

## LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Lismore Community Hall

#### Present

Archie McGillivray (AM) - convener; Mandie Currie (MC) - Secretary; Mark Willis (MW); Cllr Kieron Green (KG) – A&BC; Cllr Luna Martin – A&BC; Elaine Robertson (ER) recently retired Cllr. Rosemary Barry (RB) minute taker and three members of the public.

#### 1. Apologies

None

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 24.02.22

These had been circulated and were proposed by MC and seconded by AM

#### 4. Matters arising

Andy Hough (AH) on behalf of the Community trust queried that MC had agreed to send a letter of support for the affordable housing scheme. **MC confirmed that this would be actioned.**

#### 5. Broadband (R100 project) update

Julian Wormleighton (JW) reported intermittent communication with Scottish Government concerning this, with the last response on 28.04.22. Out of 164 properties 13 had not been included in the contract as they had not existed at that time the contract was let. Ten of these would be eligible for the voucher scheme, which would allow the occupant to get a commercial undertaking to provide a similar speed connection. However the supplier has to be an approved provider and for a few people at a distance this was not likely to be commercially viable. R100 had been informed of this. There is a possibility that such connections could be made by 'overspill' once the scheme is underway. It is likely therefore that close to 100% will be connected with a completion date set for the end of this year including the provision of a submarine cable from the mainland. AH mentioned that he had heard that a boat had been booked to do this on May 26<sup>th</sup>. JW also mentioned that he had drawn attention to the fact that there were a few locational errors despite him providing What3Word coordinates for the properties concerned. He will continue to press on this issue.

#### 6. Health and Social Care

**i) GP services** The proposed meeting with the GP to discuss current service provision had been delayed but **MC will arrange this soon, involving Practice representatives and MC, together with Peter MacDougall and Donald MacColl.** KG enquired when the contract was coming up for renewal and MC replied that she had not been able to find out so far. ER added that Health Care was a concern. **KG agreed to raise the concerns with the Integration Joint Board.** Frequency of Surgeries on Lismore is not specified in the contract and there is a movement across Argyll to amalgamate surgeries.

**ii) Social Care provision - MC to chase this up again** as she had yet to hear back. There may be a need to look at alternatives which might include the Community Trust.

#### 7. Argyll and Bute School leadership structural changes

A response had been sent by the Community Council. KG explained that there had been various concerns across Argyll but some responses had been mixed. MC expressed concern with reference to small communities, if schools are required to share Heads, leaving no senior roles based in-school. KG flagged up that there was a Community Services meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June where it would be discussed.

## **8. Ferries**

MC reported that she had responded to the Calmac consultation, requesting alternative sailings rather than cancellations if there are tidal restrictions as well as additional sailings around livestock sales. KG explained that although there was a discussion about priority bookings on some sailings it may not be appropriate for smaller ferries.

The new North end passenger ferry is now in service and AM queried the naming ceremony. KG replied that he thought it would be soon and ER that she thought it would be this month or in June but they had been waiting for the new councillors to start in post.

## **9. Roads and car parks**

Cars not in use that are parked at Point are an ongoing issue, as are old cars and boats left at Achnacroish. AM commented that Achnacroish shouldn't be a dumping ground for cars waiting for uplift. No clear action point was agreed as action has been taken previously with little success. MC reiterated that dead or dying ash trees along road sides at the North end present a danger and need to be felled or de-limbed; these are risky to fell. KG commented that it depended where the boundary was whether it was the responsibility of the landowner or the Council. **MC to send map of potentially dangerous trees to Council.**

## **10 Church and graveyard**

MC reported that there were ongoing discussions re making use of the glebe for a graveyard extension but the precise area had not yet been identified. The Council is taking this forward with the Church of Scotland. The Council had advised that the unused area in the current graveyard could not be used as it was too rocky and may not be suitable for backfill with imported soil. AH spoke about the Church ASM meeting he had attended on behalf of the Trust, where the future possibilities for the organisation of the parishes was outlined by the Minister. As the church needed repair there was scope for community responsibility. It was up to all the key organisations to come together with solutions, e.g. crowd funding for immediate repairs. There was a need for a clear timescale from the minister. **MC to organise an initial public meeting**

## **11. Rubbish collections and recycling**

There was a discussion about the infrequency of collections and missed collections. The bottle bank was often full and there was a need for a designated person to report when it was nearly full. Apparently the bottles were taken directly to the Central Belt but KG commented that there was a proposal to grind the bottles to sand to be used as aggregate and also one for bottles to be returned to the shop.

## **12. Boreholes update**

MW has priced liners at the builders merchants. LCC will provide information on specifications and suppliers but individuals would have to source their own. Site checks still pending so that the final list of borehole requests can be passed to Glensanda. **MW and AM to complete this.** It has been too wet to do site checks and dowsing.

## **13. Visitor issues**

MC was concerned about loose dogs amongst sheep and had put signs up at the North- end asking for dogs to be on leads. She queried with KG the possibility of putting signs on the ferries and he suggested she spoke to the ferrymen. Dot Hay queried whether a sign on the Appin side would be effective so visitors were more aware before they came onto the island. **MC to investigate signage**

## **14. LCT funding**

MC explained that she needed information from the Treasurer to find out what unrestricted funding the Community Council had available before requests for grants to the Community Trust could be considered.

## **15 New correspondence**

No new correspondence had been received that had not already been circulated.

## **AOCB**

A presentation was made to Elaine to thank her for her 19 years of service as councillor and her continued interest in the needs of the Lismore community.

Dot Hay enquired about the possibility of organising an up-to-date phone list for the island. **It was agreed that she would liaise with AH with a view to co-ordinating this with requests for inclusion in island membership lists.**

MC queried relevant dates for the upcoming Community Council elections and **KG said he would send her the schedule; the elections will be in October.**

**Meeting dates** The next meeting was the AGM on June 16<sup>th</sup>.