

MINUTES of Lismore Community Trust BOARD meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the School House, Achnacroish, Lismore

- 1 PRESENT: Anna Stewart, Archie MacGillivray, Kiki MacColl, Sebastian Tombs (Chair and Minutes); apologies (for last night's postponed meeting) from Ann MacLean Fleming. No declarations.
- 2 MINUTES of 27th February 2019: AGREED unanimously.
- 3 MATTERS ARISING:
 - 3.1 Draft AGM Minutes; in the absence of a draft from Ann, Sebastian would request Gill Law to produce a draft, which he would attempt to supplement from his own papers. ACTION: SEBASTIAN, GILL
 - 3.2 School House security: Thanks were to be recorded to Scottie Barr, who had assisted with making both access doors to the School House work properly, and be lockable. Directors present each now had a set of keys.
- 4 FINANCE, MEMBERSHIP, PROTOCOLS
 - 4.1 Finance: report as per last meeting; neither Kiki nor Sebastian had as yet had a chance to meet with Teenie Wilson.
 - 4.2 Membership: Teenie had advised that her and David's membership status might need to be considered, given that they were now being registered on the voter's roll as being resident (albeit temporarily, while their house was to be rebuilt) in Appin.
- 5 PROJECT and WORKING GROUP REPORTS
 - 5.1 School House: Sebastian reported that a Notice of Review (an appeal) regarding Condition 2 of the Planning Permission regarding parking provision etc, had been submitted on 18th March. He had

also advised the legal officer handling the case in the Council - and the Education officer – of this development.

Meanwhile, in order to be ready should the appeal be dismissed, and following the Roads Department visit on 19th February, Sebastian had submitted a proposed layout, along with information from three trial pits. A specification had been provided, comprising mainly road planings. It was AGREED that a higher level of specification be considered - in consultation with the Roads Department - to try and ensure a better quality, longer term solution; subsequently an approach was to be prepared seeking support from Glensanda Quarry for materials supply and delivery. Thereafter quotations would be sought from a number of local contractors. ACTION SEBASTIAN & GILL

Research into utilities on the site showed that telecoms entered via the east at eaves level; with Scottish Power on the west at eaves level, Scottish Water pipes ran along the road, with a straight connection to the House at the eastern gable end. Enquiries had confirmed that the drainage and septic tank were to the south west. Thus no underground services were likely to be affected by any car parking-related excavations. However, what appeared to be a borehole capped pipe did feature just to the north of the current layby – but it also would lie outwith the proposed parking zone.

- 5.2 Kiosks: Sebastian confirmed that he had just heard from the Hall that the claim for insurance had been refused. Thus all avenues related to insurance were now closed. In light of this, Kiki would consider the model situation further. She confirmed that Archie and Vanessa Norman had offered a new selection of locally grown timber – which was greatly appreciated – and now that the School House security had been addressed, she noted that space there could be allocated for such material and related tools and equipment, as and when appropriate. Meanwhile Sebastian

advised that simple leaflet racks would be obtained for the display of the new leaflet guides, as well as the LIP leaflets.

- 5.3 Work space units: Sebastian advised that Gill and he would be meeting Hugh Donaldson representing the Big Lottery to visit the SSE site at Achnacroish on the morning of the 17th April. SSE meanwhile had forwarded a copy of their deed plan; and advised that any move would need to include legal costs, relocating the power supply, and provision of sufficient hard standing etc – all of which could amount to a significant sum. [It was noted that Michael Russell MSP was holding a surgery that morning also. It was agreed that he be sent the current Newsletter and Planning Notes, for information. ACTION SEBASTIAN].

Sebastian had spoken on the telephone with Lorne MacDougall regarding the Planning Notes, and there had been confirmation that pursuing the sites ‘at the lower level at Achnacroish’ was certainly to be viewed positively.

- 5.4 LIP future: Sebastian confirmed that an application had been formulated to enable a further three months ‘continuation’ funding via the current grant route for Easdale and Lismore. The purpose was to progress work on a limited number of projects, in order to prepare Projects which could justify specific funding of projects with project officer support. These could include the work space project and possibly housing. The Board welcomed this news.
- 5.5 Health and Sports: While some funds had arrived for working with older residents on healthy activities, more applications were awaiting decisions. Regarding the Sports Day equipment trailer proposal, Duncan MacLean had recommended Sebastian to speak with Mark and Denise Willis about potential specifications for the covered trailer; a robust marquee ; a portaloos; a generator; a PA system; and other event-specific equipment. One idea for a storage location was on the School House site – thus an additional

area of hard standing would be sensible to include in any material specifications, for parking etc for such uses. It was noted that those involved in this year's Sports Day would be meeting soon; and this topic should best be endorsed by that group, while enabling them to offer further ideas to strengthen the proposals.

- 5.6 Housing: Gill Law had forwarded a summary of the results of the RHS-assisted Needs Survey; she recommended that further work was required to substantiate the need. She suggested that anecdotal evidence should be compiled; along with encouraging further responses to a simplified one page survey form; plus any information from those living off the island who would wish to be residents, subject to the availability of suitable housing. The social needs of younger families were noted, issues which should also be being addressed if a younger generation were to be attracted to living on the island.

The directors agreed to start compiling evidence of housing need for forwarding to Gill and RHS - specifically obtaining older residents' responses; views of off-island folk; and using the 1st June 'Home and Garden' event, to garner more information. ACTION ALL.

6 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 Newsletter: Sebastian had finalised the March 2019 Newsletter which, along with the 29th January Planning Meeting Notes had been posted on one complete Board outside the Shop. In terms of attempting to convey this information to the community it was AGREED that a hard copy circulation was too costly; that hard copies would be placed a) in the Hall Waiting Room (3 No); and b) in a smaller folder in the Shop, potentially near the table and hot drinks dispenser. Anyone wishing it by email, should be encouraged to ask. Sebastian noted that some copies had already been issued in that way. Finally, it was proposed that short

summaries of the items dealt with could be covered in edited individual reports on the Facebook pages. ACTION SEBASTIAN

- 6.2 Clara Barnett – Gaelic student. Sebastian advised that he had assisted a 3rd year student undertaking a research study into the proposed community buy-out of Bachuil House etc, and had posted a link on the Community Facebook page. To enable residents and others to respond. He had requested a copy of the (anonymised) final report when available – in English. This was noted.
- 6.3 CalMac Community Grants: watch this space in May, to assess whether an application can be completed – aimed at young people.
- 6.4 Caring Places: Sebastian reported on a recent Report on the 10 principal qualities of caring places – which matched many of the aspirations of the Island Plan ambitions. It could be a helpful point of reference in future work.

7 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 7.1 PLANT & PRODUCE SALE Saturday 1st June – poster required, including reference to table hire – contact Kiki, etc; and this should also be highlighted on Facebook.

8 DATE of NEXT MEETING: 7pm on Tuesday 7th May, School House.

ST 24 March 2019