

Lismore Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2012, at Lismore Public Hall

Present: Archie McGillivray, Mandie Currie, John Carmichael, Jim MacCormick, Mark Willis

Attending: Cllr Elaine Robertson

Apologies: John MacCormick, Peter MacDougall

Minutes of the meeting held on 19/01/2012: proposed by John Carmichael, seconded by Jim MacCormick, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

- Boreholes – meeting with Glensanda representatives on 9th May, at which boreholes will be discussed. Note: the drilling rig will arrive on 16th July.
- Potholes – resurfacing in Lorne View completed. ER to check with Roads re possibility of maintenance work being done on Port Ramsay road
- Emergency Planning – the Council is preparing a toolkit for use in community emergency planning sessions. A tabletop exercise will be organised with Carol Keeley, the Council's Civil Contingencies Manager - expected to be held in July.

New Correspondence:

Copy of Local Housing Strategy received
No other correspondence received.

Ferries:

Ferries Draft Plan – LCC submitted a response to the consultation. It was agreed that the response should emphasise the following points:

- a bus service would be essential if the car ferry relocated to the north end – the bus should start at Achnacroish with stops along the length of the island
- the fare structure should benefit islanders – low return fares for islanders so that people travelling regularly are not out of pocket compared to the current situation; high fares for vehicle day returns to discourage day trippers bringing their vehicles across
- emphasise that a significant proportion of islanders want to retain the status quo
- the current vessels are not fit for purpose

Health:

Out of Hours nurse cover discontinued at end of March 2012. Patients can ring the GP out of hours and either the GP will attend or the patient will be evacuated by Helicopter, as necessary.

AOB:

- Notice boards – the notice boards are all in a poor state of repair and need to be replaced – this has not yet been done. Archie to speak to Roger about building new Boards; ER to investigate if anyone in Appin is available to build new Boards
- Broken notice board at Appin – ER to investigate ownership and if Lismore can use the board
- Delivery of diesel on the island - companies no longer deliver less than 500 litres because there is a potential problem with accuracy of delivery of lesser volumes. Several islanders have bought smaller tanks

recently, which are now redundant. Many people don't have high fuel usage and if they use 500L tanks they would need to store large volumes for long periods of time, leading to deterioration of quality due to condensation and algal growth in the biodiesel element of the fuel. ER and Secretary to raise the issue with the Council (weights and measures) as this issue will affect other small communities, and with Scottish Government.

- Increasing numbers of cyclists on island roads – in many cases, people are treating the roads as a cycle track rather than a public road and there is increased risk of accidents. Secretary to contact Sustrans about their promotion of Lismore as an alternative cycle route and to investigate possibility of placing signage at ferry slips with a warning that people are cycling on public roads, not a cycle track.
- Point waiting room – Secretary to contact Council about condition of waiting room and state of the water tank, which has a hole in the side and is leaking all the time

Date of next meeting: to be confirmed