

## **Minutes of Lismore Community Council AGM held at 7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012, at Lismore Public Hall**

**Present:** Archie McGillivray (Chair); Mandie Currie (Secretary); Jim MacCormick (Treasurer); John MacCormick; John Carmichael.

**Apologies:** Peter MacDougall; Cllr Elaine Robertson; Cllr Louise Glen Lee.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 15/03/2012:** Proposed by John Carmichael; seconded by Jim MacCormick – the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising:** All matters were dealt with in the agenda.

**Chairman's Report:** The report was presented; copies will be circulated with the minutes.

**Accounts:** the accounts were approved by all members present.

### **New correspondence:**

- A discretionary grant is available to Community Councils but as it amounts to only 18p per head of the island's electorate, it was agreed that it wasn't worth the effort of applying
- Business Continuity Planning – the Council have asked Community Councils to complete a questionnaire but the documentation appears to relate to Council services, so was not filled in

### **Ferries:**

#### Port Appin-Point route

- The cost of ferry fares is proving difficult for people who work on the mainland and need to travel every day. LCC will ask the Council to consider introducing season tickets in order to reduce costs for frequent travellers – it appears that some other routes operate with season tickets. **Action: Secretary**
- The possibility of making modifications to the ferry in order to allow carriage of fuel, and for carriage of empty lawnmowers, strimmers etc was raised. The inability to take these items on the ferry is creating difficulties for islanders. **Action: Secretary to approach Council about options for modifying the ferry**
- Car parking at Port Appin is a growing and significant problem. The fact that Glensanda workers no longer park there has not made a long lasting difference because the spaces have simply been filled by visitors and others. The Pier House customers and staff use the public car park - while locals are not allowed to use the Pier House car park. We had understood that the planning consent for the Pier House extension had included provision for a number of public parking spaces to be made available in the shore car park? It was agreed that the Council should be asked to consider designating the top car park for ferry users (which was its original purpose when built). **Action: Secretary**
- Cllr Robertson has confirmed that the ferry waiting rooms at Point and Port Ramsay are to be replaced. The Council will also be asked to look at the water tank, which is leaking
- Car parking space at Point is also a growing problem. A significant number of spaces are taken up by vehicles left by people who are away for long periods of time. LCC has written to all holiday home owners previously, to ask them to leave their cars at their own property when they are away but this did not achieve any desired results. It was agreed that we should ask the Council to look into the issue again, including removing any abandoned vehicles. **Action: Secretary.**

### Oban – Achnacroish route

- The winter 2012/13 timetable was discussed – there are no changes to last year’s timetable and this was considered acceptable to all present
- Concerns were raised about rising fares
- Concerns were raised about capacity on the Calmac ferry in the summer months - it is already difficult to get bookings and it will be a significant problem during livestock sales in August and September
- It was noted that LCC have not held a liaison meeting with Calmac for a while, at which these issues could be raised. **Action: Secretary to invite Calmac to a liaison meeting**

### **Health issues:**

There were no outstanding issues to discuss.

### **Boreholes:**

The surveys have been completed at all borehole sites. A number of people have come forward recently to request a borehole. It was agreed that the drilling team should try to do these if possible but that any new requests would be dealt with after the boreholes that had been on the list originally, had been drilled.

The tractor/trailer that has been identified for use in moving the drilling rig between sites may not be sufficient for the weight of the rig. This needs to be investigated and a suitable kit confirmed ahead of the drilling dates. **Action: Secretary/Mark to confirm the weight of the rig with Glensanda. Archie to contact Archie McColl to confirm weight that tractor/trailer can cope with.**

### **Noticeboards:**

The old noticeboards from the top of the Appin slip are being renovated by Roger and are nearly ready to be put in place - one is to be located at point and the other at the shop.

### **AOB**

Concerns were raised about the height of vegetation on road verges and whether grass cutting will take place this summer (it didn't happen last year at all). **Action: Secretary to contact Council to confirm.**

An emergency planning event will be held on Lismore on 15<sup>th</sup> August, involving key agencies and a number of community representatives. LCC will conduct a short consultation via questionnaires to all households followed by a community meeting, ahead of the planning event, to ensure that all views are taken into account in the plan preparation. Mandie, Archie and John Carmichael will attend the session with agency representatives. Other community representatives will be identified at the community meeting.

Road surfaces – Cllr Robertson has checked and has been advised that the Port Ramsay road, to the end of the row of houses, is an adopted road and will be included in the list for repair and resurfacing. There is no guarantee of when this will take place, however.

Diesel deliveries – Archie advised that he had met with Community Trust representatives who are considering the feasibility of locating a diesel tank at Clachan, for use by community members. This would require some parking provision, for use when people are taking diesel. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue have agreed to the location of the tank in the vicinity of the fire station.

**Date of next meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012**