

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lismore Community Council held on 29/06/23 at 7.30pm at Lismore Public Hall**

### **Present**

Archie McGillivray (AM) Convener, Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Mark Willis (MW), Donald Mc Coll (DC), Clare Howarth (CH)  
Rosemary Barry (RB) notetaker and one member of the public.

### **Apologies**

Argyll and Bute Councillors - Kieron Green, Luna Martin, Andrew Vennard

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

### **Minutes of AGM 08/09/22**

The minutes of last year's AGM had been circulated previously. Proposed by DM and seconded by MW.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### **Election of officers**

It was decided to keep the officer positions unchanged for the time being and all were prepared to continue. It was agreed therefore for AM to remain as convener, MC to remain as Secretary and DM to remain as Treasurer. The situation to be revisited at next year's AGM, to be held in May 2024.

CH queried whether there needed to be a nominated Community Councillor to look at planning applications that concerned the island. This had been a specific function previously but in recent years, MC had performed this task as part of the Secretariat duties. DM commented that the applications were available online. It was decided to keep the situation as it was currently.

### **Reports**

The Convener's report was circulated. It had been a short year due to the inaugural LCC meeting being delayed until December, following the by-elections in the autumn.

Issues covered included: ferries, the graveyard extension, roads and car parking, boreholes, the R100 broadband project, visitors and dogs, planning, resilience and the emergency plan. It was explained that the LCC represents the community to Government, its agencies and other decision making bodies, reacting to issues as they arise and proactively when this is in the interests of the community.

LCC members met the Council CEO recently to discuss a variety of issues currently affecting the community and participated in discussions with Historic Environment Scotland on the Church.

### **Accounts**

Copies of the accounts were circulated in the meeting. DM explained that there had been resilience grants for the Covid epidemic. Going forward there was a need to retain those funds for what might be required under the Emergency Plan such as an oxygen monitor. Unrestricted

funds could also be made available for small grants to island charities for relevant activities, if these were not required for LCC meetings and costs. The balance was £3099.30. The accounts were proposed by MC and seconded by MW. AM signed them as a true account.

## **AOCB**

The following items were raised – for discussion at the next Ordinary meeting:

MW mentioned the problem of overhanging trees. MC explained that how they were dealt with depended on where they were and whether the land was Council responsibility (road verges) or privately owned. The matter of ash die-back was discussed. Dying trees needed to be cut back but MC explained that there was thought to be a 25% chance of recovery and trees should not necessarily be cut down if there were still a good proportion of healthy branches and were not presenting a danger. But they should be felled before they were almost or completely dead if in a position that might danger people and property.

There was discussion of the proposed fish farm planned in the loch to the North of Lismore. It was thought that when the formal plan was submitted there would be a need to hold a public meeting before a decision was made on any response by the Community Council, as there was evidently a variety of views on the island.