

LISMORE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



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Charity Number SCO30469

Board of Trustees Meeting held in the Hall 11am 13th December 2021

Present; Carol Wormleighton, Gilly Dixon-Spain, Roger Dixon-Spain, Duncan Drysdale, Dot Hay

Apologies: Mary MacDougall

Minutes of last meeting held 11th October 2021

Correction : Tony and Karen Currie made a generous donation to funds.

Minutes proposed by Gilly Dixon-Spain, **seconded by** Carol Wormleighton

Matters Arising:

- Having decided not to have the vehicle serviced as it had done very little mileage, the warning sign came up and so it was eventually done.
- The wheelchair training has been completed by all drivers except Mary MacDougall. Caroline Bath and Katy Crossan have done it recently.
- The Safeguarding Policy is near completion. It will be useful for drivers to refer to and in future could be included in the Drivers' Handbook.

Vehicle Issues

One of the Covid precautions is making sure the vehicle is well ventilated. Drivers are having difficulty opening the sliding back windows.

Treasurer's Report

Our income for the year since 1st November is £75

The treasurer reported that Virgin Money, which has replaced The Clydesdale Bank, is undergoing changes and will be closing the branch in Oban, he is looking at taking it all online and he will keep the trustees informed.

He has not heard from Glensanda or Calmac since his last requests to them.

The treasurer has the accounts for the past year ready to send to OSCR in preparation for the 2022 AGM.

Granny Bus Users

Carol Wormleighton reported that no one has made advanced requests for trips to Oban despite of being offered the opportunity to do so.

Discussion about the future of the Granny Bus

We have a dwindling number of users of the Granny Bus with a resulting shortfall in income. This is unsustainable in the long term. We discussed several possibilities of dealing with the problem of our underused and deteriorating asset. We asked the questions:

- Do we need the service at all?
- Can we obtain further donations?
- Could we attract further users?
- Should we continue to use our capital savings to keep it going?

We decided that we would keep the service going but would open it up to all the residents of Lismore who might need transport. Without having to change our governing document we can carry members of any age over 16 who. We would expect to run weekly trips to Oban attracting those without cars, to get their shopping in Oban without the trouble of carrying it to the ferry and back home.

Because the vehicle has affectionately been known as The Granny Bus, this has caused folk not to even consider using it. It is not 'cool' and not for young people. Hence, it was decided to return to the name Lismore Community Transport. It is hoped that with the wider use by the community older people will still use the service and a younger new pool of drivers will make themselves available. There will have to be policies in place to deal with the transport of children, dogs, cats. But we will start by throwing it open in next schedule ie January 2022.

Grant

Gilly Dixon-Spain was successful in obtaining a grant from Connecting Scotland in order to buy Margot Bell an ipad.

Next Get-to-Gether. 14th December 11am in the Hall

Next Meeting of Lismore Community Transport Trustees 17th January 2022 11am in the Hall