we're super grateful for their hard work throughout the year making Lybster look pretty and welcoming for visitors and locals alike.



AGM 2025

Standing room only at the Latheron Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company's AGM in December.

Thank you to everyone who attended – it was a positive and productive evening – we're looking forward to serving the community throughout the year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing directors Michael Bullen and Jacqueline Paul for their long services and hard work over the years!

Directors Sought!

Want to help make the Latheron, Lybster & Clyth area better for everyone?

With two directors stepping down, there are now two positions available with Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Community Development Company. If you think you have the relevant skills, vision and enthusiasm for a better LLC, then why not contact us? Simply email info@llccdc.co.uk or pop down to Seaview House for a chat.

LLCDC Membership

Joining LLCDC helps to strengthen our organisation – which in turns makes the area more resilient! LLCDC is here to develop and improve lives and livelihoods, and we benefit from having a plethora of voices in shaping what we do and how we do it. Together we can make Latheron, Lybster & Clyth an attractive place for people to live, work, visit and play!

If you want to join, please visit www.llccdc.co.uk/membership, scan the QR code on the right to sign up, or visit Seaview House to grab a form.



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