

LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on June 16th 2022 at Lismore Public Hall

Present

Archie McGillivray (AM) Convener, Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Peter MacDougall (PM) Mark Willis (MW), Donald MacColl (DM) Treasurer

In attendance

Cllr Kieron Green (KG), Cllr Andrew Vennard (AV) and Cllr Luna Martin (LM) Rosemary Barry (RB) minute taker and Andy Hough (AH) representing the Community Trust.

1. Apologies

None

It was not possible to hold the AGM planned for 7pm as the accounts were not yet available so it would be rescheduled. The meeting therefore went straight on to the ordinary meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 19.05.2022

These had been previously circulated; they were proposed by MC, seconded by AM and adopted as a true and accurate record

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising not already covered on the agenda.

5. Scottish Government reaching 100% broadband

MC had been copied in to Julian Wormleighton's correspondence with the programme manager but there was little to add on this, other than to reiterate that there were 13 dwellings not on the list that could be eligible for a voucher.

6. Health and Social Care

Health - MC is liaising with the Practice to organise a meeting. The Practice have already advised that one surgery a week on the island is sufficient and that the Thursday Surgery has been increased by one hour to 9.30 to 12 noon instead of 10.30. It was taking on average 3-4 days to get an appointment. DM commented that there was an increase in folk going over to Port Appin.

LCC have asked Highland Health Board to confirm when the contract is up for renewal but have not received a direct answer. KG confirmed that he had raised the surgery issue generally but had yet to get a definitive answer back and unfortunately what was experienced on the island was part of a general pattern.

Social care - MC reported that no update was available from the Council on a potential model for supporting and training volunteers if care workers were off. She enquired as to whether the Trust were interested in taking the matter forward, as had been discussed previously. AH queried the existing contract between the current care provider and A&B Council and asked if there could be a different model. He felt it was necessary to know what position A&B Council and the current care provider would take on the issue. MC reiterated that we should pursue an update on the review of delivery models. KG explained that if the provider were unable to provide cover then the responsibility would be handed back to A&B Council, which would be acceptable for a short time. After a discussion, MC concluded by stressing the importance of continuing dialogue and the need for questions to be asked around the existing contract between the current Provider and the currently employed Care Workers.

7. Ferries

a. Update - Calmac had yet to conclude its current consultation. MC confirmed she had requested additional sailings e.g. when there were issues with the tide and for livestock movements. PM emphasised the need for a reply re extra sailings before the sales began in August.

b. Oban harbour - MC reported that the Oban Harbour consultation report had been circulated and required comment.

c. Achnacroish pier - The old pier had been condemned and wasn't receiving maintenance and it was felt that it couldn't be left to rot. **MC to ask the question of the council as to the future of the pier.**

8. Boreholes

MC emphasised to MW, AM and PM the need to progress with the site checks, to confirm any constraints, e.g. access and to ensure no impacts on existing springs or boreholes. It was therefore not guaranteed that everyone who had put their name down for a borehole would necessarily get one. Information was available on the materials required for lining etc, which the individuals would have to provide themselves.

9. Church and Graveyard

A public meeting had already been arranged to discuss the future of the Parish Church.

A&B Council were taking the graveyard issue forward. Contact had been made with Glensanda re back- filling to improve viability of unusable space.

10. Education leadership model

MC asked KG for an update on this. KG relied that there was to be a Community Services meeting in August/ September but he had yet to receive the agenda for this. Comments received would be fed into the discussion.

11. LCT funding

MC explained that there was a need to finalise the accounts before this funding for Secretariat could be considered. An invoice was required from the Trust for the cost of their hall bookings.

12 New correspondence

There was no new correspondence that had not already been circulated

AOCB and date of next meetings

There were no other questions or issues raised. 8th September was agreed for the next ordinary meeting and the date for the AGM was to be advised.