

## **Lismore Community Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

#### **Present**

Archie MacGillivray (AM) Convener, Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Donald McColl (DM) Treasurer, Mark Willis (MW), Clare Howarth (CH)  
Cllr Kieron Green (KG) Argyll and Bute Council  
Rosemary Barry (RB) note taker and two members of the public

#### **Apologies**

None

#### **Declarations of interest**

None

#### **Minutes of meeting held on 25.01.24**

These had been previously circulated and were proposed by AM and seconded by MC and adopted as an accurate and true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

There were none not covered on the agenda.

#### **Scottish Government R100 project update**

It was noted that the contractors were still on the island. There were still apparently a few outstanding properties that had yet to be reached. And it appeared that an outstanding wayleave had still to be resolved. ***Paul Kerr to be contacted and MC to email Open Reach.***

#### **Ferries**

MC reported that she had written to the Transport Minister but had yet to hear back. MC had received a flyer advertising a Transport Scotland workshop on March 26<sup>th</sup> in Lismore Community Hall concerning islands transport connectivity. This was passed round. ***RB to place on notice board.***

Julian Wormleighton (JW) reported that he had looked for the letters he remembered concerning the new ferry and the Oban slip but had been unable to find them. He had however found a record from the Scottish Executive in response to a LCC letter advising that there was money for the necessary work on the Oban slip. KG commented that there had been various commitments after 2007. JW commented that in 2014 when he was chair of Lismore Community Transport there had been an assurance by the Managing Director of both CMAL and Calmac re improvements to the Oban slip. ***MC to write to Ministers again.***

#### **Roads**

RB gave an update on the work currently being undertaken outside the shop, between Carnie Cottage and the Hall and at the Port Ramsay junction at Stronacroibh, which she had been advised by a Council representative that morning was due to be completed the following Tuesday. JW mentioned the pot holes adjacent to his property on the Achinduin road. RB replied that it had been indicated to her that the three areas she had mentioned were the only works being undertaken at this time. JW felt that the LCC should have been aware of the programme of work that was planned for the island. KG suggested that the LCC enquired when it was intended that the major work planned for the island was to be undertaken. MC advised that she had already contacted the Council (Jim Smith) about this on several occasions but hadn't received a substantive response. KG suggested contacting the Roads and Infrastructure email address as well, ***MC to enquire and then follow up formally if necessary.*** NB: MC has since been advised that the Council will be working on other potholes on the island shortly.

Sebastian Tombs (ST) mentioned the worsening state of the signs to the Broch and suggested that they needed to be redone.

There was a discussion concerning the parking issues at Point. Abandoned vehicles need to be uplifted and non-residents should not be leaving their vehicles at Point for long periods. CH queried whether it was known who the vehicles belonged to. **MC and CH to try to identify owners; CH to write to those owners who are known.** NB: Since the meeting, MC has happened to speak to two 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners asking them to leave their cars at their properties when off the island for long periods, instead of parking at Point for extensive periods but she had no success.

MC advised that LCC had been invited to join the Port Appin car park working group. It was agreed that CH, MC and MW would attend meetings, organising attendance between them. There was a plan for 65 new spaces but funding would need to be secured and there was ongoing discussion about how the parking situation should be managed.

### **Visitors and dogs**

Nothing as yet had been taken forward on this. There was previous agreement to hold a referendum on seeking a bye-law on leashing dogs. This could be undertaken at the same time as a referendum on whether to restrict campervans / motorhomes on the ferry to those who have an agreed pitch / address to stay at (as per other islands) – this was also agreed at a previous meeting.

### **Boreholes**

MC reported that she had the list but was working on the final spreadsheet. **MC to finalise spreadsheet and send to Glensanda.**

### **Church**

MC reported that the consultant's draft report had been received and a range of options were being considered in order to arrive at a selection to be used for costing purposes and for the construction of the business plan. Once the feasibility study had been signed off by the group it would be taken to the community at a public meeting. For the moment there was not a time constraint re the Church of Scotland. There would be a joint parish with Appin after the end of March and the Church would then be under the COS trustees but still available as usual for the time being. A SCIO had been formed and a bank account set up into which funding could be transferred.

### **Graveyard extension**

MC reported that work on the new lairs was due to start in May. and that it was not going to be possible to purchase lairs in advance.

### **Planning applications**

MC reported – none of which she was aware.

### **Resilience/Emergency planning**

No action had been taken on this so far. It had been agreed previously that a draft Emergency Plan would be prepared based on the old version, for consideration by key groups followed by a meeting. **MC to prepare draft and circulate to relevant people for comment**

### **New Correspondence**

A notice had been received concerning the forthcoming by-elections. **RB to place on the notice board.**

### **AOCB**

CH mentioned the difficulty she had had with getting a Smart Meter fixed.

### **Date of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> May