

LISMORE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number SCO30469

Minutes of Lismore Community Transport 29th May 2023 7pm Lismore Hall

1. Present

Gilly Dixon-Spain, Roger Dixon-Spain, Clare Haworth, Douglas Thorburn, Duncan Drysdale, Carol Wormleighton

No apologies

2. Minutes of 24/04/23

Amended 2 typos All agreed

Proposed Douglas T Seconded Roger DS

3. Matters arising

Apologies from Gilly to Douglas for the cafe get together which did not take place on the scheduled day

4. Finance

Duncan presented up to date Income and expenditure

£5k deposit has been paid for the EV leaving 5K of the £10K which was drawn down for this deposit in the current account which will stay there until new car delivery is sorted out.

5. Update on EV and charger

Gilly DS has been in touch by email and phone to Brian Bachelor and Plugged in Communities .On 5/5/23 a 5k deposit was sent to GM coachwork group . The total we are expected to pay is £44,284

The Grant is up to circa £51k

Numerous correspondences between Gilly and Ian Laurie, Electric Vehicles Scotland about the challenges of 4G at public hall, The original Rolec charger is now not available. Discussion has taken place, due to the difficulties in sourcing a suitable charger about the necessity or not to make the charger that is eventually identified and sourced available for public use. This may not be possible. Discussion about that has taken place with Jane Hough

Clare H to contact Pier House Hotel Port Appin to find out about their chargers and where they were sourced.

6. Booking CalMac ferries

Ongoing challenges with new booking system that does not allow for a charity to book into the system easily with travel warrants, blue badge etc . Gilly DS spent time face to

face with lady at the Oban office explaining why their system does not accommodate us. Carol WL has purchased advance tickets with blue badge and 2 passengers for next two weeks but if a travel warrant is issued it is difficult to know how the money will be refunded for those journeys. Duncan is investigating whether we are eligible for a credit account and will set it up which may make things easier when the system has bedded in Project Neptune meeting online via Teams 1st June 2023 -Clare Haworth to raise LCT plight at this meeting.

LCT will write a letter to Calmac setting out the challenges we, as a charity, face and why the new system is not working for us.

Roger DS suggested we contact the Ombudsman to explain the problems for us and ask Ombudsman to investigate

Douglas T recommends we copy Scottish Islands Federation into all our email correspondence with Calmac as they are very influential and may be able to act on the evidence that is presented to support our cause

8. Drivers

No issues, but noted that the tickets purchased by Carol WL will need to be passed on to the drivers prior to day of travel.

It was noted the Blue Badge holder runs out 28/08/2023 Duncan Drysdale will renew it through reapplication process.

9. Bus Users Promotion

Douglas T suggested waiting for a firm date for arrival of the new vehicle and then starting a major campaign to promote it. We should write a personal letter to all resident islanders, posted or hand delivered, describing the new Community Bus arrangements, accompanied by a cartoon-style leaflet illustrating possible occasions for using the bus.

There should then be two launch events: a training session for drivers; a public get-together at the café, featuring the new bus, with free refreshments.

All of this should be featured on the new Lismore Community Transport Fb page, with a link to the Community Noticeboard. The LCT site might include a FAQ section, with an opportunity for members to suggest new uses for the bus or possible revisions to the structure of the schedule.

The regular get-togethers might be 3-monthly, with an emphasis on discussing creative uses of the bus.

Roger DS suggested Andrew Greatrix to do sketches for the promotional leaflet.

Gilly DS noted that there is still a £250 voucher from Age Concern which could help fund these events.

10 No AOB noted.

Date of next meeting

Monday 3rd July 7pm Lismore Hall

Meeting closed at 20.30

<u>Lismore Community Transport Cash Book Analysis.</u>			
<u>SUMMARY AT</u>	<u>12 months to 31.10.2023</u>		
29-May-23			
Income	VIRGIN	TRIODOS	
FARES	£349.00		
FARE DONATIONS	£296.50		
DONATIONS	£0.00		
G.A. DONATIONS	£0.00		
MISC.	£10,000.00		
BANK INTEREST	£0.00	£38.59	
CORP.DON.	£0.00		
MEMBERSHIP	£0.00		
GIFT AID	£199.57		
FUND RAISING	£0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	£10,845.07	£38.59	£10,883.66
Expenses			
FUEL	£354.30		
HEALTH BOARD FERRY	£0.00		
FERRY	£168.00		
SERVICE	£428.34		
MISC EXP.	£132.00	£10,000.00	
INS. & ROAD TAX	£990.36		
MEETINGS	£96.00		
NEW CAR	£5,000.00		
FUND RAISING COSTS	£0.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£17,169.00
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE			-£6,285.34
	VIRGIN	TRIODOS	TOTAL
BANK OPENING BALANCE	£4,904.30	£10,368.07	£15,272.37
INTER ACCOUNT TRANSFER		-£10,000.00	
BANK INTEREST		£38.59	
BANK CLOSING BALANCE	£8,580.37	£406.66	£8,987.03
CLOSING BANK TOTAL	£8,987.03		
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CASH IN GRANNY BUS	£0.00		