

## **Notes of the meeting of Lismore Community Trust Board on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **1) Present**

Andy Hough (convener) Anna Stewart, Archie McGillvary, Anita Bachuil, Julia Frayngruen.

### **Apologies**

Calum McGillvary, Seona Macdonald, Kate McLuskie

2) Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June were approved.

3) Matters arising.

Most pen portraits had been confirmed and will be put onto website. The importance of web presence was agreed. Photos to be sent through.

Julia will follow up with Simon about boxes for the kiosks

It was proving difficult to get reliable estimates for the work needed at SLF feasibility stage 1 application. Illness and Covid were delaying some quotes. While the Trust needs to be comfortable with level of request for funding it needs to be accountable for how the bid amount is arrived at.

SM to meet with AH to improve clarity to the stages and issues in the housing project.

AB is working on the member ship list.

Further work on access to documents to ensure all contributions to drafts were recognised is in progress along with the extent to which this is the same as or compatible with Google Drive.

4) Finance report – not available. Current balance is circa £10,000. The importance of understanding the reserved and unreserved funding is noted. The recent areas of expenditure were materials for the kiosks. It was also noted that the Trust could benefit from a subscription to the Scottish Land registry for work and issues that may be of interest.

**Agreed - In principle AH to circulate details of land registry costing for purchase.**

5) Housing report

On-going delays in getting quotes were noted (see above). The timing of getting land valuation was noted. An outdated estimate at the time of approval for some grants could incur additional cost for an updated valuation and revised business plan. The expectation about getting 3 quotes was questioned and it was considered in some cases this was not

viable but reasons would need to be presented eg locality and number of specialist in the field etc.

- 6) The issue of the church and surrounds was discussed following the Community Council convened meeting and the Ministers fact sheet. While the idea of the church coming into community ownership was certainly entirely compatible with the Trust Articles of Association there was concern about capacity within the Trust, relevance to board members priorities and whether a new specific group should not be formed. The disadvantages of a new group were noted (volunteer capacity on the island and time taken to gain the necessary status and recognition with charity commissioners etc). A partnership approach with existing groups and key individuals was likely to be the best way forward. There is an open meeting planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> July where further decisions and ideas would be presented.
- 7) There was no AOB
- 8) Date of next meeting to be first Monday in September. (5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Public hall)