

# THE FUTURE OF LISMORE’S CHURCH

The following are all the collated responses to the recent questionnaire on the future of Lismore’s Church. The anonymous responses received for each question are grouped together, starting with results from the online survey (hosted by Smart Survey) with the responses submitted as hard copy typed in below. Occasionally, answers to a particular question may simply be “refer to above” or “as above”. Please note that this doesn’t mean the answer shown directly above, it is the answer provided by that individual to the previous question. The original hard copies are available if anyone wants to check.

A total of 99 people answered the survey; not all answered every question. The survey was open to anyone with an interest in Lismore as its purpose was to get ideas on the future use of the Church building, wee manse and glebe, should the community decide to take ownership. It was also intended to give an opportunity for people to share their thoughts on the Church and potential community ownership and for these to be reflected back to the community, in preparation for the consultation process that is to follow. This gives a flavour of how the people who participated are thinking at this stage but it is not intended to give an indication of any community preference. There will be opportunities for discussion on this feedback and any new ideas that arise, at a drop-in session to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January and again at a consultation event on 18<sup>th</sup> February, where potential future uses will start to be prioritised, ready for any vote that needs to take place in future, on preferred options.

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## The future of Lismore's church

### 1. Introduction

#### 1. Why is the church building important to you?

1	Historic centre of the island community. Importance of marriages and funerals.
2	It's a important historical building and part of the rich ecclesiastical history of Lismore
3	It isn't.
4	Because it is a beautiful iconic building. I've welcomed family and friends into our faith there and said goodbye to many too. Regardless of creed or colour, this may be the last building many of us wish to enter and exit in our lives.
5	History ,family connections ,
6	For the history of Christianity in Scotland. For a holy place to worship God. For a centre for the island.
7	It is a place of quiet and contemplation. Somewhere where the door is always open.
8	We attend church at Christmas, Easter and other special occasions. We had our children Christened at the Church, which was very important to us. They are registered in the same book as Roberts father, grand parents and great grandparents and so on. The school has the christingle service at the Church. We have been to weddings and funerals at the Church. A big part of island life.

## 1. Why is the church building important to you?

	I have hosted a few charity concerts at the Church, it has great accoustics and great atmosphere. The Church is vital for our business, and church visit is always part of our tours of the island. The whole site and building are of great historical value, recent discoveries are only the tip of the iceberg. It has great potential.
9	Lifelong memories of worship, weddings and funerals on Lismore. The church is central to the history of the Island and used to be at the heart of community life for the original islanders. And finally it is a fine landmark building built to last and should be protected.
10	It's not really, as a church. I do think that for many on the island has family and sentimental value, ie weddings, christening etc. I
11	It is an important part of life for many islanders and a key part of our history. It is recognised as being of national and international importance. Most folk use the church at some point in their lives.
12	Place of worship. Heritage and history. Community building
13	We were married there, have attended many significant getherings there. It is historically significant. Has been a hub for spiritual connection and healing for centuries and I believe we need spiritual connection and healing more now than ever!
14	Community hub across the ages. Central spot for sharing the most important times of our lives. Births,weddings and funerals.
15	It is significant central to Lismore in every possible way: the history, the social meeting , religious expression, ritual, tourism etc
16	It's my place of sanctuary and worship and that of my ancestors
17	Historic Cathedral , focal point for many tourists.
18	It is where my family have been christened, married, buried for generations. It represents the centre of the Island population, with or without belief. It a historic irreplaceable building.
19	It's where you can be part of it's history and your own family events and special occasions for others add to the this special place. There is no other building on the island that gives you this tranquility.
20	Not sure it is to be honest. If it is to be preserved my reason for preservation would be its historical importance not sentimentality about previous use. A church is a group of believers not a building. They can meet round a kitchen table or maybe rent space in the hall. Lismore Kirk building shouldn't be preserved at all costs, only if it can be done without otherwise damaging the community. If the building is no longer needed that too is a valid chapter of the island's history.
21	I worship there as a Christian it is a place of importance from a faith and historical perspective
22	A building with a long history and a place of worship .
23	It isn't particularly important to me (a non-believer). It is, however, clearly of importance to a significant propotion of the current island population, as well as being of substantial historic importance, and it is for those reasons that I take and interest in its future.  My interest is also substantially motivated by my concern that the island community should be wary of burdening itself by taking on the responsibility for further buildings which might represent a drain on limited resources and/or undermine the viability of established community organisations and building assets.
24	It's a historical building and has been an important centre for the community for centuries.
25	As well as it's value and significance to the current congregation, it is an important part of Lismore's history and needs to be preserved and maintained. It matters to me persoanlly due to the many memories tied up withiin and around it's walls.
26	1. Its unique heritage. There are few buildings of this age and quality in Scotland; and it is at the centre of a unique heritage site from prehistory to the present. 2. It is the focus of rites of passage (weddings, funerals, concerts ...) for the whole island community. This is not least because of its outstanding acoustics. 3. The availability of a place of worship is important to the community.
27	Family member uses the church for the service on a Sunday.
28	It is a very old historic building.

## 1. Why is the church building important to you?

29	Heritage, St Moluag, local history, burial ground
30	Funerals and weddings
31	An established feature building on the island
32	The church has been the centre of the island since it was built in the 13th century. I have worshipped there for over 35 years . It is an integral part of my faith, the faith of hundreds of worshippers over the centuries and perhaps also for people who do not attend worship but still believe. It is important for “ rites of passage “ It must remain as an integral part of island life, hopefully repurposed to be important to those of faith, and of no faith.
33	I cannot say the church is important to me. The church is of interest to me because it sits on an ancient monument. The interior is lovely but the exterior is an eye sore and an embarrassment when attracting visitors to the Island
34	<p>The church is at the very heart of the island community. No matter what difficulties life throws our way it offers a vital sanctuary that can always be relied upon to offer quiet reflection and restore the soul. To me this makes it the most important building on the island. As a very shy person I tend to visit the church alone, rather than for services, and value it immensely as it gives me a closer connection to God and helps me spiritually. The ancient stoneworks adds to the feeling of connection to the very earliest Christian teachings in Scotland and greatly enhances the profound peace within its walls. I know several other islanders that also visit at quiet times. I feel strongly that we should not be forgotten when counting the numbers using the church for worship and moral support.</p> <p>To me it would be an inconceivable loss to the community if it cannot be maintained and used as a church building. it would leave the islands greatly impoverished. For generations it has overseen christening's, marriages and funerals, watch night services and commemoration of those islanders lost in war, as well as weekly services that form the main social gatherings for many island people. Its key role in these life events makes it a cherished part of the community with a deep relevance to almost every local person.</p> <p>I worry very much what we would we do without it to mark life's important rites if passage. I said goodbye to my father here and one day hope to celebrate my mother's life too within its walls. I find it very disturbing to think that this could not be possible. The community, including me and my family need the church to continue fulfilling these roles. We love this beautiful building and want everything possible to be done to save it and keep it functioning as a church, and important community meeting place.</p> <p>I'm sure people of any faith, or none, cannot fail to come under the spell of this beautiful ancient building. Therefore I greatly value its relevance, not only to local people, but also to visitors. It is one of the key attractions of the island, particularly those with an interest in history, or genealogy, and so I value it too as a key part in the island's important tourism economy. It must be one of the most photographed island buildings, and very frequently is shown in publications as the key representation of Lismore. We would lose a great deal of our island 'identity' if it's future is not secured.</p> <p>As recent archaeological research has discovered, its historical value is of national importance and on this score alone it must be protected from disrepair or alteration by modern developments. It would be a tragedy to lose the clear links it gives to the early Christians who established Lismore as the most prestigious place in Argyll, a status which continued for many hundreds of years. We are so lucky to have this unique ancient building on our island and we must not be the generation to lose it.</p>
35	It isn't
36	It is an historic building with so much history attached to it and the surrounding area. It really should be a more prominent jewel in the crown of Lismore and hence I believe it is critically important to preserve and sensitively develop it and its usage
37	It is where people are baptised, married and have their funerals; this is a crucial part of the fabric of our community. It is a lovely building to sing in.
38	It's the islands religious and historical centre.
39	As well as the historical importance it is a constant on the island and for many the last building they will enter.
40	It's a building of huge historical importance

## 1. Why is the church building important to you?

41	I got married there and its central to islands identity
42	I attend church services there. It is important for christening's marriages and funerals. It is a central historic building on a significant site. I couldn't bear to see it boarded up or converted into a house for private use.
43	It's a beautiful historic building where I, along with my siblings were christened. My children were christened there too. As a child I went to Sunday school there. There have been many family weddings & funerals of loved ones. It holds a special place in my heart with lots of memories, mostly happy but some sad.
44	It is part of our island identity and has both ancient and contemporary historical significance.
45	It's big part of the community even if you just go now and again.
46	It's a spiritual sanctuary, where I was christened, where family and ancestors were taken for their final journey. It's one of the very few community buildings that feels like it belongs to everyone.
47	As an important historic building, both age and social history, and a community space.
48	It's a significant part of the island's history and in a commanding position
49	Because it is the church I attend when in Lismore and where many generations of my family have worshipped
50	Historical interest and spiritual connection
51	For worshipping also weddings and funerals
52	It is a massive part of the island, it's still used for weddings, funerals Christenings.
53	Because I attend church services there whenever I am on the island. The building is also an important remindet of the island's rich heritage.

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### Paper responses

1. Its historical significance
2. A lot of history associated with the church, the island. Memories of events held within its walls
3. It is not important to me
4. I want it to be there for my children to be married in, my grandchildren to be christened in. It's such an important historical building and we cannot afford to lose it
5. Personally, it's not but historically and culturally I believe it's important to the island
6. I has sentimental attachment – where family are buried, where we were married etc.
7. It is integral to the history of the island and shows continuity from the pagan site to Christianity
8. Immense historical value
9. Historical importance
10. Yes, it is of significant historical importance
11. I have family buried in the graveyard. I've known this space growing up

12. It is not of any religious significance to me but I appreciate that it is a landmark of historical importance, part of the heritage of Lismore
13. It is important from an archaeological and history
14. As a key historical part of island, at its centre. As a centre for the community at funerals, weddings, occasional baptisms; and for gathering at festivals esp. Christmas; and for concerts. As a place of worship
15. It is of historical importance. Family events have taken place in it.
16. I have worshipped there, been married there, been at many friends' weddings there, both my parents are buried in the graveyard. It has been a cornerstone in my life and a place where I have sought and found sanctuary
17. Historic
18. It is an important landmark and I value its historical significance, especially in relation to St Moluag. I see it as an important focus for the community at times of birth, marriage and death. Without it, the community would be diminished
19. It's a historic landmark and an integral part of the island. Serving as an essential community hub for many
20. Place of worship
21. I consider it essential that the inheritance of the Cathedral church of St Moluag and what it has represented for this island is not lost. It would be a great disservice to his memory if worship were not to continue. Much of the spirit of the island and what makes it special would be lost.
22. The history
23. Historical building; beautiful building
24. Historical building, part of the community. Important for people with religious beliefs
25. Is the core embodiment of Lismore's heritage
26. It's important to us all
27. Because of its history. I was christened in it. Went to Sunday school. Went to Bible class. Became a member many years ago
28. Every community and especially an island community, needs a church. For meditation and for gatherings such as funerals
29. Historical nostalgia. It would be a pity to lose it; even though it will be expensive to maintain, it would be even more expensive to build the equivalent if anybody created a really good use for such a building
30. It is part of the history of Lismore. I go to church services
31. It is where I worship nearly every Sunday
32. For worship every week
33. I enjoy worshipping in it and have done since coming to Lismore. Also it is a beautiful building and I would hate to see it fall into disrepair
34. The Church is an important part of Lismore and island life and contributes to the community even for those who are not regular church goers. It is also of great historical importance
35. History and archaeology including stained glass windows
36. Because it can be beneficial for the community
37. It is important to the island

- 38. It has been for over a century the hub of the island. It also stands on an ancient place of worship
- 39. Christenings, funerals, marriages
- 40. It isn't important to me

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### 2. Are you in favour of the community taking ownership of the church? Note – the Church of Scotland intends to dispose of it anyway. (if you answer “No” then please explain?)

1	Yes.
2	Yes
3	Yes, provided there is scope for financial support by means of grant funding etc.
4	Yes
5	Yes
6	I would favour non - denominational ownership of the building. As a non-adherent of the COS I have felt excluded from this building
7	Yes, and it would be great if the Heritage Centre would take ownership on behalf if the community, and link it up with their conservation practices, archaeological digs and archive. It would be a disaster if a private owner would purchase it and turn it into a home.
8	Yes - or the Church needs to be placed in some sort of collective or charitable ownership to protect it for the future.
9	Not sure, I think that for many taking it on, is a knee jerk reaction, emotional, sentimental etc. It will be down to the future generations to maintain and manage and fund this.
10	Yes
11	Not sure it is viable
12	Yes
13	Yes
14	Yes
15	Yes
16	Yes
17	Absolutely Yes. It must be preserved and used by the following generations
18	yes
19	I'm not sure, this worries me. Having run it down for decades the C of S have now decided it's a millstone round their neck and handed us a huge commitment for such a small population. There are already too many island charities competing for uses, good will and personnel. Funding isn't the main problem. Making a success of this needs a team of able, energetic and highly motivated people who aren't juggling this job with membership of other committees & are prepared to work the equivalent of a full-time job for no pay. Much larger communities have failed in similar projects.
20	Yes, but with reservation. I am concerned about the sustainability and the burden on the residents and community both in finance and time burdens. I also would not wish to see a community venture in direct competition with islanders businesses and livelihoods
21	In favour if enough are willing to devote huge amounts of time to develop and upkeep it.
22	Only if a sound business plan is first prepared, presented to and adopted by the island community. The business plan must show that all reasonably anticipated costs associated with ownership and continuing use of the church can reasonably be expected to be generated (predominantly from outwith the island) and that the management of and uses to which the building may be put will not undermine the viability of existing community-owned building assets, e.g. Lismore Public Hall.
23	Yes

**2. Are you in favour of the community taking ownership of the church? Note – the Church of Scotland intends to dispose of it anyway. (if you answer “No” then please explain?)**

24	Yes, absolutely.
25	Yes, assuming that adequate finance can be raised to make it a sustainable resource for the community, and not a burden.
26	Yes, depending on intentions.
27	Yes
28	Yes, better than just being sold off.
29	YES
30	Yes
31	Depends. No Not if there is not sensible governance and management around its future.
32	Yes. It would be a travesty if it passed into the hands of strangers. It belongs to the whole community and the whole community must care for and embrace it
33	Yes, depending on the terms of the agreement.
34	Yes, very much so.
35	Yes the community should take responsibility for assets
36	Yes - or some other body with close links to the community
37	Yes.
38	Yes
39	Yes
40	Yes
41	Yes
42	Yes so long as it isn't a financial burden on the community
43	I don't want to see the church closed so it feels as if there is no alternative but to agree with the community taking ownership.
44	Yes, absolutely.
45	Yes.
46	Yes
47	Yes
48	Yes
49	Yes
50	No is my first response. I think others should take it on due to the historical interest. But If no one will then rather we did than it rots. My issue is that we are taking on a massive liability when we have other priorities too. So if we take it on, there has to be some real incentive for us to do so. Otherwise C of S is getting off very lightly for years of neglect.
51	Yes
52	Yes
53	Yes, if there is some support for the costs of maintenance.

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Paper responses:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Only if run for profit as a business
4. Yes
5. Yes – but only if someone is employed to “run” it. I don’t think it can be run sustainably by volunteers
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes, if it avoids the building deteriorating
11. Yes
12. Not unless significant funding can be found to repair, adapt and maintain the building and a use can be found that does not detract from, but exceeds, the current uses of the existing community facilities i.e. public hall
13. Yes
14. No – unless some business can be devised which shows the burden of long term sustainable use is manageable for the small island community. This suggests a partnership approach with other parties?
15. Yes
16. Yes
17. Yes
18. Yes
19. Yes I’m in favour
20. Yes
21. Yes
22. Yes
23. Yes
24. Yes
25. It depends! – Yes if there’s wholehearted agreement
26. Yes
27. We have no opinion
28. Yes
29. Yes
30. Yes
31. Yes
32. Yes
33. Yes
34. Yes
35. Yes
36. Yes
37. Yes
38. Yes
39. Yes
40. Yes



### 3. The intention is that worship will continue in the church if the community takes ownership – do you agree?

1	Yes.
2	Yes
3	Absolutely
4	Yes
5	I would like to see all faiths welcome to use it.
6	Yes but welcoming all faiths and none. As mentioned above many islanders of faith have been excluded by the COS
7	Yes absolutely. Worship, christenings, weddings and funerals at the church and Graveyard are a huge part of island life.
8	Yes.
9	If the Church is available, I see no issues. However, workshop can take place anywhere....
10	Yes
11	Yes
12	Yes
13	Yes
14	Yes
15	Yes
16	Yes
17	Yes use for worship as always.
18	yes
19	Sure, if any church groups want to rent the space we should of course let them. I do feel the C of S should pay rent to use it like any other user. They are hardly coming out of this smelling of roses and the last thing they can expect is to get free use, thereby lessening the chances of success for those they have left to clean up their mess.
20	Yes very important and crucial to support
21	Yes
22	In principle I have no objection to the continued use of the building for worship as long as such use does not significantly restrict how the building might be otherwise used for community purposes.
23	Yes
24	Of course - fully support this.
25	Yes
26	Yes but building could be split up. Not economical to run size of building for the amount of people that are attending. Either attendance and use for funerals/weddings will have to increase or alternative uses such as an expansion of museums possibility at church with spilt room for church services.
27	Yes
28	Yes, I agree worship should continue. The congregation should make a reasonable contribution for using it.
29	YES
30	Yes
31	If those that worship want to to do that there fine

### 3. The intention is that worship will continue in the church if the community takes ownership – do you agree?

32	Absolutely.
33	Whose intention is this? The regular congregation? The Minister? The Island population? I don't see how this can be decided at this point if we do not know the terms and conditions of the community taking ownership.
34	Yes, this is of great importance to me, both that it continues for Sunday services, as well as for funerals, christenings, weddings and all other important religious functions. Also it's important that it can be visited out with formal gatherings, by those like me, who gain much from visiting in quieter times.
35	No - prayer rooms can be created anywhere - ref ministers view - worship is about belief not buildings.
36	Yes absolutely - the exact arrangements would have to be worked out, but perhaps a guaranteed use by the congregation every Sunday and at special occasions such as Watch Night services, etc. There should also be priority usages allowed for events such as christenings, weddings, funerals, life celebrations, etc - outside of the normal Sunday church "guaranteed" service time-slots
37	Yes.
38	Yes
39	Yes
40	Yes, I believe this should continue
41	yes
42	Yes
43	Absolutely!
44	Yes.
45	Yes.
46	Yes
47	Yes
48	Yes
49	Yes
50	All good. Not a believer but I won't mess with other peoples beliefs.
51	yes
52	Yes
53	Yes

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#### Paper responses:

1. Yes
2. It is the most practical solution, taking into account practicalities of using other buildings or suitability
3. Yes could advertise international as a "Scottish island" church service and get more money
4. Yes
5. Yes – the option to worship there would be very good
6. Only if financially viable

7. Yes
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes, as this was the original purpose. However, I would anticipate major disagreements if absolute clarity is not set out in terms of use and authority
11. Yes, I agree it should still be a place of worship
12. No reason why not, for a fee
13. Yes
14. Yes, although format could change – i.e. without pews, in different orientation etc
15. Yes
16. Yes
17. Yes
18. Yes
19. I agree. But would like to see it as a place where non-religious ceremonies might take place too
20. Yes
21. Yes
22. Yes
23. Yes
24. Yes
25. Yes
26. Yes
27. Yes
28. Yes
29. Yes
30. Yes
31. Yes
32. Yes
33. Yes
34. Yes
35. Yes
36. Yes
37. Yes
38. Yes
39. Yes
40. Not CoS only, but all religions

**4. Would you be comfortable with the church building also being used for other purposes (other than worship)**

1	Yes.
2	Yes
3	Of course, the more widely used the better.
4	Yes

#### 4. Would you be comfortable with the church building also being used for other purposes (other than worship)

5	Yes
6	Yes as long as nothing becomes a dominant use
7	Yes.
8	As long as the building its contents and the environs are protected and the central Christian purpose of the building is maintained.
9	Yes, definitely, otherwise it wouldn't be sustainable
10	Yes, as long as the other uses are respectful of the religious and historical importance of the church
11	Yes
12	Yes
13	Yes
14	yes. it already is. Flower festival concerts
15	Yes
16	Yes
17	Totally. Use it for Community projects. The acoustics are great and should be used for lots if music events. The light is amazing for photography.
18	as well as worship, yes
19	Yes, very happy for that (not purposes that would offend Christian users & people visiting graveyard).
20	it would depend on what it is being used for
21	Yes .
22	Yes, subject to the already stated reservation that such use must not undermine the viability of existing community-owned building assets.
23	Yes
24	Yes, definitely - a community resource to be used and maintained with respect to hit's history and congregation.
25	Yes
26	Yes, expansion of museum, with building still used for weddings/funerals and other such like services. Not house, ridiculous cost and believe disrespectful to those that still use the church. Very historical as well. Would also not agree with anything that would take away from local business such as bunkhouse or restaurants.
27	Yes
28	Yes, the more it is used the better.
29	YES
30	Yes
31	Yes
32	Yes. Worship, fellowship and appropriate usage would be acceptable . The worshipping congregation could still use the building ( this happens at Dunblane Cathedral which is owned by Historic Scotland .
33	Yes
34	Yes, for community functions like social evenings such as whist drives, beetle drives, fund raising events, flower shows, children's school lessons or crèches, archaeology courses or other courses that fit the nature of the sacred building. But not dances, holiday camps, parties or other more 'wild' events that risk damaging the fabric of the building or destroying it's feeling of sanctity and peace. For example it would be highly undesirable for islanders or visitors looking to visit the church for quite reflection or to feel the connection to the ancient internal architecture , to find instead a 'Butlins' style holiday camp atmosphere instead!
35	Yes

#### 4. Would you be comfortable with the church building also being used for other purposes (other than worship)

36	Yes it will be a necessity - wider use by community, visitors, other groups, etc
37	Yes.
38	Yes
39	I believe changing the building to accommodate other activities would be a challenge planning wise.
40	Yes
41	yes
42	Yes so long as it wasn't a private dwelling
43	That depends on what the other purposes are. Have the community put forward any suggestions?
44	Yes.
45	Yes.
46	Yes
47	Yes
48	Yes
49	Yes
50	Yes otherwise we cannot afford to take it on as a community. There aren't enough believers.
51	Yes but as long as it doesn't affect the hall
52	Yes
53	Yes

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#### Paper responses:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes – I think that is the only way forward ... non church purposes
4. Yes but I think respect should be shown to what happens and thought given to its original purpose
5. Yes – I think for it to run successfully it will likely need to be used for other purposes and should to maximise its potential
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes insofar that the external and internal features are safe guarded
9. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes I think it should definitely be used for more than just worship
12. Other uses are likely to detract from the use of the public hall which is struggling to survive. It would require extensive internal alterations and extension to provide more than the hall with little room for extension without ruining consecrated ground

13. Yes as long as the hall and heritage centre work together so hopefully avoiding conflict of interests
14. Indeed yes
15. Yes
16. Yes I completely see a place for multi -use and a space for worship being harmonious
17. Yes
18. Yes
19. Yes
20. Not sure
21. Depends on what the other purposes might be
22. Yes
23. Yes
24. Yes
25. Yes
26. Not really
27. Depends on what purpose?
28. Depends on the use
29. Yes, essential
30. The building is suitable for concerts
31. No
32. No
33. Yes
34. Yes
35. Yes
36. Yes
37. Yes
38. Yes
39. Yes
40. I am in favour of reinstating the church as it was in the middle ages

**5. If the church has another purpose, what degree of internal change to the building would you be comfortable with? Would you be happy with removing the pews? Some of the pews?**

1	Some of the pews.
2	If the building is to be used for more than church services then with regret the pews will need to go. Perhaps a few could be kept.
3	Possibly
4	Yes
5	I'd be happy for the pews to be removed. They're very uncomfortable!
6	Please get rid of them - they are uncomfortable and time expired
7	Pews have to be left for the church service, concerts, christenings, funerals and weddings. Perhaps some pews could be removed, but I wouldn't really support this.

**5. If the church has another purpose, what degree of internal change to the building would you be comfortable with? Would you be happy with removing the pews? Some of the pews?**

8	It would be sad to see any of the pews go but this is what has happened in many churches and they are a later addition. So it is a question of the balance of necessity.
9	Yes and sold firstly to the island people.....
10	Only limited removal of pews, perhaps making them movable so the space could be flexible.
11	Yes
12	Removing all the pews but having light stackable chairs that can be easily assembled if need be.
13	Yes, some of the pews.
14	Some of them as the congregation will need seats although not that many and other events likewise. The current rows may not suit all possibilities some can go.
15	The majority of them
16	Yes, if necessary.
17	You would probably have to remove some if the pews - they can be sold to help cover costs.
18	some or all, yes
19	I'd be happy with any internal change that doesn't compromise its structural or historical integrity. I'd prefer the main part of the building to still be able to hold religious services but absence of that wouldn't be a deal breaker to an otherwise good proposal. I would be happy for all the pews to be removed.
20	some of the pews
21	I wouldn't mind large internal changes and removal of pews but ideally space easily changed back for worship.
22	I have no reservations about possible future changes to the internal (or external) arrangements of the building, although I am aware that the statutory protection currently afforded to the building may severely restrict the extent and nature of such changes.
23	Yes
24	Some of the pews - keep enough for it to look like a church and serve it's purposes for the services and typical attendance numbers.
25	It will be important to remove the pews to convert the building to a multi-functional space.
26	Anything that would keep the church viable. Half museum/half religious/church purposes. Lismore is more historical than Iona but has never had the info structure or advertisement and money put into it to make this as successful. This could be built around the church investing in religious/historical aspects of it rather than the recent history of Lismore which the current museum looks at in depth (last 300 years)
27	I think the pews should remain, it would lose a lot of it's history and character should they go.
28	No problems with removing pews. It would enable better use of the building.
29	Some of the pews
30	Some pews
31	Obviously depends what it is going to be used for.
32	Remove the pews and sell them . Most cathedrals do not have pews anyway . However, see if nice chairs can be obtained second - hand ( oak and with rush seats as are in cathedrals anyway) Doing this makes the space more versatile . Concerts, craft workshops, concerts, lectures, ecclesiastically themed shop , etc. But no rock concerts or parties. Bear in mind the former purpose of the space and give respect.
33	I would be happy removing the pews as long as they are sold for a reasonable some of money. I think it's sad because the pews are rather lovely, but church pews are sought after. Look at Glasgow Reclamation and see what they sell church pews for. Money could be raised from the sale towards the future of the church, whatever that may be. I think they are an important asset and shouldn't be wasted.
34	It would be acceptable for some of the pews to be removed, but only if absolutely essential. Definitely not all. I'd prefer to leave as is, but can see why this might not be practical. The pews are beautiful in themselves and are an essential part of the church character. They also dampen the

**5. If the church has another purpose, what degree of internal change to the building would you be comfortable with? Would you be happy with removing the pews? Some of the pews?**

sound. It would feel echoing and hollow without them.

Most families have particular pews on which their families have always sat at services, often for generations. It would be sad to lose this connection, particularly for the many islanders who associate particular pews with lost relatives or important life events such as weddings and funerals. These memories are part of what makes the church special to us. So hope that at least some of the pews can be kept. Would not object to the upstairs pews going as most people tend only to sit up there when space is short, so it has less personal connections to most islanders.

35	Whatever
36	Yes all of the pews - they could perhaps be movable/on castors but they are big/bulky and storage would be an issue. The space needs to be opened up for multi-use and flexible arrangements designed
37	Yes, I would, including removal of some of the pews. It needs a water supply and a toilet. If we can't manage to maintain or upgrade the church, how about letting it become a (picturesque?) ruin again, down to its original walls. People seem to be quite happy to pay to visit cultural relics.
38	Some of the pews
39	As above
40	I would be comfortable with a proportion of the pews being moved but if possible would like to retain the option to replace them or other seating to allow the church to be used for weddings, etc
41	No - I think the pews should all remain and the building only be used in a manner befitting the building in its current layout
42	No problem removing pews
43	It's a beautiful building & it would be a shame if there was any major internal changes. I think removing a few of the pews is the only change I would agree to.
44	Some of the pews, ideally the space would be flexible and modular, and storage would be found for the others so that weddings and funerals could see a full church. Although, pews don't necessarily make a church, they do make a venue.
45	Yes for moving pews , not much else.
46	I would prefer the fabric of the building remained as it is. Not totally closed minded to change, but change for a valid reason. It's so beautiful in it's original form, once changed, you can't get that back.
47	In principal, yes. Any changes would need to protect, and be sympathetic to, the historic fabric of the building.
48	Some of the pews, but not upstairs
49	Happy for some of the pews to be moved or removed
50	Yes Although I'd be keen to have first refusal On the old family pew. And they shouldn't just be torn out. So we can use them again/ recycle.
51	A few of the pews maybe as the congregation is not as big now anyway
52	Any changes that will allow the building to be used to the full.

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**Paper responses:**

1. Yes
2. Whatever is required to make the building remain useful and accessible by all who wish. Yes



3. Everything changes. Yes, remove all pews if it fits the new purpose
4. I think some pews should be left in case people want to go in for quiet reflection but maybe take the back ones away so you have an area for meetings etc
5. Any necessary. Yes
6. Any internal change to make it operate viably. Yes
7. Yes
8. None. No
9. Yes
10. The main structural elements should not be changed. Yes, temporary seating could be provided
11. The integrity of the building should be kept. Exterior shouldn't be changed. Yes, some pews not all as they are charming, although they may not be as old as the church itself
12. The main space in the church is almost the same size as the main hall without the ancillary spaces – kitchen, surgery, toilets, storage. Yes
13. Yes
14. Substantial, if required to make the building of long term value and sustainable economically. Yes
15. Remove all the Victorian additions
16. Not major restructuring but alterations sympathetic to its combined use. Yes, I recently performed in two repurposed churches where the pews had been removed (and possibly sold). In their place were “church chairs” padded with a wooden slot at the back for hymn books and Bibles
17. Not much. Only some
18. I am flexible. Yes
19. Anything, within reason. As long as historic elements are preserved. Some, not all.
20. Not sure
21. Very little. Possibly, some
22. Yes, why not all the pews and have comfortable seats
23. Need to maintain main architectural / historical features. Yes
24. Possible addition of a kitchen and removal of pews. Yes
25. As little disruption as possible – goes with the territory of “other proposal”. Needs must
26. No
27. Some of the pews
28. No – perhaps some of the pews
29. The gallery might have to go. The acoustics are not very good underneath it. Pews – they should not be bolted to the floor
30. Minimal. Not really. Possibly one near the front for wheel chairs
31. I would not be pleased
32. No
33. Yes, some anyway
34. Any change should preserve the essential character of the building. Yes
35. Yes
36. Yes

37. No, some of them

38. It would need to be more of a flexible space than it presently is. Yes, replace with chairs

39. Yes

40. Yes

## 6. Do you have any views on how the church might be used by the community in future?

1	Talks. Concerts.
2	Meetings, concerts, lectures. . It's bigger than the hall or the Heritage Centre
3	The church is an amazing performance space, full of heart and soul.
4	Weddings , funerals , social concerts.
5	Arts, music, drama. Meetings?
6	A place of sanctuary, mediation, contemplation, discussion, sharing - anything that meets these goals
7	<p>The Church should be used as an extension to the Heritage Centre. If it was restored to an earlier state where more of the old cathedral would be on display, and Moluag's monastic settlement site potentially interpreted, partially excavated and displayed, or recreated as a visitor attraction this could be highly succesful. Focussing on the ecclesiastical heritage of Lismore could make the island and church site/clachan a hub for pilgrimages and heritage tourism.</p> <p>The church should continued to be used as a community venue for concerts, worship, christenings, funerals and weddings. It could be run as a destination wedding venue in collaboration with other island businesses and accommodation. I've worked in the heritage tourism, hospitality and event industries for many years and there is a lot of potential for the Church to be a commercially and socially successful venue.</p>
8	So long as its historic and church role is maintained and the grounds respected and regular acts of worship maintained that should be a matter for the community at the tiem.
9	I think that the church should become a site of pilgrimage, allowed to become a managed derelict church, with it's history highlighted. This would stop the need of the island to try and fund it at huge costs
10	Exhibition or museum space, with some capability for concerts etc.
11	Concerts, museum, living history events such as dramas, tableaux etc,
12	<p>As a spiritual hub but in a much more expansive sense than previously. So, for a example, a place to listen, play, learn or record music of all types - instrumental or/and vocal. A space to view or create visual art (exhibitions, painting workshops). A place to view, practice or perform dance, ( Perhaps 5 rhythms? ). A space for group meditation, for yoga, for emotional release.</p> <p>It could be a space for religious practice beyond church of Scotland...a quaker meeting space or a place for zen meditation.</p> <p>I am aware that the numbers on the island would not be enough to fill a schedule such as suggested above but the space could be available for off island bookings and would give a larger capacity space for island workshop leaders to run courses.</p> <p>From my perspective the quality that would differentiate the church from the hall is that the church space when booked would be a closed, (safe) container for events that need quiet, uninterrupted contemplation. The hall on the other hand is great for community gatherings of any sort but is no good for privacy as anyone can walk in at any time.</p>
13	Music venue, continued wedding venue, perhaps work with the American elope to the home county market. This is big business in Ireland.
14	For whatever is good for the community. Concerts are obvious but there will be other uses.
15	Concerts, plays and the general appreciation of the arts
16	Music Venue , Humanist Gatherings - Weddings and Funerals , Social Gatherings
17	As above. For Music events. Photography groups.

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| 18 | worship, weddings, christenings, funeral, concerts, festivals, art exhibitions, parties, filming, studio music or art, gatherings.<br>Exhibiting it's archaeology and finds.  |
| 19 | The Kirk itself needs to be used separately from Manse so all uses would require a toilet (under stairs maybe?) and water supply (roof water would be a green way of flushing a toilet).<br>We need to be sure any proposed use wouldn't disadvantage or duplicate the work of existing Lismore charities or buildings.<br>I think the best option would be to divide up the space into 1) glassed in gallery, 2) vestry, 3 ) main auditorium. A high standard of insulation in 1 & 2 would make them economical to heat separately. We could then rent out 1&2 on long term rentals, keeping the auditorium for rental by the hour to anyone who wants to hold religious services, concerts, etc. For example, ecumenical services used to get big congregations under rev. Murdoch; previous concerts & a community singing event were successful.<br>The problem of the gallery would be that it has no disabled access so is not suitable for some uses. I'm told CELM are short of space for genealogy, archives, offices?<br>Maybe the Trust would like a swap-shop, spare produce exchange & office in the vestry now they have not got use of the school-house? |
| 20 | Climate emergency hub focus on biodiversity loss and how to protect from further loss/ carbon net zero targets. Interactive centre where people can engage with, create and gain ideas and knowledge about innovative ways to support the current existential threat to the future of the planet. Centre to help support the future of crofts within the context of the climate emergency and their contribution to supporting steps to mitigate for climate and biodiversity catastrophe   |
| 21 | Difficulty question because heating etc a major problem.  |
| 22 | If the building is to be taken into community ownership it is inevitable that uses for it must be found over and above its continued use as a place of worship. As already indicated, however, such uses must not be permitted to undermine the viability of existing community-owned and managed assets EXCEPT where the use provided by the church building supersedes one or more existing community building assets with superior facilities. Any such proposal for replacing existing community building assets must only be taken forward with the full-hearted agreement of the island community.  |
| 23 | Concerts, meetings, craft fairs.  |
| 24 | I think a broad range of community views should be sought and listened to. Any use should be consistent with respecting it's history.   |
| 25 | Concerts; Festival Venue; Heritage interpretation; Recording studio; component of a pilgrimage destination  |
| 26 | Museum expansion  |
| 27 | No.   |
| 28 | Yes but depends on what plans are for other buildings. Could be a hertoigae centre, something for pilgrimages, concert space.   |
| 29 | Concerts, craft workshops, orchestras, choirs, lectures, tours of the building ( stained glass, etc)<br>Ecclesiastically - themed shop ( local produce also themed appropriately )<br>Display boards of how the building might have looked in Medieval times. History timelines .<br>Re- enactments based of the developing knowledge we are now unearthing. An end point of pilgrimage .   |
| 30 | I think the church should be made safe, the victorian porch etc. should be removed and the whole building effectively managed as a ruin. The floor which was raised at some point in the past could be excavated to examine the more ancient parts. The stained glass preserved. surely the main interest of the church is the history and heritage and not the victorian edifice that we currently see. The community needs a purpose built building. This could incorporate a sports hall that could also accommodate dances etc. It could also house a doctors surgery and have a prayer room. The community needs could be serviced within one building. I do not see how a community of approximately 160 people can support a church, the public hall and the heritage centre.  |
| 31 | In my view it should always fulfill its primary role as a church and spiritual (and social) centre of the community. I have no objection for it to support other faiths, not just solely Church of Scotland members or Christians in general, should there be demand at any time. It could also be used much more as a community meeting place and for suitable local social events, such as meetings of the choir, local interest groups, school lessons, and activities such as quizzes and talks.<br><br>I strongly object however to it being used as camp site, caravan park, holiday accommodation, private house or for events like children's parties or dances, where noise, damage or rowdy   |

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behaviour are likely to occur.

I fear the damage that could be done after alcohol fuelled nights of revelry if it was used for mini Glastonbury style festivals or late night dances! Such events are much more appropriate for the hall. As one whose ground marches with the Hall I can attest to considerable damage occurring to fences and trees after some particularly lively dances. Fences and trees can be restored, but the precious buildings and gravestones in the church and grounds could be irretrievably damaged even in a single evening. I am sure I'm not alone in considering this a completely unacceptable risk.

These kinds of activities would also be very disrespectful to those with deep Christian faith or relatives in the churchyard. At the risk of sounding prudish I see the church very much as a sacred space, thanks to its immensely long history as a Christian settlement. To try and monetise it by transforming it into a holiday camp, camp site, restaurant or any kind of workshop, or industrial business, would destroy this special quality. Inevitably the serenity would be destroyed, replaced by ugly buildings and other developments to accommodate the guests (toilet blocks, water tanks, tents, children's bright coloured play equipment, etc.). It would also bring litter and much increased traffic throughout Clachan and beyond. My biggest worry for this idea would be the unacceptable wear and tear it would bring to precious grave stones and ancient masonry within the church and grounds.

I consider it absolutely paramount to maintain the existing beauty and feeling of untouched tranquility that so characterises the church and its environs. This is what makes it so very special and why it is exceptionally popular with islanders and visitors alike. You can locate holiday camps, or business workshops, in many other places where they would not cause such damage. But the church is special, having survived the passage of centuries relatively unscathed, and so preserving, in clearly tangible form, its obvious links to the islands early human history. If we subject it to any such development it would utterly destroy these unique and nationally important qualities.

My father is buried in the church yard, and lies just outside the church door. He didn't want a headstone until my mother joined him there. So his grave is currently unmarked. If the church is developed for general tourism or as a small industry / entrepreneur site there would inevitably be a great increase of footfall and noise in the area. I would be very upset to find people from a camp site, or similar, playing or picnicking on his grave, or on those of the many other familiar island members who now reside in the churchyard.

I also hate the idea of church or manse and grounds being developed as private accommodation. That makes it a private space denying islanders access to their most important island asset. It would badly impact on church goers, and all who use the church for important events. It would also greatly reduce the island's attraction to visitors and be a huge missed opportunity for more inventive use that would benefit all. The community would also lose control over how it was developed once in the hands of a private developer. As the Council frequently grant planning permission to hideously inappropriate eyesores, this could easily lead to the whole area being ruined for everyone except the individuals building or altering the property. I think we should avoid this at all costs.

To help realise funds to keep it well maintained, in its current beautiful form, I think it would be better suited as a base for short courses in archaeology, history, writing, art, music, photography, environmental subjects and any number of other interests for which the historic and reflective atmosphere of the church would make an excellent back drop. It would be perfect for example for spiritual retreats, yoga or meditation courses and other such suitably mindful pursuits.

People are willing to pay large fees for these special interest courses and 'retreat' type experiences. Perhaps island pilgrimages could also be organised to celebrate St. Moluag, as is done on Iona for Columba. The peace of the church, churchyard and the beauty of the manse environs makes it absolutely ideal for these activities, and offer qualities that few other courses can provide. Its wonderful atmosphere would greatly add to the attraction for visitors. There would be huge potential to attract visitors from all over the world, through careful online marketing to those with suitable interests. Americans and others who lack such ancient built history would love it, and pay well to attend, particularly those with island connections. In this way funds could be raised without the area becoming inundated with tourists.

This could not only bring groups of visitors that would value and respect the church environment but would provide employment opportunities for the many talented, writers, musicians, artists, historians etc. who live on the island. A community group could be formed to provide a diverse range of courses throughout the year. Looking at the success of such courses in other places, and without the benefit of our beautiful church location, I think there would be huge demand once Lismore courses, pilgrimages, retreats etc. became well known.

While classes would be held within the church, accommodation could be provided for the course goers in the Manse. Alternatively local holiday letting businesses and B&Bs could be used, so bringing full benefit to other island businesses. It would be to the island's greatest advantage if

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preference was given to those run by people who live full time on Lismore. I feel this idea could not only bring hope for keeping the church safe for future generations but could also produce welcome benefits for many local enterprises and island people looking to supplement their income with casual or skilled work.

I also think it would be an excellent opportunity for the Historical Society to expand on its presentation of the island's heritage. Exhibits could be held in the church, perhaps recreating how it would have looked in early Christian times or showing artifacts associated with the church. It exudes history from every pore and people would welcome interpretation of these features and past events in situ. The chronic lack of space at the museum could be much alleviated by expanding into this space, for summer exhibitions at least. The cafe could perhaps manage a satellite stall there too, that would expand rather than diminish their trade. I realise that security, extra staffing and health and safety issues for these ideas could present problems and extra costs, but the benefits and fees generated would hopefully overcome these issues while also providing funds to keep the buildings in good order.

I think the church, manse and glebe could also form the basis of a very profitable event business run by a group of islanders. The talented people here could between them provide flowers, food, clothing, transport and everything thing else required for weddings, which would be very compelling when combined with the sublime venue! Alternatively the buildings and grounds could be let out independently for weddings, business conferences, corporate team building events etc. with high fees charged to support the whole project.

32	We shouldn't be trying to spend massive amounts of money on it.
33	<p>Firstly, the various stakeholders who could use it should be scoped out - the community is clearly a key one, but there may be other potential users such as a group from off the island who could book out the space for some event, etc. Getting a good idea of the various potential groupings of people may be a good place to start.</p> <p>On the basis that the community is one of the user stakeholders, then as well as church and other services, then it could be used for hosting events such as art or other craft exhibitions, music workshops and/or recitals, some of the current island groups could use it as a meeting venue, there could (or should) be information explaining/interpreting the church's history and all associated aspects (eg Moluag, the results from the various archaeological digs, etc etc). There could be a series of historical events organised on an annual basis and it may be that "pilgrims" of Moluag etc can be encouraged to come as small groups and stay/engage.</p>
34	<p>Music, artistic and cultural activities, although the other community buildings on Lismore are used for these as well, so that needs to be considered.</p> <p>Health and well-being activities, as it is a quiet space with a carpet in it.</p> <p>It is in a convenient location, more convenient than the Hall for anyone living in the north end, or visiting from there.</p> <p>The hall has become too expensive for small groups, so it could take that function?</p>
35	<p>Wedding venue, Tourism, Musical event space</p>
36	It should be multi purpose, for worship, meeting place, music venue, historic interest venue.
37	free for all who wish to use it
38	Concerts/music further museum space
39	No.
40	Museum and performance space, gallery or display space.
41	Any thing . Coffe mornings , flower shows, great place for music events.
42	Concerts. Educational talks etc
43	None specifically, but a consultation between other community hubs (ie. hall, museum and school) should highlight potential overflow activities, suitable to the facilities of the building, and limitations of existing community facilities which may have impacted potential events etc. Find out, if anything, what they would have liked to do but couldn't due to limitations, and could those be possible with the proposed church space.
44	Concerts, workshops, meetings, etc
45	Concerts, meetings, playgroup, children's activities

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46	Historical museum. With cafe option. Bunk house. Open to various ideas. Basically anything which means we get funding to restore and run it. Pity we left EU.
47	Not sure
48	It should be used as a focus for memory and reflection

answered	48
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### Paper responses:

1. Venue for concerts?
2. The decision on the future use of the church has to be made in conjunction with other community buildings e.g. hall, heritage centre, shop, PO, café, school etc. To ensure a holistic view is taken to obtain the best solution for all these facilities in the long term
3. Private business – hostel, distillery, micro-brewery, concert hall and ceilidh, pub
4. Continue as a place of worship and with more information about its origins on information boards. Encourage visitors and pilgrim retreats
5. Must be different from another version of the hall! Perhaps an arts centre (or similar to) An Tobar or some kind of music venue. I also think a pub would be great
6. No
7. Don't know
8. Only that events are commensurate with the original purpose of the church
9. No
10. Consideration would need to be given to the effect on a) the hall and b) heritage centre
11. A) An open space, where people could come to play music anytime. Run by donation, lots of organisations are willing to fund music projects. Concert space, rehearsal space. B) Turn this space into a museum. Boards can be moved to the side for worship and weddings/funerals. It's already a historical space. Use the current museum as the hall and turn the hall into a pub.
12. It could house the museum about Moluag with related library/ study room
13. No. Again groups need to come together so they are not working against each other
14. Many uses may be possible for the internal space/volume – but those of potential community value could duplicate or conflict with those of the hall (performance / social) or heritage centre (museum/ exhibition). Practical aspects of thermal comfort, ventilation, access and services (water, drainage) all pose substantial challenges. If 3<sup>rd</sup> parties external to the small island community could be found as partners (HES, the Iona community ?) beneficial uses could be sustained – but resources long term remain the key challenge
15. It is a challenge as we already have a shop, community hall, museum and café. Any ideas may come into direct competition with any of these venues. It would make a

lovely performance space / recording studio/ cafe/ museum/ community meeting space for clubs but we already have those venues. I don't have any unique ideas – sorry

16. Extra museum
17. I think it will depend on how much money can be raised to repoint, insulate and refurbish the interior of the building. This will influence how it can be used in the future e.g. as a venue for concerts, meetings, conferences, sports as well as church services. A truly multi -purpose venue would be ideal. Local crafts could be sold there – a retail outlet for residents
18. Church could be turned into an arts venue, but still held onto as a place of worship
19. As a church
20. I think that the current situation should be looked at positively to achieve something new. There are already the Hall and the Heritage centre for community events and activities of varied kinds and for there to be merely another competing venue would not be helpful. My vision is to build on the history and spirituality of this unique island and tap into the current desire for pilgrimages and retreats. Also to build on the exploration of the location as a site of great historical significance.
21. No
22. That would be up to the community
23. Wedding events – not just service but food and party. Funerals. Other events, music, bands etc
24. Yes. Cultural / educational/ arts-related/ informative activities. Musical recitals/ performances
25. Kept as a church
26. No
27. Place of worship; concert venue; part of museum
28. We need money to run the church and wee manse
29. Historical interests
30. The church should be adapted for a variety of uses, in addition to Sunday worship, for instance
  - as a concert and recording venue
  - An exhibition space
  - An activity space for courses and meetings
31. No
32. Extra events
33. Sorry no
34. As a venue for musical events – esp. classical. The acoustics and superb. As a display space for the finds of various digs and for an exhibition of the history of the site and lectures
35. No
36. A church based on the history of the island – celebrating St Moluag – Christianity and spiritual development and growth, for e immediate future and longer term

**7. Do you agree that the community should also seek to take ownership of the church house (wee manse) and glebe? If not, why not?**

1	Yes.
2	Yes take ownership.
3	The wee manse is not owned by COS, therefore I'd be looking to take lead from the 'session'
4	Yes
5	The house should be used for affordable rented accommodation in some form. Any viable development of the glebe will be restricted by the underlying archaeology.
6	Yes this should be included. As the wee manse has a kitchen, toilet, bathroom and large meeting room it has potential for catering and event backoffice. The Glebe has a high historic value and can be further excavated/developed and utilised.
7	Yes.
8	If we take the church, it would have to come as a package of the wee manse and the glebe
9	yes
10	Yes - if this is going to be of financial benefit and will support maintaining the church building
11	Yes.
12	Yes.
13	Definitely. This must be part of the deal
14	Yes
15	Yes
16	It would depend what they would ve used for. If the glebe were to be open for interment of cremation urns yes. If the manse would be rented out for income then yes. BUT if its only for possession then no, it could be costly.
17	Yes
18	Yes, definitely. Any proposal without that would struggle for income. It should be a red-line in our negotiations with C of S
19	Yes but I do not want to see a income generation project which is damaging to other islanders livelihoods
20	If agreed then community to take ownership of all church assets is essential.
21	Community ownership of Church House will probably contribute towards the financial viability of community acquisition of the church, as it has potential to generate an income stream and is therefore a desirable, if not essential, ingredient in any agreement to transfer of the church to community ownership.  Community ownership the Glebe is desirable;e, if not crucial, for similar reasons, although the potential for revenue-earning development is probably severely circumscribed by the widespread evidence of archeological interest.
22	Yes
23	Could the manse house be made available for long term rent as an affordable home? I don;t know about the glebe - not sure what the implications would be of taking this on.
24	Yes.
25	Depending on intention/short term rent or long term rent. Money aspect as well and what investment/improvement they are willing to do.
26	Yes I agree
27	Yes, this might help funding.
28	Yes
29	Yes
30	Depends - What is the church going to be used for? . Will the community have to buy it? It could enhance the vision and opportunity for the church building - it has toilets



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31	Yes . This could be an asset . Accomodation for pilgrims BUT inclusion of other accommodation on the island as the church house cannot accommodate many people. The garden of the wee manse could also be developed .
32	Yes, we have to maximise the potential from the CoS. Because whatever the outcome it is going to need a huge amount of funding.
33	Yes, it would be needed for accommodation for courses if these ideas were developed. Also if wedding events or similar are run it would provide vital accommodation. And as mentioned above it is vital to keep it under community control so that all may benefit from this community asset and to avoid unwelcome development by a private owner.
34	Depends on what the ideas are behind the church.
35	Yes - it has to be the package (and an agreement with the Council over the land managed by them - is it owned and exactly what is owned by the Council?) I believe that there are foundations of the cathedral going into the glebe - I suggest that these are fenced off for preservation and removed from the lease of the glebe (should not have a major impact since a relatively small area).
36	Yes, definitely and essential that we do if we take on the church.
37	Yes
38	Yes the manse is the only real opportunity to generate funds.
39	Yes, this must be part of the package to ensure the viability of the project
40	Yes - Rent the Church house out to help pay running costs of main building
41	Yes
42	No! The manse is for the Minister. He needs somewhere to go before/after his services.
43	Yes, absolutely.
44	Yes
45	Yes
46	Glebe, yes; it's an important historical location in itself, and tied to the history of the church building. I have no particular thoughts either way for the manse.
47	Yes
48	Yes
49	I don't think we take the church without this option.
50	Yes run senseably
51	Yes definitely
52	Yes. There is a shortage of homes at reasonable rents on the island.

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### Paper responses:

1. Yes
2. Yes, if it makes financial sense
3. Yes, smart business move
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. No preference either way

7. Yes
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes but sold to create financial fund and certainty for the medium term for upkeep / maintenance until the church establishes function and financial equilibrium. It is unrealistic to run as a holiday by volunteers
11. Yes
12. As part of the whole package in the hope for some revenue to keep the church building in serviceable order
13. Yes
14. Indeed. I can't see any prospect going forward without these key elements
15. Yes
16. Yes
17. Yes
18. Yes
19. Yes
20. Yes
21. Yes
22. Yes
23. Yes
24. Yes
25. Another question that depends on the specifics required in relation to whatever funding is being sought
26. Yes
27. The Minister should have first call on manse. Manse is required for funerals, weddings and church meetings (for toilet)
28. Yes
29. Yes
30. Yes
31. Yes
32. Yes
33. Yes
34. Yes
35. Yes
36. Yes
37. Yes
38. Yes – absolutely necessary as a permanent income
39. Yes
40. It may be useful to have somewhere to live for the person developing the future of the church

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2	Long term let or holiday let
3	Christian retreat. Or offering holidays to those who may not be able to afford them, Accommodation for visiting speakers/performers.
4	Sub let
5	It would make a nice little bunkhouse
6	Affordable rented housing -
7	See comments above.
8	It is of no great merit and should be used to support the financing and maintenance of the Church.
9	I think it should be considered that we use the land of the wee mans and the Glebe to build a new community and sports hall
10	Museum / visitor centre to help interpret the church and surroundings. Limited use as an event venue.
11	Affordable rental house
12	Either ideally as a practical space linked to the church where folk can shower, teas can be made and food prepared. Or, as a space to generate more money for the church through either long or short term let.
13	Exactly that. Accommodation for small wedding parties, walking groups, archeology groups.
14	Long term rental comes to mind but I uses may be considered
15	As short (up to three months)lets for the first few years then as a long let after consultation.
16	Holiday Home bringing in Revenue or long term let .
17	As above.
18	Letting to individuals or groups
19	The Manse needs to be completely separated from the use of the kirk. It should rented out as affordable housing.
20	Affordable housing long term let
21	Rented to people permanently living and/or working on the island.
22	Whilst there is reason to believe that there continues to be a demand on the island for affordable housing for rent I think that priority should be given to that use.  Use for short-term holiday letting should not be contemplated (despite the temptation it may present for raising more revenue) as too many houses on the island are already used for this purpose.
23	My preference would be affordable long term let to provide much needed housing for local people or others wishing to live here. However no doubt holiday let would prove more lucrative.
24	No strong views - need to be able to maintain the building, and not impact negatively on other community assets such as the heritage centre and hall.
25	Source of revenue for the project by appropriate letting.
26	Long term rents. Numerous people looking at accommodation on the island. Someone who can provide decent rent per month. House has to be renovated up to standard to achieve this first.
27	I think that if it were to be used as a holiday let it would bring in a healthy revenue throughout the year, hence funds for the upkeep of the church
28	Anything that will generate funds.
29	It could
30	Not holiday let
31	Yes but needs to be combined with the vision of use of the church.
32	As above. Pilgrimage during summer months. Spinning or weaving workshops. A winter cafe !

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| 33 | <p>The church house could be used for short term lets, airbnb etc. It could be used as a pilgrimage centre, with display boards, interactive displays, not in competition with the heritage centre but in conjunction.</p> <p>We could be attracting the discerning visitor who may be interested in the pilgrim routes and the history of St Moluag.</p> <p>We could put at least one electric hook up point, where the community bus is at present, and allow motorhome parking, which could bring in at least £20 per night which along with short term lets could produce a useful income.</p>   |
| 34 | <p>I think it should retained for general community use if at all possible, but would be open to it being let out in the short term or perhaps longer (eg through winter) by islanders to raise funds for the church and manse maintenance. In particular if any islanders were facing severe hardship it would be fulfilling its role as a church property to be used to accommodate them until they could be helped to find a safe more permanent home.</p> <p>I think it could also be usefully let out in summer for short holiday let's (Airbnb style) which could make a good income to support the rest of the project. This would be ideal as these lets could be organised around its frequent use for public functions, community groups, and holiday course accommodation or for weddings and other events (if these ideas were undertaken)</p> <p>A small non polluting, family business that didn't require altering of the basic building, or lots of extra sheds, workshops etc could also be acceptable to me if it brought in a good income to maintain the buildings. But this would be very much less desirable in my opinion, as it removes the benefit of the noise from the island in general, which I strongly feel should be maintained.</p> <p>I would not welcome anything that attracted large numbers of people, made lots of noise, pollution or built on or altered the surrounding ground. This area is both highly scenic and of massive archaeological importance, so I think we must not risk covering or damaging relics with inappropriate, modern developments. I think it should be left in its current unspoilt state for future visitors and archaeologists in enjoy.</p> <p>I would not of course object to the house being modernised and made safe and comfortable as long as it does not substantially alter its outward appearance or add eyesores.</p> |
| 35 | Make money   |
| 36 | Affordable housing - after some renovations, to make a two bedroom property.   |
| 37 | <p>Renting out as a family or starter home.</p> <p>It may initially be useful to house people doing upgrade work on the church?</p>  |
| 38 | Holiday let  |
| 39 | <p>Air BnB</p> <p>Long term let</p>  |
| 40 | Accomodation, short or long-term.  |
| 41 | Yes - Rent the Church house out to help pay running costs of main building   |
| 42 | It could be rented to a family long term   |
| 43 | No.  |
| 44 | Rented out, as a house or as community work shop / office spaces.  |
| 45 | Long term let for island families , Holiday let's, even new shop premises, or work units for individuals to rent a room .  |
| 46 | A community house/ air bnb/ a local craft shop, a space for a local to run a business... open to something that will fill it and generate some income, to be used as a repairs and maintenance fund for the church building.   |
| 47 | I admit the building is underwhelming but the obvious choice would be as a community-owned holiday let, if it could be brought up to a high enough standard perhaps as a high-end let. Perhaps with premium "hotel package" option, with meals provided by a local chef for those who don't want to self-cater.  |
| 48 | Rent it for local family or individual/s living permanently (only) on the island   |
| 49 | --   |

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50	Church and house should be used to raise funds. We can't afford to be overly sentimental and judgmental here. Community house/ bunk house etc.
51	Rent it out to families in need. It would bring a good income in for the up keep of it/the church.
52	If the funds could be used to sustain the church a trust to take the rental could be established.

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Paper responses:

1. Raise funds towards the upkeep of the project
2. I have an open view in that it can be used for any community or business opportunity as part of the bigger picture
3. No ideas but a good asset
4. I think we need to capitalise on the retreat aspect and importance of St Moluag. I think the Trust could run a shop/ visitor centre. Iona do day trips so well, perhaps a meeting with Iona Trust to exchange ideas
5. Yes, perhaps the house could be rented out (long term let) – giving a little income to whoever is running it and serving as one of the few long term lets we have but really need
6. Don't know
7. No
8. No
9. No
10. Sold (for much needed housing)
11. Rented accommodation – absolutely not Airbnb or holiday let. There are far more people needing a home
12. Lismore doesn't need more short term accommodation even if that would bring in more money. I would prefer it to be "affordable accommodation" for rent to permanent residents of Lismore
13. A holiday rental. Perhaps affordable rental
14. Essentially as a core component with revenue towards maintenance and management of the 3 fold assets. This could take a number of different forms over time, to suit the overall idea/vision but with flexibility to adapt and change uses as appropriate
15. It should be affordable housing
16. Perhaps outright sale but I feel a rental space for either short term let or long term / social housing. I don't think there would be much to gain by turning it into a community space as we already have the hall and possibly church if it is re-purposed for island use
17. Rented accommodation
18. Renting it out in order to raise funds to finance the church expenses of heating, insurance, rates etc would be my view

19. Rented accommodation for anyone who needs it. Funds go back to church – repairs etc.
20. I suggest the church house continue to be used for religious meetings for islanders and accommodation and a meeting space for those who come as suggested above. This would provide revenue within the spirit of the place without being competition for existing guest accommodation. Lismore has a wonderful spirit of peace about it. Many have said how calming it is to merely “be” here. In this busy life we could offer a special place of retreat.  
The church itself should remain in use as a place of regular Sunday worship, for weddings, funerals and christenings and available for quiet use by those on retreat or pilgrimage and “ordinary” visitors as not for appropriate musical events. It has wonderful acoustics. A read through the comments in the visitors book will impress as to how important it is for those visitors who come from near and far to spend a little time there. It is very humbling and gratifying to read how much it is appreciated.
21. No
22. This would also be up to the community
23. Short term rental; elderly care; short term accommodation
24. Holiday lets would be good for starters to demonstrate interest and generate funds
25. Holiday lets
26. The Minister should have first call on manse. Manse required for funerals, weddings and church meetings
27. Perhaps as a holiday let
28. It is unlikely that any surplus revenue will provide more than a drop in the ocean for repairs to the church, considering the regulations which are being churned out for letting accommodation
29. Affordable housing
30. The church house should be kept
31. Or local people to maintain
32. Let as holiday house
33. Most obvious option would seem to be to rent the church house to a family who want to live on Lismore, at an affordable rent. The rent could contribute to the upkeep of both the church and the church house
34. No
35. Long term let
36. A long let (not holiday let)
37. Long term rental for a family would be a huge contribution to the island community
38. No
39. I think it should stay with the church – office, kitchen, accommodation

## 9. Do you have any views on future use of the glebe land?

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| 1 | Historical site to be conserved. Possible further archaeological investigation. Visitor development. Explanation boards. |
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## 9. Do you have any views on future use of the glebe land?

2	Not sure exactly where or how much there is.
3	Not sure
4	Farming
5	I think it could be sold (maybe A&BC for extra cemetery space) and a new hall/ sports hall/island centre built.
6	see above
7	See comments above.
8	It should be protected and not built on.
9	As above
10	Continue to let it for grazing. Consider some extension of wee manse for visitor space; courses and workshops etc.
11	Community garden? Sheltered housing?
12	Burial grounds. Pay for plots in advance for funding for the church. Maybe have a wall with plaques for those who wish to be cremated but remembered in Lismore.
13	No
14	That would depend on the present tenant
15	Community Garden ? Bowling Green
16	As above
17	Protect the archaeological sites, and work on uncovering the original walls of the cathedral. Raise some rent on the remainder.
18	The Glebe land should remain agricultural (& in view of the archaeological value of it, that agriculture needs to be "surface use" i.e. permanent grazing. I would be very opposed to any plans that involve building on the glebe. A dry corner without likelihood of underlying archaeological interest could be planted with a grove of trees for scattering of ashes & have seating for quiet contemplation.
19	protect and preserve it enhance biodiversity
20	Rented to a local farmer. Part will be necessary to extend the graveyard.
21	If it were not for the restrictions I suspect will inevitably result from the presence of artefacts and remains of archeological interest I would like to see some sensitive housing development, to include affordable rental accommodation.
22	No
23	No
24	Conservation and protection of the scheduled area (the nave) for public access and interpretation
25	Museum/historical. Too small for agricultural purposes.
26	Not to be used for building development.
27	Preservation
28	No
29	Not particularly but needs to be combined with sensible proposal for church. Maybe build houses, old peoples home, new shop.
30	The archaeology being discovered would suggest permanent display and interpretation . Tie this in with the gravestones
31	I think where the archaeological remains are should not be touched, but use could be made of the rest of the glebeland for the community.
32	The glebe land must be protected from development due to its scenic and archaeological importance. I would not welcome a rash if workshops or other modern buildings on the site, particularly as they are so visible from the church yard and would clash with its ancient atmosphere.

## 9. Do you have any views on future use of the glebe land?

Even if of sympathetic design their modern materials will still result in any modern buildings clashing badly with the church and spoiling its untimely feel.

I do think some of the ground, where not species rich or of great historical significance, could become a productive community vegetable plot for the benefit of the whole island. Either, volunteers could grow organic veg to sell to islanders to boost their health and raise funds for the church, or a few growers could be given allotments that they'd pay to use for their own benefit. Perhaps someone could also grow flowers and shrubs to enhance the beauty of the area and attract more visitors. If someone really keen could be encouraged to take part it could become a beautiful asset that could be opened to the public to raise further funds.

I would object to the glebe being used for extra car parking space or anything that permanently sealed the ground off from nature and prevented archaeology research in future. Also would not like camping, caravans, or more than the odd tent in terms of holiday development. The beauty can be so easily lost with even the most modest alteration, so really do hope this will be resisted at all costs..

33	No
34	Continue to lease out - but as stated above, section/fence off area which contains part of the cathedral There may be parts of the glebe also kept for, say, building a small visitors centre, toilets, etc - in time.
35	Could consider use for a small, quality house build, or workspaces. Sporting activities. Survey needed to show where any people are buried, shouldn't just build on graveyard again. The mossy walls of the glebe have a rare fungus growing on the mossy clumps in a few places, it is really rare and interesting.
36	Outdoor event space
37	Should remain under current stewardship
38	The glebe could be partially used as allotments allowing those who have no land to grow vegetables.
39	rent it out if thats possible
40	Farming? Not thought of any other views yet
41	No.
42	Archaeological; development of buildings as required to expand the museum / heritage centre.
43	Would let it out for grazing as it has been . Graveyard if there is any part not got graves already .
44	A market garden, landscape some areas for bench's, picnic area, if house was made in to a craft centre. It would really depend on what the house was to be used for
45	I don't know the full extent of the land, but the recent archaeological findings would suggest at least some of the area should be protected and maintained with respect as a former burial area and archaeological site. I think it would be an opportunity to protect the whole of the glebe area from construction, consider it the green belt of Lismore. It could probably be used as an extension of the community space, as a garden or outdoor event space appropriate to the land and respectful of neighbouring properties etc.
46	Build the community workshops so badly need for local businesses, and or some community accomodation
47	-
48	Depends how much there is. And where it is. There will be bodies, potentially ancestors around so it will have to be respectful. No more digs unless reinterring please.
49	Maybe get energy saving electric points for electric vehicles and a chemical waste point also that could both have a charge for use a football field lots more I could say
50	Not sure
51	No.



## 9. Do you have any views on future use of the glebe land?

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### Paper responses:

1. No
2. No
3. No – depends on what happens in the building
4. Continue to have it farmed as I don't think you would be able to do much else with it
5. No
6. No
7. The history buried there should be preserved
8. As an extension to the existing burial ground
9. Extension to the graveyard
10. Sold
11. Not especially
12. I don't think the glebe is suitable land for building the much needed affordable housing as it is full of archaeological remains and is constantly wet. It is currently used for livestock grazing and should remain as such – in return for a small rental
13. Kept as an archaeological site
14. No – primarily retained as agricultural – but the area ideally would continue to be explored archaeologically to piece together the full historical picture from earliest times. If the planners and HES would consider some development on the north side (low key) that might be worth exploring if it unlocked a long term economic solution
15. Extend the graveyard
16. We are in great need for social housing – not houses for private let at exorbitant rent. We need to encourage our young people and potential families to stay and affordable accommodation offers this prospect
17. Vegan garden? Community owned
18. Future housing?
19. Continue as is
20. It should be retained as it is for tenanted grazing and available for archaeological excavations
21. No
22. No development – grazing only and graveyard extension or new site. No disturbance of archaeological site
23. Extending the graveyard. Park, community garden. Use as part of events i.e. garden weddings, marquee
24. Would want to know more about the glebe land and any constraints
25. Rent out
26. What is the community's plan?

27. The graveyard needs to be extended. Particularly for the burial of Liosachs and long term residents
28. Extending the graveyard. The area across from the church might be wet enough for a duck pond or water garden
29. Agricultural and car park for church
30. The glebe land should be kept
31. Erect a wind turbine
32. Best used as it is just now
33. Since the glebe is also historically important (early medieval graveyard and other buildings and activities) it should not be built on
34. No
35. No
36. No
37. No – not enough info. Is it building land?
38. No
39. Continuation of archaeology and perhaps recreating the site as it was?

#### 10. Do you have any thoughts on potential funding sources for repairing and maintaining the church or to cover the initial project costs?

1	Visitors.
2	There is money available for all sorts of things if you know where to look.
3	When the church is in the hands of the community, there will be many more funding options and much more potential.
4	Crowd funding to provide some capital. Funding from charities, government funding??? bunkhouse income, a hall could be used for wedding receptions. Wedding venue.
5	Get the Chair of M and S to pay - and all the other major landowners. A tax on visitors.
6	Bob Hay would be good to consult on these matters. Heritage Lottery Fund and Creative Scotland, as well as Glensanda, Calmac and Scottish Seafarms are good places to start.
7	The community should collectively be prepared to commit to help with the funding then there needs to be a big collective effort to find money from whatever sources are available including Lottery funds, heritage funds, crowdsourcing, families abroad, etc. The Church realistically needs an endowment fund and daunting as it may be we need to try.
8	If the church are so eager to off load the church, why not ask them for £10/15k a year for the next few years to cover the day to day running above and beyond the initial remedial works
9	Heritage lottery, community land fund; Awards for All for project costs. Diaspora and interested individuals. Charitable Trusts
10	Grants
11	Repairing and maintaining the church should be, as much as possible a community activity bringing people together and giving us a shared sense of purpose and an opportunity to feel the warmth and satisfaction of group activity toward a shared goal. ie "Paint the church day" followed by a pot luck community barbecue with music, song and possibly dance? This is how we repaired and painted the hall and it was much enjoyed by all and effective.
12	See above
13	get an active social media presence with donate buttons all over the place
14	Set up friends of The Cathedral of St Moluag, contact all other Churches and areas associated with St Moluag. All communities around the world called Lismore asking for help and advice.

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| 15 | National Lottery Fund<br>Local fund raising  |
| 16 | Ask every company involved in the local economy. Apply to the Big Lottery. CAF Bank. Foundation Scotland.  |
| 17 | Crowdfunding the huge Lismore Diaspora to get things started.  |
| 18 | <p>External funding for ongoing day to day expenses is non-existent but there are many grants for capital projects, especially if plans include insulation, addition of solar panels, heat exchangers etc. The Kirk and manse can be upgraded/divided in such a way as to be much cheaper to run and suitable to rent out &amp; then day to day expenses would be covered by rents.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland give free advice on how to attract funding. We might be eligible for their Repair grant.<br/> <a href="https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/communities/community-advice-hub/communities-and-ownership">https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/communities/community-advice-hub/communities-and-ownership</a></p> <p>The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme makes grants towards the VAT costs of making repairs and necessary alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship but we'd need to ask what they mean by "mainly".</p> <p>We may be able to assemble a number of grants from different bodies for a single project. For example, it is permitted to use a Historic Environment Scotland grant as match funding for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p> <p>Also contact the Architectural heritage fund (Scotland)<br/> <a href="https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/scotland/">https://ahfund.org.uk/grants/scotland/</a></p> <p>The energy saving trust helps with design, insulation, fuel use.</p> |
| 19 | Voluntary contributions from islanders and further afield who support the repair of the Church   |
| 20 | Unfortunately don't have that knowledge.   |
| 21 | <p>Not really, but my over-riding concern is that such funding should not be at the expense of existing community facilities and organisations.</p> <p>If thoughts about tapping the Lismore diaspora can be developed, that would seem to offer the greatest potential.</p>   |
| 22 | No   |
| 23 | No, not an area I know about at all.   |
| 24 | <p>Historic Environment Scotland gives 50% of approved repair costs up to £0.5m<br/> The island needs to mobilise the concerns of the island diaspora, including international MacDougall clan societies.<br/> Other than these, there are several grant funding bodies, but there is a need for a salaried fundraiser to exploit them.</p>  |
| 25 | National Lottery. Glensaunder quarry or other people willing to invest.  |
| 26 | No.  |
| 27 | No   |
| 28 | Likely going to be costly.   |
| 29 | <p>I haven't had time to look yet - but someone has suggested The British Pilgrim Trust for the pilgrimage side of things.<br/> I would suggest that funding would be much easier once the community own the church, Wee Manse and Glebe</p>   |
| 30 | <p>I think a 'Go Fund Me' scheme, published widely online would be a good start. I would also suggest targeting wealthy businesses and church groups with an island connection, particularly those in America, Canada, Australia and NZ where there is a strong Lismore diaspora. If the news of the church being in danger of falling down through lack of funding was brought to the notice of these groups, then some wealthy benefactors may be found.<br/> If any billionaires or rich politicians can be found with even tenuous island or Argyll connections they could be approached too. Perhaps King Charles might help out, given his great interest in preserving ancient buildings.</p>   |

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Also every opportunity for publicity in national and local newspaper should be sought to promote funds for the restoration. Perhaps people could be given the chance to adopt a stone in the church or similar to encourage participation. There was massive national and international interest when the shop was looking for new proprietors. So I think we should not underestimate the worldwide interest in helping out.

More convention funding should also be sought from any organisation that might help restore historic buildings (Historic Scotland etc.). There are loads of schemes for community projects, so hopefully we can find some that will back the project, particularly if an innovative plan can be designed to benefit the island community, the historic heritage, the island museum and the history archaeology of the site. I'm sure much more thought and research would be needed on this but feel it's doable.

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| 31 | What project ? - you are consulting!!  |
| 32 | Realistic budget/costs have to be set out - could be £1m plus to properly do up the church (and take 5 years plus? so no use of the church for some time).<br>Need clear business case/plan for future use of all components, likely revenue streams and amounts - so as to show sustainable venture.<br>Without realistic costs, timescales and business plan/vision, then very difficult (impossible) to raise the sums actually required. |
| 33 | Make it into a Community Business Society and issue shares for people to buy through Ethex or similar.<br>Contact the wider diaspora, including families of people buried in the churchyard to ask them to invest.<br>Public finding - heritage sector for the church.   |
| 34 | Crowd finding drive  |
| 35 | Surely grant funds will be available for the bulk  |
| 36 | Charge a small 'tourist tax' to all Air BnB owners on Lismore - second home owner already pay council tax and often donate to local causes - all of those renting out Air B N B properties on lismore are not funding anything on the island. Every visitor to rent a Lismore Air B nB property should pay a small amount to church renovation fund (£5) for which they are invited to visit and see inside the church                       |
| 37 | Appealing to the diaspora far and wide? Playing on the historic nature of the site -I have no experience of this type of fundraising   |
| 38 | No   |
| 39 | Small and large fundraisers, crowd funding, grants.  |
| 40 | Crowd funding . Lottery , private investors.   |
| 41 | Community fund raising events/ appeal to historical /clan societies internationally ( Canada/Americans that have a connection) to also do fundraising. Write out to businesses that may have interests Grants..  |
| 42 | none specifically, the heritage centre and community trust should be aware of a number of potential funding sources. It may be worth employing someone with a proven track record of successful grant acquisition for community projects on a fixed term contract, finding potential grants and writing good quality applications is extremely time consuming, and I think this project will probably require multiple sources of funding.   |
| 43 | Lottery sources, trusts such as Dulverton  |
| 44 | No   |
| 45 | Fund raiser will have more Ideas. Not my forte.  |
| 46 | Postcode lottery   |
| 47 | Not sure   |
| 48 | The major Scottish charitable and national funds should be approached.   |

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Paper responses:

1. No
2. No – but appreciate the challenge this presents
3. Yes, too small of a space to brainstorm
4. I think the idea of hiring someone who knows what they are doing to apply to all the historical charities
5. Creative Scotland? Private business – sell as pub?
6. No
7. Don't know
8. Use of the wee manse to help raise funds for the protection for the church
9. No
10. Sell wee manse and glebe
11. Rich people
12. A community of 160+ residents cannot support two community facilities
13. No as I have no experience in these matters
14. Historic Environment Scotland for repairs; Scottish Land Fund to acquire; Trusts and the Diaspora for imaginative development match funding potential lottery grants?
15. No
16. I don't know too much about outside sources of funding other than the national lottery or NTS
17. Lottery funding
18. Renting out manse, bake sales, sales of work
19. Universities? National publicity campaign, UK wide
20. No
21. ?
22. Crowd funding, grants, events to bring in money and test water for future events in the church
23. Liaising with Historic Environment Scotland etc al re holding conservation training courses etc
24. Put out an appeal far and wide
25. No
26. Funds could be raised from letting out the wee manse
27. It is usually easier to get funding for the creation of a project than for maintenance thereof. Less kudos
28. Lottery win?
29. The CoS should be able to help
30. Ancient Scotland
31. Obvious funding sources include Heritage Lottery, Historical Environment Scotland. Others could be crowd funding and donations
32. No
33. No
34. No

35. Funding can be sought from beneficiaries / HES/ Heritage Lottery

36. No

37. I don't think the church building the way it is at present, is worth saving

**11. Would you be happy if any development brought significant increases in the numbers of visitors to the island?**

1	Yes.
2	Yes as far as I'm concerned. Know that it's not particularly popular with many of the island community.
3	Yes
4	No opinions
5	Yes
6	prefer not
7	Yes, if managed properly by the community and island businesses, taking accessibility and potential environmental and social impacts in to account.
8	That depends what is meant by "the development." If more visitors is the result of conserving the church as a Christian centre in its historic role that is a price well worth paying. If it means replacing it with popular entertainment "no."
9	If the infrastructure is in place, it would be fine as long as it doesn't impact significantly on islanders
10	No not increases in numbers overall but development could encourage visitors to stay longer and spend money on the island
11	Yes
12	Yes
13	Yes
14	yes. visitors are essential no matter how we may feel about that. We have businesses here e.g. the heritage that must thrive and visitors make that happen
15	Yes
16	Yes
17	Yes.
18	Yes
19	<b>NO, VERY UNHAPPY!</b> I would definitely vote against any proposal that involves intentionally attracting more tourists. The island is already at capacity (in terms of water supply, ferry spaces and safe road use). The mantra of 'more tourism helps remote communities' has been trotted out for decades & places that jumped on that band-waggon have continued to decline in population whilst experiencing a decreasing quality of life for residents. It is time to admit that tourism always bites the hand that it feeds.
20	No
21	Yes
22	The prospect of an increase in the number of visitors is not of undue concern, although I would like to think that some restrictions would be placed on an increase in visitors arriving with motor vehicles (as on Iona). I also hope that such an increase would not reach Iona proportions.
23	Yes up to a point!
24	yes
25	Yes. The many small businesses of the island need this for their sustainable future.
26	Yes, but more investment is needed for infrastructure to the island and people need to be more willing and tolerant to visitors to the island. They provide a living for a lot of family's on Lismore so being respectful when driving and open minded to what they bring and could improve. They could be the key to improving and tidying up the island making it more viable for people to live here. More

## 11. Would you be happy if any development brought significant increases in the numbers of visitors to the island?

	visitors=more opportunities and money. Better improvement for the island. Lismore will never see the amount of visitors as mull due to ferry size. Only dealing with certain capacity all though bike visitors may increase.
27	Probably unavoidable if funds are to be generated.
28	Yes
29	What has this got to do with the future of the church for worship? I would be happy with some more visitors who were interested in the natural beauty and heritage of the island. There needs to be more visitors particularly short let visitors can experience. Is there a community view of tourism?
30	Yes - we can't afford to turn anyone away and pilgrims, historians and those interested in the past of the church are to be encouraged. In fact, everyone is !
31	Yes, absolutely! Tourism needs to be managed, but it is one of the greatest assets that the Island has to generate income for the benefit of the whole community.
32	Please see above comments. I would be happy with caring, thoughtful visitors coming to enjoy the church and its surroundings, but not with mass tourism where the church and environs just formed a base for extra accommodation (whether in buildings or temporary accommodation). Indiscriminate tourism would increase the impact on roads, and other services, increase litter and risk damage to buildings, graves, artifacts and the destroy the general peace of the area. Quality of visitors rather than quantity should be the aim in my view. I want it to remain first and foremost a quiet place of peace, worship, historical interest and a reminder of our lost loved ones - definitely not a hotel, restaurant or holiday camp.
33	Probably need more tourist focused activity for economic survival so no problem. Is this question for the die hards refusing to accept change and not being realistic about the future of the island.
34	Yes - it would have to in order for this to be a sustainable project going forward (cant raise and spend £1m plus and shut it off to visitors)
35	Not automatically - we must, must, must properly consider the infrastructural issues around increasing visitor numbers. And make sensible and sustainable decisions about those. It would also have to benefit the community rather than just one or a few individuals.
36	Yes
37	Bit of a leading question.
38	Yes
39	yes - happy with that
40	Very happy. They are our lifeblood
41	Yes
42	Yes
43	Yes
44	Yes
45	The concern with Lismore is that the infrastructure of the island is not suitable for excessive numbers of visitors, but any change to that infrastructure would negatively impact the aesthetic that people want to come to island to experience, either as a visitor or resident. I would be happy to see an increased interest in, and an increase in revenue to, the island, but any significant increase in visitor numbers could have a serious negative impact on the environment, aesthetic and safety of both visitors and residents. If visitor numbers continue to increase, I think a cap on visitor numbers should be considered, based on an assessment of the ferries and local infrastructure, with separate limits for pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles, as well as compulsory safety information/agreements to ensure all road users can do so safely.
46	Yes
47	No
48	Yes as long as infrastructure is a consideration. And we are proactive. Not reactive.
49	Yes

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50 Yes

51 Yes

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Paper responses:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. No more tourists please
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes, within reason
9. Maybe
10. Yes
11. We know how much money visitors bring to the island?
12. Increased numbers of visitors may be good for all the short let holiday homes but not necessarily for the residents
13. Yes as long as some transport is included, not everyone can walk/ cycle or pay for taxi
14. Yes if well managed. Transport and accommodation infrastructure would require to be well coordinated which would pose additional challenges
15. I'd be amazed
16. Yes
17. Somewhat
18. Yes
19. Yes
20. Distance from ferries, capacity of ferries and absence of mooring possibilities would provide a natural limit
21. Yes
22. Yes
23. Yes But infrastructure needs upgrading. Roads – improvements; toilets at Oban/Lismore slips. Harbour at Point
24. Depends on whether “significant” means bad drivers and worse cyclists. Lismore has benefitted to date from a gentle rate of development
25. No
26. Only if they supported the church
27. Yes
28. It is unlikely to survive if we do not do this



29. I would expect it to do so
30. No comment
31. Yes
32. Yes
33. Yes
34. Yes
35. Unlikely. More maybe, not significantly more
36. Yes, very
37. I don't understand what is meant by significant in this context

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1	Size and location of the Glebe land
2	Like what?
3	<p>After this consultation it would be good to get a detailed report on its outcomes, perhaps without too much interpretation.</p> <p>If the community is taking ownership a detailed viable development plan will have to be drawn up, based on actual factual research and not based on opinion and assumptions only. Whatever is decided, it has to be viable and sustainable for the community and the building.</p>
4	Any information would be useful - the Church should be important to everyone with connections to Lismore.
5	no
6	How much is it going to cost? What will be the ongoing running costs? How will it be financed given the current state of the building and the present economic climate?
7	No
8	No
9	No
10	No
11	Just to be updated through Social Media and given the chance to comment.
12	I do not require more information at present but I would think it would work best as a complete package.
13	<p>What stabilisation work needs to be done urgently - has there been a survey?</p> <p>Are there any legal restrictions on the use of any of it.</p> <p>Have the planning department been asked for their views on what would be permitted? For example, would the Manse need "change of use" permission to be let out?</p> <p>What is the current rent for the Glebe?</p> <p>Is access to the rear (vestry) door across Council land?</p>
14	<p>Yes detailed costs and projections of the amount of money it will cost to upgrade and maintain all three aspects. a detailed plan on what the church will be used for -ongoing financial implications and burden to islanders volunteers and how would the plan impact on other public use buildings on the island? what impact would a development have on the surrounding environment and the people who leave nearby, ( have they been consulted?) what impact would the development have on finances needed for other public buildings on Lismore?. how would it impact on heritage centre, public hall etc ?. Important to know what other islanders are planning to develop / in the process of developing on the island before embarking on a commitment which could be difficult to sustain. Other planning applications in progress at present are important factors. there is volunteer burden and groups struggle to find enough people to take on voluntary roles in other areas</p>
15	No
16	A convincing business plan, which realistically forecasts the cost of renovating/repairing/adapting/maintaining/running the existing buildings and demonstrates how such funds are to be derived, is vital before any commitment is made by the community to acquire ownership. The business plan must show sufficient detail for a confident assessment to be made of

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	any possible adverse impact on the viability of existing community-owned assets (such as Lismore Public Hall).
17	It would be interesting to hear some ideas.
18	Thank you for seeking views and exploring options.
19	No
20	<p>1) What are the annual on going revenue costs associated with the church? ( insurance/heating/ maintenance eg cleaning inside and gutters.)</p> <p>2) What is the likely capital expenditure associated with getting the building wind and water tight?</p> <p>3) What is the projected income from maintaining the building for worship?</p> <p>4) What are the limitations/restrictions associated with putting in facilities like toilets given it is a scheduled ancient monument.</p> <p>5) What is the likely impact on the hall if more participatory activities were undertaken in the church to raise revenue?</p> <p>6) What is the view/role of the Heritage Centre in ensuring the heritage of the church is preserved</p> <p>7) What assets has the community successfully taken on before?</p> <p>8) Lismore Community Trust have not got a strong reputation in the community for taking on and managing projects. What is their view about potentially taking on the church?</p> <p>9) Is the church something the Community Council have the capacity and framework (charity status etc) to take on? What is their track record in managing assets like?</p> <p>10) Please devise a more reasoned relevant survey that will allow a the community to make more considered responses about this important issue.</p>
21	<p>No , I think I have the picture OK .</p> <p>This is so worth doing . It is our heritage in a very real way .</p> <p>Yes, we need volunteers - don't we always. .... 🙋 🙋 🙋 🙋 🙋 .</p> <p>And there may be more ideas - hope so .</p>
22	Not at this stage. I am very concerned that the future of the church is threatened and am very keen to do all I can to save it and manse and glebe. I am happy to help where I can as the project develops. It would be a tragic loss to the community if we cannot keep it going so do hope a successful plan can be found that the whole community will support.I can't help think that Miss Stewart and many others in the churchyard must be rolling in their graves at the very prospect that it might be left to fall down!
23	<p>Yes - what are the Historical Society's views on which is the most relevant/important/ useful/- a Victorian church ( listed building) built on top of parts of an Ancient Monument the Ancient Monument itself ? Don't say both are important!</p> <p>Why have C of S chosen Appin ahead of Lismore? Lismore is an island and worshippers on the island are more isolated.</p>
24	Nope - just mindful of December 2023 deadline and the need to get clear information from the Trustees of CoS and their property department in terms of exact ownership, etc (noted that the glebe is shown with two different boundaries on the info sheet - two drawings, two different outlined of the glebe); and council land and responsibilities to be clarified going forward
25	<p>We need information on the costs (capital and ongoing) of the maintenance and upgrading of all three.</p> <p>(There's been a wide range of guesstimates mentioned, based on what?)</p> <p>Then a business plan of some kind, which also takes into account other community buildings and their needs and options on Lismore.</p>
26	No
27	<p>Keeping the whole community 'informed' and even canvassing opinions from so many is pointless and will lead only to division.</p> <p>This exercise will likely lead to numerous ideas that aren't feasible, if people aren't interested in attending a meeting (or actively putting opinions forward should the be unable to attend) they shouldn't get an opinion.</p>
28	no
29	Not neede just now
30	No
31	No

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32	Straight forward facts when they happen and not just a few folk deciding what the best course of action is . Hopefully whole community gets behind this .
33	Yes please later
34	As much Info as possible for informed decisions. There could be a blog/ info site set up for the church where all the info is in a central place? And people can contribute. Like wiki. But with caveat that not all may be historically correct and factual. That way out oral tradition can be maintained as well. Ask Pauline D., Bob Hay to start up for us?
35	Ni
36	It would be helpful if a strategic plan with clearly defined steps and funding sources could be developed.

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Paper responses:

1. No
2. As much info on costs currently and ongoing costs and how it's anticipated the building will be used
3. No
4. No
5. Keep us informed
6. Yes
7. No
8. Has the Scottish Government been advised of the precarious position of this important site?
9. A properly prepared business plan, fully explained, understood and approved by the whole community
10. No – until negotiations are further forward this would be difficult to answer
11. I look forward to the planned community workshop activities in 2023
12. No
13. No, I feel I am quite well informed on the issue
14. Will the community have input if the church is repossessed?
15. What body would be taking this forward and who at the moment would receive any money raised?
16. No
17. Ongoing information re possible funding sources
18. Yes, a Q & A session with relevant / potential stakeholders
19. Is the church house and glebe included in the disposal?
20. The views of other islanders
21. No
22. Find out if 121 George St would release it
23. No

24. No

25. No

26. No

27. Any info welcome but not necessary at this stage

28. No