



LISMORE COMMUNITY TRUST

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Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Directors of Lismore Community Trust,
held on 1st March 2018 at 7pm in the Committee Room of Lismore Public Hall.

1. Present/ Apologies/ Declaration of Interest: Teenie Wilson (TW), Ann MacLean Fleming (AMF), Sebastian Tombs (ST), Anna Stewart (AS), Kiki MacColl (KK) and Archie MacGillivray (AMG). ST declared an interest in the seaweed farm discussion. There were no apologies.
2. Minutes of 7.2.18: subject to two changes, these were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: TW; seconded: AS
3. Matters arising: none – all covered below.
4. Membership, Finance and Governance:

Finance

Bank	£13, 049.35
Cash	£ 365.72
PayPal	£ 10.58
Total	£13, 425.65

Split

General	£ 3, 358.21
Reserved	£10, 067.44

There was discussion on buying cleaning materials for the schoolhouse. These will be added to the Trust's account at the shop.

Change in Bank signatories:

The following resolution was agreed: The authorised signatories in the current mandate, for Lismore Community Trust bank account no 00131394 held with the Royal Bank of Scotland be changed with the following amendments:

Remove Marlene MacKinnon
Remove Mary Walker



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Add Margaret MacColl
Add Archibald McGillivray

Articles

We have now received confirmation that Scottish Ministers remain satisfied that the main purpose of Lismore Community Trust is still consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. This means that our earlier compliance letter is still valid.

The changes in the articles have been re-submitted to Companies House and we are awaiting confirmation of acceptance. Once that is received from Companies House, we can then submit changes to OSCR.

Membership

At a previous meeting, it was agreed that some Trust members who are no longer resident on the island would be transferred from being full members of the Trust to being friends of the Trust. One of these members wished to have this decision reviewed.

It was agreed that the member continued to meet the criteria for membership and the previous decision would be rescinded. ST will write to the membership secretary to inform them of this decision and to discuss privacy issues raised.

There was discussion on the notification processes for such decisions and the criteria for transfer from "member" to "friend". This protocol will be reviewed by the Directors. The format of the membership list was also discussed – it must be kept in the format required by law. It was suggested that all members be written to in order to review and update their details and whether members are willing to be contacted by email on Trust matters. Standard letters and forms will also be reviewed by the Board.

TW recommended that we convene a meeting or set up a working group, to discuss:

- criteria for membership
- review all standard letters associated with membership.
- review procedures and legislation relative to the register of members

This should be carried out in conjunction with our Member Secretary.

There was further discussion on whether the Trust will be affected by the new data



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protection regulations. DTAS will be circulating information about this for Community Trusts.

5. Ongoing projects:

- a. Kiosks – progressing well. They have been painted, the Welcome to Lismore signs have been installed. The metal map has been delivered and the 3D map is nearing completion. David Wilson has been doing a lot of the woodwork as well as a considerable amount of other work. The artwork for the glass of the doors is almost complete. The leaflets were also discussed and what should be included in them and on the map contained in them. This will be discussed further at the meeting of the Leaflet working group on 7th March 2018. Murdo Culver has been working on the map, including distances and potential layout of the text area (but not content as yet).
- b. Island Plan/ Consultations – it had been suggested that the consultation be held on 19th May, but this clashes with the Royal Wedding and the FA cup final. It was therefore decided to postpone this until a more suitable date. It was suggested that this additional time be taken to review the consultation process and to contact, for example, various young people who are off the island studying but who will hopefully return in the future. It was also suggested that feedback forms be available in the kiosks.
- c. Schoolhouse: Thanks were expressed to Ricky for his voluntary help with plumbing work. He has also offered to assist with fixing the stove, again free of charge, for which the Trust Directors are very grateful. ST has been in discussion with Scottish Water regarding the water supply to the Schoolhouse, but with little progress so far. ST will seek advice from Argyll & Bute Estates



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Department if further progress is not made soon. There was concern expressed that there is not a sufficient water supply for both the school and the schoolhouse. The possibility was discussed of accessing a different water supply. This will be investigated further if necessary. SSE are the current electricity suppliers. The stove is being fixed and the chimney also needs to be swept. The planning application for change of use will be submitted as soon as possible.

- d. Playpark – the money for this has now been transferred to the Parent Council. The Trust Directors wish them well with the project and look forward to seeing the completion of the Play Park.
- e. Energy Group – the remit for this group was reviewed, as it is felt that it is currently too broad. It was agreed that the remit of the group was to look into Energy related projects and did not cover Environmental issues. ST will write to the Energy Group explaining this. Concern was also raised that the Energy group may not be following the correct procedures and protocols in decision making. All members of the group have to be given the opportunity of attending meetings and participating in decision making. ST will clarify this with the group.
- f. LIP report: work is underway on an application to get a further year's funding, emphasising the cross-island aspects of the partnership. The Social Enterprise workshop which was due to take place recently had to be postponed. Seil is in the process of trying to restart its dormant Trust (the Kilbrandon Trust) and would possibly be interested in joining LIP in the future. There was also discussion on the Housing survey project.



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g. Business Enterprise Units: Enquiries are continuing into potential sites. The Board felt that no decision was required to be made at this stage, but the Board will continue to actively pursue offers of land. Should we be successful in obtaining funding for a feasibility grant we will look at the conditions of the grant and look at sites to recommend for further investigation. The Board considered correspondence received from two parties in Clachan but agreed to request a more detailed report from those concerned.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Seaweed farm – ST did not participate in this discussion. A proposal has been received from Eva Tombs via the Energy Group regarding this project. The Directors felt that they would need more information before making a decision. Gill Law will be asked to discuss this further with Eva and report back to the Board. Members of the board felt it would be advantageous to ask Eva Tombs to attend a meeting to explain this potential project further.
- b. Website group – a call for input has been received from the new website group. TW has composed a response to this.
- c. UK parliament EqualiTees – it was agreed to register for this.

7. AOCB:

- a. ST has drafted some Facebook posts for the Trust page.
- b. Lismore Nature Group – there was discussion on this group and its minutes and reports which have been circulated around the Island. It was noted that this is a private group and although it is named “Lismore Nature Group” it does not represent the Island. Concern was raised that as the Trust had been mentioned in the minutes and reports, it could be interpreted that the Trust



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were connected with the group. ST confirmed that he was a member of the group in a private capacity and was not representing the Trust. It was agreed that it should be clarified that the Trust is not in any way connected with this group.. ST will draft a notice to the community, clarifying this.