Lismore Community Trust Minutes of Board Meeting held at 4pm on Thursday 12th September 2019

1 Present: Sebastian Tombs (Chair) and Anna Stewart for all items. Kiki MacColl for all items except 3.1/3.2, Archie MacGillivray for all items except item 2.1 – to avoid any conflict of interests. No apologies.

2 School House Parking area:

2.1 Quotes had been received from three contractors familiar with Lismore and known to the directors. The most economically favorable had been received from RS MacColl, and it was agreed that this should be acknowledged as the one the directors would be minded to progress with – subject to availability of funding. All participating contractors should be thanked and advised accordingly. ACTION ST

2.2 It was further agreed that fund raising for this item of work be progressed, as had been prepared by Gill Law. ACTION: ST

2.3 Garden project: Kiki reported on ongoing work with Mike Hyatt, with whom Sebastian had also spoken recently about Kiki's ideas for simplifying the parking layout design, and reducing its scale and impact (and, one would expect, cost). These ideas would be tested with James Jackson of the Roads Department in the first instance – to ensure that satisfaction would enable compliance with the Planning Condition. Kiki gave a brief outline of her proposals for the whole area surrounding the house. It was agreed that Sebastian clarify with Gill what the sorts of funding routes being considered would generally allow as eligible expenditure. ACTION: KK & ST

3 Give it a Go! Project:

3.1 Organiser role: Notes of a meeting held on 5th September, attended by the chair and three residents who had expressed interest in the role: Kiki MacColl, Rosemary Barry and Krissie Monaghan, had been circulated, and were noted. The Board signed off on splitting the role evenly between Kiki and Rosemary, with Krissie providing PR support (poster design, Facebook coverage etc); noting that draft self-employed contracts would be being drawn up by Gill Law for the two organisers. ACTION: ST & GL

3.2 Lunch club role: Sebastian recalled the interviews, led by Gill Law, attended by him, Archie and Anna, held on the evening of Tuesday 10th September. Two candidates – Kiki MacColl, and Sarah McDonald and Dan Johnstone had been taken through a range of topics which had been discussed in a relatively informal atmosphere in the School House's living room. The decision of the panel had been unanimous and had been supported by the points rated for both on the scorecard. While the primary provision, at the School House, would be run by Kiki, the Board agreed that involving the Heritage Café team on an occasional basis – for example for a high tea, or late breakfast option – would recognize their interest and skills and the benefits for those attending of variety. The candidates would be advised accordingly; a draft contract would be prepared by Gill Law. ACTION ST & GL

3.3 Float for larder resource: upon rejoining the meeting, Kiki was requested to consider her needs for such a resource. She acknowledged the request, and would report back with a sum to be expended on this item at the start of the programme. ACTION: KK

3.4 Programme: The Board endorsed the proposal to link events and lunches on the same day, and engaging closely with the Granny Bus schedules. They were pleased at the progress made and looked forward to the cycle of events commencing the following month.

3.5 Equipment purchases for the kitchen: Kiki was repaid a cheque in the sum of £110.00 for crockery acquired in Oban recently; a budget of up to £250 was agreed for the purchase of a second hand gas cooker; Kiki was delegated responsibility for its installation by a Corgi registered plumber. ACTION: KK

4 Lismore Stores:

4.1 A recent Facebook posting that the owners of Lismore Stores were in the process of winding down after many years was noted. It was agreed that the shop was a vital part of the infrastructure of the community, and that the Trust should be ready to explore options for community ownership options, should a private buyer not be secured.

4.2 In this context, Sebastian reported on a successful visit to the Isle of Jura the preceding day, primarily as a fact-finding mission on the Business Units project there, which had just become fully operational, but which had also enabled visits to the progressive Care Centre, the Community Shop and the Hall. Great hospitality had been received and good contacts had been made which could be drawn on in any parallel projects on Lismore.

5 Scottish Islands Federation AGM: Grimsay, N Uist, 3rd/4th October:

5.1 Upon reflection, both KK and ST indicated that the viability of attendance, requiring four days' absence, was no longer possible, given other commitments as well as the potential vagaries of weather-interrupted sailings. ST would advise the organisers. ACTION: ST

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