

## **LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Lismore Public Hall.**

#### **Present**

Archie MacGillivray (AM) Convener, Mandie Currie (MC) Secretary, Donald McColl (DM )Treasurer, Rosemary Barry (RB) note taker and four members of the public.

#### **Apologies**

Clare Howarth (CH) and Cllr Kieron Green (KG) A&B Council

#### **Declarations of interest**

None

#### **Minutes of meeting held 29/06/2023**

These had been circulated previously. They were proposed MC, seconded by DM and adopted as a true and accurate record.

#### **Matters arising**

There were none not covered on the agenda

#### **Election of executive**

It was agreed unanimously to keep the members of the Executive the same as previously.

#### **Reports**

##### **a) convenor**

This was passed round for those present to read.

Highlights include:

**Ferries:** continuation of pressure concerning timetable reductions, MSP Jenny Minto has also taken up this issue. Resolution of issue of sailings leaving early. Change of timetable achieved re revised 2pm sailing to 2.15 on weekdays and retention of 4pm sailing on Sundays

##### **Graveyard extension**

Work underway on extension of current graveyard with sufficient capacity for 20-30 years.

##### **Church**

LCC led the community consultation on the potential community ownership of the Church and Church House and continues to participate in the Church Futures Group now taking the project forward

##### **Roads and car parks**

Issues on road repairs and maintenance have continued to be raised with A&B Council. Some large areas of road damage have been dealt with further work scheduled for later in the year. The problems with cars parked for long periods at Point have continued to be pursued with island residents, second home owners and A&B Council. LCC is also represented on the Appin working group considering parking issues at Port Appin.

##### **Boreholes**

A list of viable sites has been sent to Glensanda and a response is awaited (Note: Glensanda have since confirmed that a rig will be provided, as requested).

##### **R100 Broadband project**

LCC has continued to liaise on the roll-out of this Scottish Government project. Most of the island is now covered with only a few outstanding properties yet to be completed.

### **Visitors and dogs**

LCC has liaised with the local Police Scotland officer and is in the process of consulting with the community concerning a bye law requiring visitors' dogs to be on leads.

### **Resilience and Emergency plan**

It was agreed to revisit the Plan and it will be prioritised in the next few months.

### **Fish farm planning application**

LCC has collaborated with the Appin and Duror/Kentallen Community Councils on the proposed semi-enclosed fish farm at Lurignish and established a working group. When a planning application is received, a public meeting will be organised to discuss the issue so that a decision can be reached on any LCC submission to the Planning Authority.

### **Representation**

There are currently five Community Councillors. A by-election was held since the previous main election but no further candidates came forward. The Council continues to represent the community to Government, its agencies and other decision making bodies, reacting to issues as they arise and also being proactive where necessary for the benefit of the community.

### **b) treasurer**

Copies of the accounts were passed round for scrutiny. There was £4,145 held in reserve at the close of April 2024. Cash at bank was £9736, which included the money held by the LCC on behalf of the Church Futures Group (grant funding to pay for the Consultant's feasibility study and Business Plan preparation) with respect to the feasibility of community ownership of the Parish Church on Lismore. A spreadsheet of the payments for the church fund was required. **MC to action this.**

The surplus for the year was £1130. Money had been allocated to make a donation for the use of the Church House by the Church Futures Group but payment of this had been put on hold. A Resilience payment was still to be utilized; MC mentioned it had been specified that this money could not be used to purchase a defibrillator. MC explained that there was a need to confirm the exact balance of the Resilience funds (funds had also been received via the Appin Partnership for the volunteering carried out during the Covid pandemic) as these are reserved funds. **MC to action this; Note: this has been completed since the meeting).**

A member of the public mentioned the Emergency Plan and suggested that this process might indicate further Resilience funding requirements.

The accounts were duly signed by AM.

DM mentioned that the Primary School parents would like money for insurance costs and payment for grass cutting at the Island Play Park which was the responsibility of the Parent Council. This request needs to be put in writing but could be considered once the total unreserved funds have been confirmed. **AP: Review remaining funds and consider fund requests at the next LCC meeting**