

LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of
Lismore Community Council
held in Lismore Hall on
Wednesday, 18th November,
1987 at 8 p.m.

Present:-

- D. Black
- J. Livingstone
- A. MacColl
- D. MacCormick
- A. MacGillivray
- H.E. Odling
- K.W. Willis
- Mrs. I. MacColl
- Mrs. A. MacLean
- Miss L. Stewart
- Mrs. C. White

Attending:- Mrs. C. Murfin, Mull &
Lorne Housing Association.

Apologies were received from Mrs. A.V. Livingstone and
from Councillor J. Sharples.

Chairman's Remarks The Chairman welcomed Council members and members
of the public.

Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday,
17th February, 1988 at 8 p.m. in the Hall.

Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the meeting on 12th August, 1987
were approved.

Business arising from the Minutes (a) North-end Ferry - Replacement ^{Vessel} Vehicle
 Grave concern was expressed about the apparent
 secrecy surrounding the design for the replacement
 ferry boat. Representatives of Messrs. Yard,
 Naval Architects had been looking at the ferry site
 on two occasions but the Community Council had not
 been notified. The Secretary had been in touch
 with the Firm, who would not comment, but they had
 forwarded the letter to the Roads Department, S.R.C.
 The Secretary was instructed to write direct to the
 Regional Council requesting information.

(b) Railway Pier Slip

The Secretary reported that there had been no reply
to her letter of 13th August to Mr. Horne, Area
Manager of Calmac, after an accident on the Slip
had underlined the need for better maintenance. A
further letter is to be sent urging that the broken
surface at the bottom of the Slip be repaired and
the Slip kept clear of algae and seaweed.

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(c) Graveyard Implement Shed

An extension to the Graveyard is scheduled for 1988/89, when a new shed will be included, and also a Compost Bin if possible.

Meanwhile, temporary cover for grass-cutting implements has not yet been supplied.

It was pointed out that Gravedigging equipment is in urgent need of renewal, particularly the Soil Box which is in a bad state of repair. This is also to be reported to the T.L.R. Dept.

(d) Achnacrois Pier

The dangerous ladder on the old pier, reported to the Divisional Engineer in May has not yet been repaired, and the pier itself requires general structural repair to prevent further deterioration. Two of the lights at the Ferry Terminal are in need of attention. They keep going on and off, and this goes on all night constituting a nuisance to those whose houses overlook the terminal. These matters are to be reported.

The Secretary is to write to the Director of Architectural Services also to report that the Gents' Toilet at the Waiting Room is still not functioning properly; and to ask that the Store on the pier be painted, as the Waiting Room has been. It has been suggested that the name LISMORE should be erected on a board on the shed. This shed is seen by all visitors as the Ferry passes the old pier to approach the new slip.

(e) Council House Maintenance

The Council houses have now been painted and the improvement was favourably commented on. Replacement of all windows is expected to start shortly. There are, however, several matters still requiring attention and the Director of Architectural Services is to be notified.

(f) Island Surgery

The Secretary read a letter from Argyll and Clyde Health Board regarding our latest request for a Surgery. There are no plans to provide this as the Public Hall is now regarded as quite suitable. After consultation with Dr. MacNicol it was agreed to take this matter no further in the meantime. An approach should be made to the Head of the Community Nursing Service, Dalintart requesting that a Nursing Station be provided on the Island.

Other
Business

1. Floodlighting Sponsorship Scheme

Copies of a brochure about the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board's Sponsorship award scheme, "Highlight our Heritage", were passed around, but it was thought that the cost would be prohibitive.

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2. Report from Mull & Lorn Housing Association

Mrs. C. Murfin, our Representative to the Association reported that one house on the Island, "Tigh-an-Lochan" has been bought by the Association, with the intention of having it modernised and then let. Purchase of another house, "Tigh-Phuil" is being negotiated, but Council members consider that this property is unsuitable. Money should rather be spent on the erection of one or two Amenity Houses, and the Secretary is to suggest this to the Association.

3. Pier Dues at Oban

A Council member had been asked to bring up the matter of Dues - so much per animal - charged at Oban Pier for animals being disembarked by float. Mr. Horne is to be contacted about this.

4. Cattle Grid on Port Ramsay Road

This matter, first raised a number of years ago, was again brought up, by the farmer at Stronacroibh Farm who complained that cattle from the Port Ramsay Grazings stray on to his land. A cattle grid placed on the road at the boundary between the Grazings and his farm seems to be the only answer to the problem. It was agreed to ask the Divisional Engineer again to supply one.

5. Summer Timetable - Lismore - Appin Ferry

It was suggested that the summer timetable should operate during the whole period of British Summer Time, and not just from early May till mid October as at present. It was agreed to ask the Regional Council for this extension.

6. Maintenance of Ferry boat - Lismore - Appin Ferry

The Council agreed to support a member of the public who had written to the Regional Council asking for repairs to be carried out to the canvas "hood" on the ferry boat, and the Secretary was asked to write the Divisional Engineer requesting that this be attended to as soon as possible.

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