

## Notes of the Meeting of Lismore Trust directors Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 7:00

**Present** Andy Hough (chair) , Anita Bachuil, Archie McGillvery, Seona Macdonald, Laura Savill, Julia Fayngruen, Kate McLuskey, Anna Stewart and Peter Macdougall

**Apologies** Calum McGillvery.

2) Minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November were agreed.

3) Outstanding action points

- 1) AH communication poster
- 2) A McG scrap metal merchants able to remove barge

4) Finance report – The approach to on line banking was agreed. The importance of having clear visibility around transactions was recognised as there is likely to be increased transactions. The process of transferring and cancelling existing signatories will take time.

**Action** LS to open new bank account that can be accessed on line with chair and treasurer having log details. Balance, bar £1 to be transferred to new account.

Without clear visibility of transactions for confirmation, balance is believed to be circa £9475

5) **Housing Project** - SM declared an interest in the water issues at Achnacroish as a potential user / person affected.

a) The challenges of making arrangements for water that will fully address the range of concerns of residents and the requirements of the new houses were discussed. While progress has been made through the availability of a technical report by ACHA (who suggests an overhaul of the existing system or borehole) a report outlining the costs of options was needed. It was noted that the original proposals from Philpumps and Highwater indicated this could be done.

**Action** AH to confirm estimates from Highwater and Philpumps and explore further firms capable (to get 3 quotes if possible ) of doing the work and circulate a short report for consideration by directors.

b) The design and build commission implications were discussed along with the approach to considering the most favourable.

**Action** 1) AH to circulate a hard copy of responses to pre-qualification questionnaire along with a 5 point scoring sheet and space for comment.

**Action 2)** All board members to consider the responses and return scoring sheet asap.

**Action 3** AH to collate all responses and compile a report. A special meeting or process will be put in place if there are significant divergent views.

The need to have careful oversight of the work of whoever is commissioned was noted and it was agreed that a “Project Adviser” role for the Trust should be created. This post would advise the board of the veracity of the commissioned D and B contractor up to the stage of successfully commissioning the actual build. The advisory nature of the work was stressed and all members aware of their responsibilities.

**Action 4** AH to draft a job/role specification

- 6) Achnacroish pier - Feedback from SLF suggests, while supportive of a technical survey of the pier they have a clear expectation the Trust undertakes community consultation and much feasibility work. Any development of the infrastructure at Achnacroish needs to be considered carefully and developed with the full involvement of the community. Views about visitor numbers and tourism vary and are strongly held. It was agreed it would be better to seek to manage tourism rather than just let it happen.

The creation of a strategy, while started in the past could be mutually beneficial to someone wanting to make a career in the tourism industry and the island community and its quest for improved infrastructure and additional financial support.

**Action 1** All to be promoting the need to manage tourism and to talk with members of the community about a “*responsible tourism strategy*” along the lines of principles in the draft circulated –

- a) *Responsible tourist is one who .....*
- b) *To support responsible tourism the island community will .....*

**Action 2** KM to contact universities to explore the opportunity of an MSc of doctorate student being engaged to support the development of a tourism strategy.

- 7) E bikes were discussed and agreed that its workings and arrangements would need to be kept under review. Partnership with Lismore bike hire was welcomed.

**Action** SM to explore liability insurance necessity/options and report back.

- 8) AGM, members of board were confirmed (Roxanne welcomed as new addition) Agreed the co-option of Julia and Kate
- 9) Date and time of next meetings. Complexity of suiting all was noted. Agreed to alternate between a Monday and Friday evenings (some work off island) to try and ensure as many attend in person as possible. Working on a basis of one a month an annual pattern be established. Zoom and team attendance were still options

**Action AH** to draft a 12 month programme that suits as many as it reasonably possible, acknowledging it can't suit all.