

Notes of Lismore Community Trust Board Meeting 9th May 2022 Lismore Public Hall.

1) Present

Andy Hough (chair), Anna Stewart, Sarah Forgive, Archie McGillvary, Calum McGillvary, by intermittent Zoom connection Peter MacDougall, Kate McLuskie, and Seona Macdonald

Apologies – Anita Bachuil, Julia Fayngruen

2) Minutes of the meeting of 21st Agreed

3) Matters arising -

- a. Kate thanked for here paper which was noted. There are clear implications and opportunities under the Scottish Governments Housing 2040 Plan and the National Islands Plan
- b. The potential holders of a confidential need register regarding housing had been approached and declined. Further suggestions were made but equally the importance of a register, given the mandate to progress with two affordable family houses has diminished. Allocation process and criteria for the new houses will be developed.
- c. Pen portraits for the website had not been received. AH will assist individuals to ensure we enhance our web profile
- d. The funding lost for the kiosks was unfortunate and felt just now to be accepted as an unavoidable loss.
- e. Eric and Julia had completed the shelving in the kiosks which was welcomed. The invoice for labour work was outstanding, materials invoice to follow but expected to be well withing budget. An event to celebrate opening was discussed and not considered a high priority. The kiosks have been on the Facebook community notice board and other opportunities to highlight their completion will be made, perhaps linking to new ferry. The ballot boxes have been repurposed for donations for the leaflets and comments. There had already been donations and notes.
- f. Contributors to the user agreement for the kiosks were thanked.
- g. *It was noted that Simon Lewis had offered to donate made boxes for users.*
- h. There has been a positive response from the RIHF regarding our expression of interest in bidding for funding for the build.
- i. The draft need assessment document is not finished yet
- j. The Ballot outcome was very positive with 78% of the island voting and 87% in favour. There was discussion about how to respond to the comments. It was agreed the comments would be published with a summary reply.
- k. A single island resident membership approach is still under discussion.

Actions AH to have all users sign the agreement and pay the annual subscription for kiosks

AH to discuss with Simon Lewis kiosk user boxes.

AH to circulate draft need assessment

AH to draft the summary reply to the comments to the ballot for publishing.

- 4) Finance – Signatories and internet banking were still being sorted as Sarah is operating from a cheque book. Arrangements were being made to pay Eric and Julia asap. Balance was in excess of £8000 but details of reserved and unreserved funds need to be agreed. Anita has approached the Community Council regarding funding Trust meeting costs (hall hire) etc which needs following up as there was agreement.
- 5) Housing Project discussion. There are many complexities and stages to getting funding and getting the houses built. It was agreed there needed to be a clear overview/project plan so all could engage with elements of interest and areas of expertise. Communication and community engagement was also essential and this needed to be incorporated into the project plan.

Actions

AH to coordinate a Saturday morning site meeting with broad outline of building specification

AH to meet with KM and draft a Project Plan for discussion and familiarisation.

- 6) There was discussion about Lismore maybe been seen as being a little way behind other islands/communities in the development of key infrastructure projects that will benefit the island. There are opportunities for grant funding and support that comes from different sources including Scottish Government National Islands Plan. The Trust is wholly committed to the housing project and attention should not be diverted from that but it would be beneficial to explore and start preliminary preparations for some projects that might address issues people have, in the past, expressed a desire for, or interest in and the Board feel has got merit. Three broad initiatives emerged.
 - 1) Development of Achnacroish and surrounds exploiting water based activities, commercial opportunities, improvement in visitor impressions of the island. As a social enterprise and depending on what was developed there would be primary and secondary employment/ business opportunities. Key features of the area are the public toilets, ferry waiting room and pier.
 - 2) A replacement Village Hall – built on the same site and relevant to the hall centenary in 2028. Its noted there have been previous considerations to a replacement village hall on a different site and over the years there have been modifications and implemented and proposed. The Hall is considered to be a significant and potentially unviable resource due maintenance demands eg. roof, dampness and heating costs.
 - 3) The church and links to special historical interests of the island. It maybe the little manse could be an opportunity for a further focal point of this activity run in with the heritage centre. There are significant concerns about the condition of the church and it is unclear what the future holds. The AGM is on 12th may and more may be known after that.

Action

AH to discuss with secretary of CC what discussions there have been with Argyll and Bute re pier condition and state of waiting room.

Next meeting

Monday 6th June (week after Jubilee) 7:30 Public Hall

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