

LISMORE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number SCO30469

Lismore Community Transport AGM 28th March 2024 Minutes 7pm in the Hall

Apologies:

Carol and Julian WL, Caroline Bath. Clare Howarth, Douglas Thorburn, Andy Hough, Douglas Thorburn

Present

Liz Buckle, Sebastian Tombs, Ian Mackinnon, Tony Currie, Katy Crossan, Laura Savill, Jane Hough, Rachel Hopkins, Shona, anna, Kirsty, Bob Hay, Stuart Ross, Rosemary Barry, Archie McColl, Archie MacGillivray.

Minutes of AGM 1st March 2023

Proposed – Sebastian T

Seconded – Liz B

Matters Arising – Temporary house guests are now being issued with a card to present to volunteer drivers this card is valid for our financial year 1st November to 31st October and can be reviewed for extension for another year at that time.

Chair's Report see appendix 1

Treasurer's Report see appendix 2

Subscription rates

Agreed that no rate to be charged

Proposed – Ian MacKinnon

Seconded – Katy Crossan

Election of Trustees

All the trustees stood down as required, and there were two Retirals – Douglas Thorburn and Carol Wormleighton. Gilly thanked them both for all their hard work and commitment, Douglas had been the main instrument in procuring the new Electric Vehicle grant and Carol for her hard work at booking ferries and organising the monthly schedule of drivers. The returning 6 trustees are Gilly D-S, Roger D-S, Dot Hay, Mary MacDougall, Clare Haworth and Duncan Drysdale. 5 are required for a quorum.

AOB

There was a longish report and discussion on the absence of the EV since December following both an electric failure of the inertia reel locks on the wheelchair which had shorted out and was repaired under warranty by GM coachworks who came to Lismore to affect the repair. Coincidentally the on-board-charger failed, and so the vehicle had to be recovered by the RAC to a Vauxhall dealership The ensuing problems of getting the vehicle off the island to Glasgow, and the delay in spare parts for the repair, has meant that the vehicle has still not been returned. However latest news is that we are likely to have it back in April.

GDS is asking Vauxhall for an extension to the warranty for the 4 months we haven't had the vehicle.

Gilly DS reported that a spare wheel and jack have been acquired for the electric vehicle.

Appendix 1

Chairmans report AGM Lismore community transport 2024

Following on from Douglas Thorburn's work, grant application was successful November 2022, and we had the go-ahead for both the new EV and a charger which is hosted at Lismore Public Hall

Meanwhile with the drastic drop of users we lost 12 since 2019 we have been working on ways to up the numbers which has led to some new folk using the service. not least the temporary house guest members which we solved last AGM.

We need to thank Julian who put an enormous amount of effort in to rewording the constitution so as to take account of the new membership category and this was duly approved by oscr.

We have devised little cards for the temporary members so the drivers can know who they are. it has worked well for residents and their friends.

most of our work has been towards preparing to receive and learning about our new vehicle, with the delay came a hike in the price and the Grantors PiC couldn't increase the amount applied for. but we had applied for the full price including VAT and discovered that we could claim VAT exemption because of the not-for-profit service we provided. PiC allowed us to keep the balance until we were sure that the vehicle costs were covered, and we will return any excess at the end of that period. The total we were billed was £44,284 and the maximum grant we could draw down was £51K approx.

Jane Hough worked with us to get the EV point at the Hall with Ian Lawrie the electrician recommended to us by PiC.

The charger can be used by others if they contact me first to unlock and make a charge to them. The rate of charge should be set by LPH to reflect a small profit for the privilege of using the facility. The charger remains the property of Lismore community transport.

Carol W grappled this year with CalMac's new booking system which has been extraordinarily difficult for our organisation when booking with travel warrants and senior travel passes. CalMac are at fault here and it is an ongoing problem which we hope will be solved soon. Carol deserves recognition for her tireless efforts even going to Oban to get tickets to go to Oban!!

Ian MacKinnon deserves recognition for his care of the diesel vehicle and arranging its MOT's. and services.

When the new vehicle finally arrived on 18th of October, we swung into action familiarising all the drivers with the car and how to charge it. New to all of us Carol arranged for the livery of Gilly B's design to be fitted by Art and Sea and managed to get the vehicle back in time on the day for the Launch event

As you will remember Andy Greatrex did some wonderful cartoon posters for the launch suggesting ways the not so elderly could use the service. and Sarah and Dan did us proud with delicious eats. Age Scotland so love our organisation that they gave us a donation to spend on our members and this was used to fund the event.

we sold the old diesel to the new Community shop for £2000. and all was going well until a fault with the wheelchair access electrics, which shorted out. Under Warranty GM Coachworks sent an engineer out to fix that within a week but a concurrent fault was triggered so the vehicle wouldn't start.

Living on Lismore recovery wasn't as simple as it might have been and what with storms, ramp failures and Ice events it wasn't recovered to Glasgow Vauxhall till 22nd of February and they have been waiting for a new part since. Brian Bachelor from e-van-Guru who supplied the vehicle, has been fighting our corner and has assured us that the new part will be at AC Glasgow mid next week. thankfully this is all under the 3-year warranty. For perspective our own Berlingo has been with the Citroen dealership since the beginning of November, and they still don't have the parts!

Meanwhile we have been carrying passengers on the island and to Oban for shopping appointments and more, up to point for a boozy lunch at the Pier house and collecting houseguests for elderly residents, all in our own cars. it's not ideal but it's working for now.

We are sadly saying goodbye and a big thank you to 2 of our trustees this year: - Douglas Thorburn who led the way to a greener vehicle and Carol Wormleighton who has battled with CalMac and it's foibles along with sorting out who is driving whom to where.

Thank you to all the rest of my fellow trustees it has been a very busy year with double the normal number of meetings.

Thank you to our drivers and our enthusiastic you users we will want more of you to come for a drive with us.

You may have been at the Christmas Ceilidh where we sang a song about the Granny bus - Get yourself a schedule and be a passenger too

Thank you to the many who have contributed throughout the year

Appendix 2

Treasurers Report 28 March 2024.

This year we did 76 runs in total, 46 runs to Oban and the hospital and 30 runs on Lismore. We carried 76 passengers to Oban and 35 passengers on Lismore. We are looking at ways to increase usage of the car by any Island residents over 16 years old. To facilitate this, we introduced a new class of Member, Temporary House guest. This will enable family and friends of existing Members to use the car when they are visiting.

Probably the main thing this year was that we were successful with our application to the Energy Saving Trust and have just taken delivery of our new electric car. It is a Vauxhall Vivaro e-life Combi MWB which is wheelchair accessible. We also got a grant to install a Charge Point which will be available for the public to use. Lismore Public Hall agreed that we could install the Charge Point at the Hall. Many thanks to Douglas and Gilly for the extra work this has involved. We agreed to sell the old car to Lismore Community Trust for £2,000. This will assist the Shop which has been taken into Community ownership. The Committee feel this is another Island charity worth supporting as we received 100% grant for our new vehicle.

I would like to thank our dedicated group of drivers who support the running of the service.

Without this generous group of volunteers, the service would not be viable.

At the year end, the total balance of cash funds (all unrestricted) was £20,754 with £20,348 in our general fund and £407 in the car replacement fund. We took £10,000 from the car replacement

fund to cover costs during the purchase of the new car. We will transfer funds back to the car replacement fund when appropriate.

Duncan J Drysdale