

Lismore Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 19/03/2026 in Lismore Heritage Centre

Present

Archie McGillivray (AM) Convener, Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Donald MacColl (DM) Treasurer, Mark Willis (MW)
Cllr Keiron Green (KG) Argyll and Bute Council
Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker
Three members of the public

1. Apologies

Clare Howarth
Andrew Vennard, Argyll and Bute councillor

2. Delay since last meeting held

It was noted that there had been a long gap between this meeting and the last quorate meeting held on 23/01/25, which had been due to the unavailability of the Secretary, who was undergoing cancer treatment. The Convenor noted that he was pleased that MC was now well enough to resume meetings. A meeting had been held on 20/03/25 attended by AM, and MW, with KG present and RB as notetaker. However, this meeting had not been quorate.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 23/01/2025

The minutes had been circulated previously; they were proposed by MW, seconded by AG and adopted as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters arising

The matter of borehole progress was discussed. **AP: MC to follow up with Glensanda; MW to also contact site manager.**

The visitor levy question was no longer relevant.

6. Ferries

MC reported that the winter timetable for Calmac was now under consultation. The revised timetable had yet to be received and there was still an opportunity for requests for changes to be notified. **AP: MC to place a message on Facebook for feedback**

Julian Wormleighton (JW) reported on the Transport Scotland Ferry drop in session that had been held on the island the previous day, March 18th. He explained that it had not been clear what task they had been given. Apparently, they had assembled the most recent synthesis of information and wanted to know how accurately it represented the roles of islanders now. DM commented that their figures did not add up. There was a query as to the possibility of a new boat but AM commented that the problem was the slip. Sebastain Tombs (ST) commented that the problem was one of infrastructure and not lack of service. JW added that he had been campaigning concerning the Loch Class service for many years now and that he had been reassured that the slip issue would be dealt with. Jenny Minto apparently understood that the situation was absurd and she was intending to have a meeting with Transport Scotland and the Community Council.

KG queried why they could not run a passenger-only service and MW queried why the ferries could not be run at different times to fit in with the tides, on the days when there are tidal restrictions. There were also queries as to how the vessels would run when work was finally being done to improve the slip and why the link span could not be used.

AP: MC to contact Calmac and Transport Scotland again. Also, to re-engage with MPs/MSPs following the elections.

ST queried as to whether the failings due to the new booking system had been noted. MC mentioned an e mail concerning the point that the scheduling of maintenance work was now being scheduled into the winter timetable which was likely to affect sailings. **AP: MC to clarify with Calmac**

7. Lifeboat landing place

MC explained that she had received communication from the RNLI that the pier on Lismore was not suitable for them to land the lifeboat in emergencies and that Point isn't optimal due to longer distance and issues at some tide heights. The option of asking A & B Council to put mooring rings into the existing slip was discussed. KG felt it was not unreasonable to ask this. **AP: MC to seek confirmation from RNLI contact that mooring rings would assist and if so, to submit a request to the Council**

8. Local place plan

The LPP had been circulated previously. It was agreed that LCC approved the Plan, which can now be submitted to A&B Council.

9. Resilience / Emergency plans

There had not been time to progress this. It was agreed that the emergency plan was the priority and other resilience plans could be considered later. **AP: MC to revisit previous work done on the plan and to liaise with ST and MW on a draft to bring to the CC.**

10. Finances

It was noted that the AGM had not been held in 2025, for reasons covered earlier. DM reported he had completed the accounts for the relevant years. MC queried balance remaining on the resilience fund monies (restricted funds) and items allocated to it. She requested the relevant bank statements from DM who had them to hand and passed them over. It was agreed that the accounts for both 24/25 and 25/26 would be considered at the AGM, to be held in June.

DM reported that the closing balance was £1,980.35. DM made it clear that all invoices for hall hire had been paid in full and that their query concerning the possibility of non-payment was due to an error on their part.

MW queried the money that had gone through the LCC account on behalf of the church group. DM and MC confirmed that the grant money had been dealt with by LCC whilst the group did not have its own bank account and that the money had just gone in and come out of the LCC account to pay the relevant invoices. ST expressed his gratitude on behalf of the church group (Kilmoluag Liosmor) that this help had been forthcoming.

11. Planning Applications

KG checked on any relevant registered applications and notified of an application for a new house to the NE of Port Castle croft house. There was also a notification regarding the removal of conditions at the Croft House at Baligrundle and the erection of a glass outbuilding at Tirfuir. KG advised that speed was of the essence if there was intention to comment on the Port Castle application. MC

commented that it was up to individuals to comment if required, as it had been agreed that LCC would comment only on applications following consultation with the community.

12. Arrangements for delayed AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on 25th June. Other meeting dates agreed were 4th May and 6th August. This date was the last before the new CC elections would take place.

13. New correspondence

None that had already been covered.

AOCB

There was a query on any action that was being taken on passing places. KG suggested that if around half a dozen sites could be identified that were urgent, then the Council could be issued with a request for these locations. ***AP: MW and DM to liaise on this and advise MC, who would submit a request to the Council.***

JW queried the difficulties of the bin collections and that 3 weeks was a long time anyway without further delays. It was decided that a log needed to be kept of missed deliveries and the reasons given and then MC would collate these and subsequently take the matter up with Argyll and Bute.

It was advised that Council nominations for the forthcoming local election need to be in sometime in July and that the date of the election was set at August 20th.