

Community Shop and Post office. -Initial meeting Sunday 14th May 2023 10:30 Lismore Public Hall

AGENDA

- 1) Welcomes

- 2) Invitees for balanced representative interested group Andy, Brona, Bob, Katy, Tony, Sarah, Peter, Michael (+ or – Donald, Sadie –over rep of of McColls!?)

Purpose To assist the Lismore Community Trust explore the idea of there being a community run post office and shop on the Isle of Lismore - as supported by the community empowerment survey

- 3) Introductions – individual initial thoughts on the idea of the shop and PO becoming community owned

- 4) Draft SWOT analysis – for discussion and modification (KISS)

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much valued island facility and service • PO and shop are a combined entity that can provide a modest income • Provides employment for islanders 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use has been reducing and alternatives found. • Premises are in need of modernisation • No accommodation • Deliveries and stock management a challenge
<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible closure of both shop and PO • New party purchasing could repeat this cycle of threat of loss. • PO postmaster role could be lost • Potential vociferous minority opposition 	<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of advice guidance available (including Iain McNicoll) • Enhances community cohesion and sense of place • Creation of community investment fund. • To relocate • Attraction of grants

5) Feedback from Appin co-op - Iain McNicoll

6) Community Share schemes -

7) Next steps

- a) Additional info knowledge?
- b) Feedback - messages and process to the community
- c) Digital community empowerment questions?
- d) Future /more meetings?