

LISMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting  
held on 17th February,  
1988 at 8.p.m. in the  
Hall.

Present:-

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

Attending:- Councillor D. Cattanach and  
Mr. B. Grigg of Lorn & Mull Housing Assocn.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. Willis  
and from Councillor J. Sharples.

Chairman's  
Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Council members and a few  
members of the public and made special mention of  
Messrs. Cattanach and Grigg.

Date of  
Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting, which is the A.G.M.,  
was fixed for Wednesday, 11th May, 1988 at 8 p.m.  
in the Hall.

Approval of  
Minutes

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

Business  
Arising from  
the Minutes

(a) North-end Ferry

Replacement Vessel: A copy of the List of  
Requirements for the proposed new Ferry boat,  
eventually supplied by Strathclyde Regional Council,  
was circulated and approved. Mr. Cattanach report-  
ed that it is expected that the new vessel will be  
launched in April and should be brought into service  
in May - news which was warmly welcomed.

Summer Timetable: In reply to our request for the  
Summer timetable to be in force throughout the whole  
period of British Summer Time, the Divisional  
Engineer indicated that he had no objection, but  
had passed the matter to the Public Transport  
Officer. There has been no word from Mr. Agg, and  
the Secretary is to write again.

(b) Meeting with Cal-mac Area Manager

Several points raised with Mr. Horne were discussed:-

Railway Pier Slip: At the meeting on 29th January,  
1988, Mr. Horne promised again that essential  
repairs to the slip would be carried out without  
further delay. It was noted that so far nothing  
has been done. Mr. Cattanach promised to take up  
the matter and it was suggested that the Secretary  
might write to the Chief Executive of Cal-mac.

Fare Increase/

Fare Increase: The inequality in the increase in Fares on Calmac routes (2% on the Mull route and 4% on the service to Lismore and other Islands) had been discussed with Mr. Horne, who advised that the matter should be taken up with Head Office.

Schedule of Sailings: winter 1988-89.  
Next winter's timetable should be similar to the present one.

(c) Graveyard Extension

Discussions are currently in progress with the church authorities regarding ground for the new extension and it was decided, therefore, to take no further action meantime.

(d) Achnacrois Pier

Regarding our complaints about the condition of the ladder on the old pier, the Divisional Engineer stated in his letter of 30th November, 1987 that the ladder had been examined and "was not considered to be in such a bad condition as suggested". The Secretary is to write again pointing out that we are not satisfied with this reply, as the ladder has had to be tied on with a piece of rope as a temporary measure, and is, in fact, very dangerous. We note that the structure of the pier itself is being kept under review.

The Store shed is the responsibility of the Regional Council and they are to be asked that the shed be painted, or at least that paint etc. should be supplied and local arrangements might be made to carry out the work.

(e) Council House Maintenance

We are gratified that at last replacement windows have been fitted in the Newfield Terrace houses and central heating is due to be installed very shortly.

Material for repairing the Gent's toilet at Achnacrois Waitingroom has now been received and the repair should be completed shortly.

(f) Nursing Station

Argyll & Clyde Health Board are unable to supply a Nursing Station as requested.

It is understood that Dr. MacNicol expects to get better facilities for the room in the Public Hall which is presently used as a Surgery.

(g) Lorn & Mull Housing Association

Mr. Grigg, Development Officer, was invited to address the meeting and he outlined the aims of the Association, mentioning the two properties purchased in Lismore. A great deal of work will have to be done to these houses which will ultimately be let to local people.

Other  
Business

(i) Road/

Other  
Business

(1) Road to Private Houses at Achnacrois

Owners of some of the new houses at Achnacrois had asked for help from the Council regarding the need for a road to their houses. It is understood that in cases like this the owners are responsible for the initial cost of construction, and that the Regional Council will then take over the maintenance of such a road. It was agreed to approach the Area Engineer suggesting that he come and survey the situation and advise the house owners on the matter.

(2) Vacancy for Part-time Roadman

No replacement having so far been appointed since the departure of the Assistant Roadman from the Island, it was agreed to write the Area Engineer, pointing out the necessity of filling this post as soon as possible, and the desirability of giving the work to a local resident.

(3) Appin Housing Sub-Committee

A letter had been received from Appin Community Council inviting two representatives from Lismore to join their Sub-Committee formed to explore the matter of Amenity Housing in the Area. It was agreed that this was desirable and Mr. A. MacColl and Mrs. A.V. Livingstone were nominated and expressed their willingness to serve on the Sub-Committee.

(4) Resignation of District Councillor J. Sharples

Mr. Sharples has indicated that he will not be standing again in the District Council Elections in May. Mr. Sharples has been very helpful in promoting our interests throughout his years as District Councillor, and it was decided that a letter be sent to him expressing our appreciation and good wishes.

That being all the business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and the meeting was adjourned.