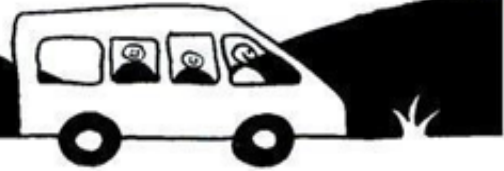


LISMORE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number SCO30469

Minutes of the AGM 27th March 2025 held in the Hall at 7pm.

Present

Noelle Odling, Sebastian Tombs, Liz Buckle, Carol and Julian Wormleighton, Dot Hay Scott Barr, Stuart Ross, Archie Macgillivray, Jane Hough Duncan Drysdale (on Zoom) Roger D-S and Gilly D-S

1. Apologies

Ron Livingstone, Anita and Niall Bachuil, Laura Savill, Ian Maclean, Caroline Bath, Freda Drysdale, Eva Tombs, Mary MacDougall, Mandie Currie, Mike Hyatt and Andy Hough.

2. Minutes of AGM 2024

read by Gilly Dixon -Spain.

Proposed as a correct account of the meeting by ST seconded JH

Matters arising JW asked about the status of the old vehicle which was passed on to the shop, GDS said she would be covering that in the chairman's report.

3. Chairman's report was read by Gilly Dixon -Spain for Nov 23-24 see appendix 1

4. Treasurers report

As Duncan Drysdale was on Zoom he asked Gilly to read 31-10-2023-24 Treasurer's report the accounts had been circulated and approved by the trustees and have been ratified by accountant James Gunn

Gift Aid has continued to be collected. Duncan asked for questions but there were none.

See Appendix 2

5. Subscription rates

Gilly proposed that we don't ask for subscription seconded by CH and unanimously supported by the members present.

6. Retiring and re-election of Trustees

All trustees stepped down and indicated that they would agree to stand for another year. Their reappointment was proposed ST seconded JW

6. AOB

ST asked if we could have an update of what has been happening since the financial year end. Gilly DS, Scotty Barr and Pete Walker have been covering the shop Bookers run since our old vehicle broke down. Scotty and Pete in their vehicles when available and GDS in the vivaro under LC transports insurance, This is a not a suitable long term solution for the shop as the vivaro with it's wheelchair set up is far from ideal. Gilly explained that earlier this week Lismore community trust has obtained a grant to buy a new vehicle for the shop which means that we no longer need to use the community bus for the Booker runs, it is expected to arrive on the island in the next fortnight.

- a) Roger DS wanted to raise the hiring of the bus for general use. Important to promote the use of bus for general use on scheduled days Important to press home that the bus is NOT a granny bus anymore it is a Community bus. Please can people at the meeting share this knowledge.

Jane Hough, indicated that she had found it difficult to see how to book the transport, and as a result hadn't used it. Julian W. added, "there is confusion arising from the use of the word schedule." JH suggested 'operates between certain hours' A discussion followed about how to make the community bus easier to use with clearer information about schedule and booking options.

Discussion followed about how to access to the bus. Noelle explained what to do having just made a hospital booking outside of the published Schedule.

Suggestions about 'operating between certain hours' and 'how best to contact Dot and Gilly who manage the Schedule' and perhaps 'calling it something different'

JH said people prefer to message rather than phone - Gilly suggested whatsapp/ call / contact Gilly if you require usage of the bus outside of the scheduled times.

- b) Gilly proposed a huge vote of thanks to Carol Wormleighton longstanding driver and supporter of the Bus, who has now retired from being a volunteer driver.
- c) ST proposed a vote of thanks to the board and drivers for continuing with the successful running of the Bus for the community of Lismore, which was supported by those members present.

Meeting adjourned at 19:50hrs followed by tea and biscuits.

Appendix 1

Chairmans report. AGM 2025.

For the period November 2023-end of October 2024.

All was going swimmingly with the acquisition of the new EV Vivaro which arrived in October 23, and the setting up of the Easee Charger at the Hall. Our 11 drivers underwent familiarisation with the vehicle and off we set.

Very shortly later in December, the on-board charger failed and because of wind, tide, Ice, ramp failure and a backlog of work at the dealership in Glasgow. The vehicle didn't come back until April 2024 Along with a parking ticket that eventually Glasgow city council backed down from enforcing! (Arnold Clark had parked it on the road while they were waiting for spare parts). We obtained a £300 voucher for any Vauxhall dealership for use in the future by way of compensation. We also got a full-size spare wheel and reverse parking sensors and started afresh.

During the time that the vehicle was away I am very grateful to the volunteers who used their own vehicles to keep the show on the road.

The Charger on Lismore public Hall's electric supply is run by Lismore community transport and has had some use by Island visitors. Who have paid and made donations to the Hall for the privilege. Charger rates are set in consultation with LPH and will need updating any time their unit charge increases but is currently 25p per kWh (35p for visitors).

The Charges/fees for using the vehicle remain £2 per round trip on Lismore and £6 per round trip to Oban. Many of our users have generously rounded up these fees.

Use of the Temporary House Guest membership has been taken up and on St Molouag's Day many of the congregation of Appin visited and were able to take advantage of the service. There have also been a few private events at members' homes which have registered for this use, along with visitors and their hosts visiting the café.

Vauxhall have approved the yearly (service) or safety check of Lights Brakes, Tyres, cable and washer bottle being done by Halfords in Oban (£39) however there is a more specialised check every 2 years with a software update which we will have done in Arnold Clark in October this year, using the voucher.

I have fulfilled the requirements of the energy savings Trust of reporting usage and any feedback from electric vehicle use in general for the full year now which was a condition of our grant.

Since the financial year end, in November in fact, the old vehicle, which if you remember was bought by the shop has terminally broken down with a wiring loom disaster that is uneconomic to repair.

We have been able to help out revictualing the shop by doing the Thursday Bookers run. Our insurance was ok with this so long as it was a temporary thing and getting the seats in and out of the back is no mean feat! Very recently Lismore Community Trust, under Andrew Livingstone's efforts, has obtained Lottery funding to purchase a new vehicle. So watch out for another white Vivaro (a panel van this time) on the island in the next few weeks!

I would like to say thank you to the rest of our Trustees for keeping us on the road and of course to our Volunteer Drivers.

We look forward to taking you on a trip soon.

This service is for everyone and much more fun when there is company.

Appendix 2

Treasurer's Report AGM 27th March 2025.

We did fewer runs this year compared with last: 56 compared with 76. This can be broken down as 32 to Oban and the hospital and 24 on Lismore. We carried 65 passengers to Oban

and 50 passengers on Lismore. We gained £2,000 selling the old car to Lismore Community

Trust. I think this helped the Community Shop although the old car has unfortunately broken

down recently. Selling the old car helped us to end up with a surplus of £637 at the year end.

We were unable to hold any fund-raising events this year and did not receive any other funding. We will try to get some grant funding in the near future. The final bank balance was

£21,392 in total, £15,461 in the car replacement fund and £5,931 in the ordinary account.

In mid-December 2023 we had a problem with the wheelchair locking mechanism which initially blew a fuse leading on to a failure of the charging module. This led to a total failure and the car was totally inoperable. After several attempts the car was finally transported to Glasgow where it was eventually repaired and returned to us in May 2024. While the car was

out of commission our volunteer drivers used their own vehicles to keep up the service.

We

are very grateful to them.

We tried to promote the service to encourage more use of the car, but this has not produced

much additional demand. The new class of user, Temporary House-Guest Member has helped us gain a bit of use of the car. Over recent years we have lost quite a few users hence our attempts to promote the service. Although the service is underused at present, we are confident that it is valued in the community and has a good future. I would like to thank our dedicated group of drivers who support the running of the service. Without this generous group of volunteers, the service would not be viable.