

West Coast OWL AGM

23 APRIL 2026 19:30 Zoom

1)Attendees: Mel Prytz (Chair & Admin) Judith Bullivant, Lucy Salter (Treasurer), Fiona MacKenzie (Secretary), Katie Grant, Nic Bullivant.

2)Apologies: Joni Mackay, Kate Biss,

3)Approval of last AGM Minutes: Previously circulated, nominated by Mel, seconded by Judith

4)Chair's Report: Read by Mel and attached separately

5)Treasurer's Report: Read by Lucy and attached separately

6)Election of Office Bearers/Core Organising Team:

Mel standing again as Chair nominated by Nic and seconded by Lucy

Fee standing again as Secretary nominated by Judith and seconded by Mel

Lucy standing again as Treasurer nominated by Fee and seconded by Judith

7)Admin Support: Katie Grant was voted unanimously onto the Core Organising Team as Admin Support at the current rate of £17 per hour plus relevant expenses, subject to approval of the Admin Grant for 26-27. Nominated by Mel and seconded by Fee. Mel will have an admin handover meeting with her on Tuesday 2nd June at Isle Ewe.

8)2026 Grant Applications: After we have received acceptance from Eilidh of our group paperwork the team agreed to apply for the annual Admin Grant of £1200 and the Networking Grant of £700.

9)Potential Events: Mel expressed a preference for the Networking Grant if we receive it to support small events local to our West Coast OWL members. Katie agreed with the need for this

and Judith, Lucy and Fee supported the idea. It was felt unanimously that any involvement in a joint Highland OWL Networking Event if it is suggested by North and South Highland OWL would need to reflect this preference in terms of location. Our priority firmly being to support OWL activities on the West Coast and Skye.

Fee gave us an update on the activities and funding at Slattadale for Thrive Outdoors and child led play monthly saturday sessions.

Some of our members are already involved in offering sessions; Katie from Highlife Highland and Joni from Kindercroft. Fee will send Mel some info to circulate to our West Coast OWL members in case anyone would like to volunteer or offer some workshops/sessions.

Slattadale was discussed as a great potential venue for a shared event with WCOWL or an Autumn Network gathering.

Our recent potential collaboration with KLCT for a 'Storytelling for Adults' day on The Plock, Kyle with Gordon Maclellan was sadly cancelled by KLCT but we discussed the idea of us doing something independently ourselves with Gordon in the coming year. Judith has his contact details.

10)Padlet: Katie is going to create a Padlet account for us to use in the organising team as a way to continue to share ideas, resources and plans in between meetings on zoom, given our wide geographical spread. Thank you Katie

11) Planning Meeting: Our next planning meeting to firm up ideas for events and activities for the coming year will be on **zoom on Thursday 4th June 7.30pm**

12)OWL Scotland Chairs Meeting: 27th April 5pm on zoom Mel is planning to go and will feedback to the group.

Meeting Closed 8.10pm