Lismore Community Trust - MINUTES of BOARD MEETING held at 7.30pm on 27th February 2019 at Mid-Farm, Achinduin, Lismore

1 PRSENT: Kiki MacColl (host), Archie MacGillivray, Sebastian Tombs (Chair and Minutes), Anna Stewart. No apologies. No declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES of meeting of 23rd January: Agreed – proposed by Archie, seconded by Anna.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 AGM draft Minutes remained outstanding; ACTION: ANN

3.2 Past minutes to folder in shop. ACTION: SEBASTIAN

3.3 Junior Photography Club camera: Kiki advised that this item had been retrieved from 2 Port Ramsay, and appeared to be salvageable. She would obtain an assessment for a thorough clean. ACTION: KIKI

4 MEMBERSHIP, FINANCE and PROTOCOLS:

4.1 Membership: listings to be checked, given changes over the past two years. Action: SEBASTIAN

4.2 Finance: current total £6,672.51, made up from Bank A/C £6,661.93, PayPal £10.58. Recent movement of funds were: Income: interest £0.88; grants totaling £1,432.80; Outgoings: £20,.00 Hall hire for AGM; cash loss in fire: £211.70.

Funds summary:

General fund: £1,550.73

Kiosks: £3,253.62

Junior Photography Club £435.36

School House £ nil

Soft play £432.80 – Argyll and Bute Trust, grant

Elderly health £1,000 – W M Mann Foundation, grant

Treasurer: in the absence of a volunteer to take over, it was agreed to set aside time for short management / book-keeping meetings; Teenie to be invited to provide a handover of tasks etc. ACTION: SEBASTIAN

It was AGREED unanimously that cheque signatories would in future include directors Kiki MacColl, Anna Stewart and Archie MacGillivray in addition to Sebastian Tombs; while Teenie Wilson and Mary Walker would be removed.

5 PROJECTS and WORKING GROUP REPORTS

5.1 Meeting with Planners, 29th January – Notes circulated. Sebastian ran through the principal elements of the discussion which had clarified a number of aspects of the current planning interpretation of the Local Development Plan. It was AGREED that this information be forwarded to those with whom the directors had been in communication regarding sites and buildings; and then to make it available for the community (see Newsletter note below). An early meeting with one landowner was proposed.

5.2 School House: Planning condition re provision of 2 parking places and turning area on the garden site. See reference to this in Planning Notes from 29th January, when the officers thought it unlikely that they would step back from this requirement; they had recommended a negotiation with Roads Department colleagues. Sebastian had met James Jackson of the Roads Department on 19th February, and a modest standard of implementation had been discussed. Nonetheless, the costs were considered likely to be into 5 figures, which the directors were concerned would be difficult to raise, given the

6 week Notice Period set out in the Licence. If no straightforward alternative presented itself within the next two weeks, it was AGREED to lodge a referral to a Local Review Board – the 3 month deadline expired on 19th March. ACTION: SEBASTIAN Meanwhile, security would be required in the School House in future, and if the previous set of keys required replaced, these should be procured soon. ACTION: SEBASTIAN

5.3 Kiosks: Kiki reported some happy news: the large map remained, having been stored in the shop; and the Normans had kindly agreed to donate a second set of matured local wood boards, following the destruction of the previous set in the fire. A formal thank you letter would be sent. ACTION: SEBASTIAN

It was agreed that interim storage for such material etc could be found in the School House.

In the short term, arrangements would be made in both kiosks for the display of the new Island Guide leaflets at the start of the visitor season. ACTION: KIKI

Information on insurance: confirmation had been received from Teenie Wilson that the contents insurance cover at 2 Port Ramsay would be insufficient to reimburse Trust losses; but the broker had recommended approaching the insurers of the kiosks themselves. A claim for just under £3K had been submitted, via the Hall Board (whose buildings insurance policy had been extended to include these after the Trust acquired them); although the prospects of recompense appeared modest. It was agreed to await news from insurers before making decisions regarding the models.

5.4 Sebastian provided background to the current position in LIP; government funding strands were being amalgamated, but because that would not be ready by April, those on Strengthening Community Programme (SCP) funding had been offered a 3 month continuation arrangement to the end of June. While Luing and Kerrera Boards wished to focus predominantly on their own priorities, Easdale and Lismore had proposed to seek continuation, within the LIP umbrella, with Lismore offering to act as lead Partner, and the funders appeared satisfied that this should be in order. The directors welcomed this news. The position beyond June remained vague, but Wendy Reid of DTAS – who Sebastian had met in Oban the previous day, with Jess from Easdale and Alastair, LIP's Treasurer – indicated that a fourth year of SCP had not been ruled out, if a case could be justified for that (still under LIP). The alternative was to go for Project Funding routes, which would all be competitive. The next three months should therefore be focused on attempting to move existing areas of work forward towards becoming 'oven-ready' status.

5.5 Priorities: Gill Law had helpfully set out short, medium and long term objectives, for various strands of work. Much would depend on whether progress could be achieved on land acquisition options. It was AGREED that the work space initiative (whose remit could possibly include shop options) was the top priority at present – needing early action on feasibility studies on the relative merits of the Clachan Steadings, Achnacroish SSE site or potentially others. HIE to be chased. ACTION: SEBASTIAN Following that, a range of community facilities were in the mix, including housing and potentially a new community hall. Meanwhile work on the Kiosks and School House would continue; along with a range of activity-type work for the younger and more elderly members of the community.

5.6 Health and Sports: Sebastian had, at Duncan MacLean's suggestion, phoned and then written to Mark and Denise Willis about technical input to the community trailer proposal, for use at events (initially, the Sports and Raft Race). A grant had been received for £1,000 from the W M Mann Foundation regarding activities for the elderly. Further sums were being sought for such work. This was warmly welcomed by directors.

6 CORRESPONDENCE etc

6.1 Business promotion etc by CalMac for younger islanders, were noted with interest.

6.2 Newsletter: Sebastian was working on a draft for early distribution; this would be circulated as soon as complete. ACTION: SEBASTIAN

6.3 Rural Housing Scotland Conference: Sebastian had attended a useful one day event in Dunkeld the previous week; notes had been circulated.

7 DATE of NEXT MEETING: 7pm Monday 18th March 2019, at the School House.

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