

IMC Agenda Minutes - Committee Meeting 7.30pm Google Meets 28th January 2026

Members Attending	Guests
Dónal Ó Murchú	Paul Neary
Alan Brooks	Moira Creedon
Anni Lang	
Pierse Bishop	
Ed Hick	
Kevin Killick	
Colm Duffy	
Amy Hollands	
Sorcha O'Connor	
Dave Homan	
Michel Mehle	
Adele Fox	

Apologies

Ronan Garvey, Sebastian Viveros

Meeting location: Google Meets

Agenda

1. Minutes of November 24th meeting AB 2 Minutes
 - a. Proposed: Ed Hick
 - b. Seconded: Pierse Bishop
2. Correspondence:
None recieved
3. IMC Grant Application Process, Moira Creedon will act as co-ordinator for a subcommittee to assess any grant aid opportunities that the club can avail of. In her role Moira will prepare a draft spread sheet of agencies providing grant aid, this spread sheet will be circulated to committee members to include any additional sources of grant aid. Donal thanked Moira for her contribution and guidance in grant aid assistance. Alan will socialise the spreadsheet and Paul Neary offered to undertake the administration role of the grant aid subcommittee.
Proposal to change IMC postal address to IMC Hut as there are many more opportunities to source grants that are administered by Local Authority. It was proposed that Alan and Ronan will investigate changing our postal address from DCC to the hut and locating a post box at the gate or building with our Eircode on it. An post supply a post box or purchase one from a supplier.

4. Financial update: Q1 Club Financial Update FY2026, Detailed below as emailed by Ronan

Year to date ("YTD is January 1st") highlights are as follows:

- i. **Current club deficit** is 2247.02
- ii. **Hut bookings income** is 6378.37
- iii. **Membership income** is 6894.71
- iv. **Total Club Funds** 81,458.37

5. Events, Meets and Training for 2026

Ed will organise a hut cleanup weekend, Sorcha will post on the meets calendar. Clean up held February 7th. April date to be arranged.

Dave provided an update on the Intro to Trad Training. Ken Doyle will deliver the mentor training weekend. Application numbers are up this year on previous years. There are currently 7 mentor volunteers for the training.

Amy and Sorcha provide a summary of the hikes and climbing meets taking place and noted the high number of hikes that took place in recent months.

6. Hut developments update, Alan and Ed

The roofer is scheduled to commence work on the hut in February, at present the continuous rain and poor weather is impacting his work.

Alan will purchase the insulation for the roof once the roofer starts work and will be reimbursed the costs.

A quotation for the rear wooden window replacement was received and is accepted. Alan to notify K&K windows of the decision.

Ed is working on the installation of the new water tank in a location at the back of the hut.

7. Absence of elected Hut Warden: the matter was discussed by the committee and there is an action to Donal to contact Ray and discuss his position and lack of presence in Ireland to manage the hut. The offer by Ed at the AGM to help out has now extended to hut warden and the situation needs to be regularised. Donal will request Ray to resign his role as hut warden.
8. Hut Capacity: Donal raised the question of hut capacity for insurance/ fire safety purposes. The documents refer to 21 spaces but should specify 20 spaces upstairs for guests. The wording on booking system must state the correct number of guests allowed, Ed to review.

9. Noel Caffery Nomination to MI Board. The committee approved the nomination of Noel to the board at the Mountaineering Ireland AGM in May 2026. Alan will email MI with the nomination.
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- Further Hut Discussion re Insurance, Ray during his tenure got the fire alarm system checked and updated. The emergency lights also need to be checked. In addition a gas inspection needs to be carried out. Donal will review the certification for the gas and drop by the Glendalough hotel to ask them if they have the name of a local registered gas fitter to assess the hut gas system.
- Adele queried the retention of women and men in the club as it appeared members fall off was an issue. In addition the poor take up of training by members. In particular there is a greater fall off of women than men. Colm stated that he did not have the data analysis as to the reason for members not renewing but as the system matures it would become more evident. Dave Homan and Kevin Killick will work on assumptions of the past retention rates and attempt to understand the retention rates of members and reason why some members do not renew.

Next Meeting March 11th