

LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
of Lismore Community
Council held in Lismore
Hall on Wednesday, 13th
May, 1987 at 8 p.m.

Present:-

D. Black
J. Livingstone
A. MacColl
A. MacGillivray
K.W. Willis
Mrs. A.V. Livingstone
Mrs. I. MacColl
Mrs. A. MacLean
Miss L. Stewart
Mrs. C. White

Attending:- Councillor D. Cattanach

Apologies were received from Messrs. D. MacCormick and H.E. Odling.

Chairman's Remarks The Chairman welcomed Council members and Mr. Cattanach.

Annual Report This being the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman reviewed the work of the Council during the past year. He mentioned the improved Car Parking at Port Appin; the provision of a new ferry-boat for the Lismore - Appin Ferry which has been promised within the present financial year; the new water tank and piping being supplied for school and Council houses.

All these were matters which the Council had been urging on the appropriate authorities for some time.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which had been duly audited. This showed a Deficit for the year of £77. 77. Election expenses accounted for almost half that amount. However, with the Heritage Prize Fund (invested with the Leicester Building Society) there was an overall balance of £692. 88. It was agreed to transfer £30. from the Heritage Fund to the General Fund.

The Statement was approved.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary and Treasurer for their work and all the Council members for their support. On behalf of the members, the Secretary thanked Mr. MacColl for the efficient way in which he carried out his duties as Chairman.

Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday, 12th August, 1987 at 8 p.m. in the Hall.

Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February, 1987 were approved.

Business
Arising
from the
Minutes

(a) North-end Ferry Replacement Vessel

Council members were pleased to learn that provision for a new ferry boat has been made in the present financial year. The Secretary is to repeat and request that we be informed about the type of vessel proposed.

(b) Council House Repairs

It was announced that materials for the necessary repairs had at last arrived, so that work can now proceed.

(c) Position of Telephone Poles

The Secretary reported that there had been no reply from British Telecom to the letter of 2nd March requesting that two telephone poles be moved to a safer position. Mr. Cattanach offered to take up the matter with British Telecom.

(d) Proposed Amendment to Constitution

The terms of the Amendment agreed upon at our last meeting, to be inserted into the Constitution as Par. 6 (iv a), having been duly displayed and public comment invited, this proposed amendment will now be submitted to Argyll & Bute District Council for approval.

Other
Business

(i) Maintenance of Old Slip at Point

The Secretary had recently reported to the Divisional Engineer that the old ferry slip was beginning to collapse and asked for repairs to be carried out before further deterioration takes place. The Council heard with dismay that there is apparently no intention of maintaining this slip, contrary to what we were led to believe when the new terminal was built. The old slip is still required in certain weather conditions, and to give access to a tractor when heavy goods are being unloaded. The Secretary is again to urge the necessity of maintaining this slip.

(ii) Save-a-Life Class

It was agreed that the expenses of the recently held class (£1 for the hire of the school room) should be taken from the Heritage Fund.

(iii) Railway Pier Slip

The Secretary is to approach Mr. Horne, Calmac, about the condition of this slip and also to enquire what provision is being made in the Oban Waterfront Development Plan for the berthing of the Lismore boat when the Link-Span is not available.

Members were reminded of the next meeting with Mr. Horne on July 28th.

(iv) Graveyard Implement Shed

The Council are pleased that the old shed has been demolished and that the graveyard boundaries are being tidied up. The Secretary is to write Mr. Urquhart of the P.L.R. Department, Oban, to enquire about the erection of a new shed.

(v) Ladder at Achnacroish Pier

It was reported that the vertical ladder on the old pier is in a dangerous condition and the Divisional Engineer is to be asked to have it repaired or replaced.

(vi) Waiting Room at Achnacrois

We understand that this building is due for a complete overhaul. The Secretary is to underline the need for this to be done as soon as possible.

(vii) Presentation to Retiring Headmistress

It is proposed to mark the imminent retiral of Mrs. Willis from Lismore School in an appropriate manner. Opportunity will be given to all who wish to participate. A special meeting of the Council will be held on 10th June to decide final arrangements.

That being all the business the Chairman thanked all attending and the meeting was adjourned.