

LISMORE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number SC030469

**2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

1. Apologies:

Clare Haworth, Ian MacKinnon, Dot Hay

2. Present Via Zoom

Freda and Duncan Drysdale, Rosemary Barry, Margot Bell Noelle Odling, Stuart Ross, Pauline Dowling, Julian and Carol Wormleighton, Roger and Gilly Dixon-Spain, Liz Buckle, Caroline Bath and Mary MacDougal

3. Minute of the AGM held on 27th March 2019

Read by Gilly Dixon-Spain correction required at – ‘adoption of last AGM minutes Sebastian “proposed” not “read” the minutes

4. Matters arising

Glensanda donated £1500 in September 2019

GDS has put up 2018 and 2019 minutes on the community website but due to the pandemic needs still to put up the January 2020 trustee meeting minutes and the 2021 AGM documents she apologised for not getting this in order before the AGM.

5. Report by the Chair for the period 27th March 2019 – 24th March 2021

See appended report.

6. Report by the Treasurer and consideration of the accounts for the period 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2020

See appended report

7. Resolution- 2021/03/24 Revision of constitution to allow for virtual meetings

See attached document which was produced in collaboration with Julian Wormleighton, read out by GDS adopted unanimously by the members present proposed by Julian Wormleighton seconded by Duncan Drysdale GDS to let all trustees have a revised copy of the constitution and send off the resolution to OSCR.

8. The setting of subscription rates

It was decided not to levy a subscription at this time but to seek funding from grants and larger organizations

9. Election/re-election of charity trustees

All the current trustees stepped down from office and presented themselves for re-election for another year. Gilly Dixon-Spain (Chair), Duncan Drysdale (Treasurer), Roger Dixon-Spain (secretary), Dot Hay (minutes secretary) Carol Wormleighton and Mary MacDougall. Proposed by Freda Drysdale and seconded by Julian Wormleighton.

Julian Wormleighton thanked the trustees for another year's work and was joined by the other members present.

10. Any other business.

Discussion was had about how to increase usage and therefore funds for the granny bus

GDS explained that there were now 2 regular users 2 "hospital only users and 4 older users that hadn't used the granny bus for over a year now and may not be inclined to use it again.

There was discussion of ideas which included offering a shopping facility, recruiting more younger drivers and lowering the user age, all of which may be incorporated into the schedule once the corona restrictions are lifted.

For now, we would continue to offer single passenger usage for essential appointments and discuss at trustee meetings when the service should run to a schedule again and how that schedule should look in the future.

The meeting concluded at 8.16pm.

Appendix

Chairmans Report

Covering the period from 27th March 2019 24th March 2021

A rather different period for Lismore community 2019 was as normal and 2020/21 was not!

During March 2019 to Feb 2020, we enabled our clients to attend Hospital and doctors' appointments on Lismore and both Oban and Glasgow. Dental, Ophthalmic and Hair appointments, café visits, some social calls and of course regular shopping and delivery of messages.

Once we went into the first Lock down our service pretty much ground to a halt, on account of our clients being the most vulnerable to Covid the shop being closed and nothing going on on Lismore.

In 2019 We continued to have a "Get-together" every second month where the "Granny Bus" users, Trustees and some drivers met at the Heritage Centre Café in the summer months and in the wee manse church room in the winter to enjoy tea and scones. This gave the users the opportunity to meet socially, have a chat, and we could review the service and discuss any improvements or changes we wished to make. We also took our clients to The Trust's lunch club and activities at the school house.

Thanks to Ron Livingstone at Point House in January 2020 we had another very successful trip down memory lane, listening and singing along to some of his huge collection of 78's, on his antique wind up gramophone whilst feasting on a magnificent spread of cakes.

We held another fund-raising car wash event on August 4th with water supplied by Roger from the stream at Sailean, it was a lovely sunny day we washed lots of cars and we raised £122 Freda Dot and Duncan and other members of the board provided delicious tea and cakes for the car owners. Near Christmas we had a Holly Lunch for 34 guests, with the help of the children of Lismore Primary School and would like to thank Catherine Davies and the school staff for putting on such a good show lots of lovely songs from around the world. This raised £240.

So, what else did we do since 2019?

We welcomed Carol onto the Board, Freda Retired after many many years as secretary we extended our heartfelt thanks for such long dedicated service and gave her a gift from all users and trustees of wormery.

Our soon to be 7-year-old Vehicle continues to be serviced by Gunn's garage. The decision was taken not to effect the expensive work on the automatic gearbox to make manual engage and it has been operating reliably for the whole period. It is only really be needed if there was a repeat of the 2018 beast from the east and snowy icy roads.

Duncan and I continue to do the monthly vehicle checks and keep the vehicle clean.

We very sadly marked the passing of 4 very special and much-loved regulars during this period, Roma Black in June 2019, Mary McFadyen in September 2019, Marjorie MacDonald in January 2020 just before her 100th birthday, and Margaret MacDonald in December last year. A tremendous loss to their families and to us associated with the Granny bus, dear friends sorely missed.

Once the pandemic put us in lock down in March 2020 with no gatherings allowed, we had a total of 20 trips till today starting in August when much needed haircuts, ophthalmic appointments and a need to see if the world was still spinning. We have only been allowed one passenger per trip wearing masks and using copious amounts of hand sanitiser.

Just a few to the shop once Laura opened it up again the rest to long awaited hospital appointments and vaccination clinic in the hall. Many of the hospital appointments were via Point ferry and I would like to thank the volunteers who used their own cars for this purpose.

Now to the Thank-you's

I would like to say a big thank you to so many, but especially to all the lovely people who gave their time to volunteer as drivers of the Granny Bus, going at times a little further than required: Using your own cars in times of need, carrying parcels, unloading shopping, searching for Glasses, sticks and hearing aids. Without you all, this valuable service would be sorely missed. I hope we can call on you again once we have a chance to get back to operation in a slightly more normal fashion.

So here we go Thank you, Carol and Julian, Dot, Caroline Bath, Clare Haworth, Iain Barclay, Laura Gloag, Stuart Ross, Mary MacDougall, Duncan and Freda, Katy, Christine Green, Rosemary Barry, Ian McKinnon, Maureen Mitchel, and Roger

Thank you, our users, for the appreciation patience and generosity you share.

Thank you also to those in the community who support us with both encouragement and financial contributions. And thank you to the carers who have often got our clients ready for transport, or alerted us to the need for transport.

I hope the rest of 2021 will see more social interaction and chances for social life, I am looking forward to get together in the café again.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report 24th March 2021 for the years to 31st October 2019 and 31st October 2020.

For the year ended October 2019 we had good year financially with a surplus of £1,374. For the year ended 2020 we had a loss of £558. The 2019 year was a normal year unlike the 2020 year where the COVID-19 more or less put us out of normal operation.

We also had corporate donations from Glensanda and Gleaners in the 2019 financial year. This enabled us to transfer a further £1,000 to our car replacement fund during that year. We applied to Glensanda again but so far we have not had a positive response. We were unable to hold any fund raising events in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Sadly we have lost some of our "Grannies" over the past few years. This will probably change the way we will operate in future after the COVID-19 epidemic is over. Although we are still in good heart financially it looks like we will struggle to get the fares to cover basic costs and we will have to make sure we secure funding from corporate donations and keep up the fund raising as before. It would appear that there is a greater demand for runs to Oban and other mainland destinations rather than the Island runs to the shop etc. With reduced number of passengers it will be difficult to cover basic ferry and fuel costs as in previous years.

I have noted below details of passenger numbers, journeys and passenger per journey for the past 5 years. We really have to ignore the 2020 figures as they are skewed by COVID-19. Looking at the 2016 to 2019 figures the Lismore runs and journeys have reduced over the years but the Oban figures have remained fairly similar.

Year Ended	Lismore Passenger	Lismore Journeys	P/J	Oban Passengers	Oban Journeys	P/J	Annual Millage
2020	46	32	1.4	32	22	1.5	723
2019	197	89	2.2	110	40	2.8	1940
2018	228	115	2.0	115	39	2.9	2664
2017	455	125	3.6	116	42	2.8	4055
2016	544	140	3.9	118	42	2.8	4353

As before I would like to thank my fellow trustees and the drivers who help keep the Granny Bus running. I would hope we can attract some younger people to volunteer as trustees and drivers as the majority of the existing trustees are over 70 years old and will be eligible to use the Granny Bus rather than drive it.

Duncan J Drysdale
Treasurer