



# LISMORE COMMUNITY TRUST

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Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Directors of Lismore Community Trust,  
held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 1pm at 2 Port Ramsay.

## Present:

Sebastian Tombs (Chair)

Teenie Wilson (Treasurer/ Secretary)

Kiki MacColl

Anna Stewart (part of the meeting due to work commitments)

Archie MacGillivray (part of the meeting due to work commitments)

Gill Law (LIP) notes

## 1. Previous Minutes/ Matters Arising

Approval of previous minutes carried over

Action Points – clarification needed re the spelling of Archie’s surname – needs to be accurate for bank signatures. AP – TW to confirm

AP – GL to ask MC to assist with set up of Ann’s computer

AP – Item 6A on Minutes of previous Meeting – ST requested that it be noted that he did not take part in the conversation referred to.

AP – Membership issues – agreed that this would be covered on the Agenda

## 2. Lismore Nature Group

Concerns re the communications emerging from the Nature Group were discussed in relation to the negative impact this was having on Trust reputation. Concerns were also discussed re the format and legal entity of the “Lismore Nature Group” as it sounds “formal” but is a group of like-minded individuals and not a formally constituted community group with a remit to speak for the community.

AP – It was agreed that the Trust directors would issue a statement to clarify their position in relation to the rumours that were circulating within the community. It was suggested that the statement should be along the following lines (ST to agree wording for issue via Facebook etc):

*“The Directors of Lismore Community Trust would like to confirm that despite upcoming changes in legislation in relation to the Crown Estate and the opportunities that this presents for local communities, the Trust has absolutely no plans to take on the management of the foreshore or sea-bed or progress any Projects at this stage that would involve this sort of undertaking. In addition, the Trust has no aspirations to create a “Woodland Corridor” via compulsory land purchase or asset transfer. We hope that this clarification of the Trust’s position will provide comfort to the sections of the community who have been upset or anxious following recent speculation.”*



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AP – GL to contact Kerry Whiteside, Flora and Fauna International to confirm what the community consultation requirements are with regard to any Crown Estate proposal from communities.

### 3. a. Finance

Carry over main report

a. Change in bank signatories – Kiki and Archie still to visit bank.

b. Governance

Articles now submitted and accepted by OSCR. There were queries over the wording of the resolution. Procedure for dealing with future changes to articles is required, particularly when a change to purposes involved.

c. Membership

It was noted that DTAS Guidance for Community Trusts was not very clear and that GDPR will come into effect on 25 May 2018. Concern re current practice was raised as was the issue of Trust compliance. It was suggested that a Procedures Manual for Trust Membership management would be helpful.

AP – GL to discuss with MC support in relation to the above to be provided for LCT.

AP – TW to discuss with Trust Membership Secretary.

### 4. Workshop Units

A review of those still potentially interested was discussed. It was noted that any development should potentially include the option of a shop.

Discussion took place re whether all landowners received a letter asking if they had sites available.

AP – Trust to generate a list of all Landowners

AP – ST to contact Lucy Shearer re the SSE site

AP – ST to write to the Fell Estate to ask if their site was still available for consideration for a variety of Projects.

Achnacroish site discussed but agreement was reached that for personal issues it would be inappropriate to pursue discussions in relation to this site at present.

Discussion took place re alternative sites on the island and buildings which might be coming up for sale or cases where the owner might welcome an exploratory approach from the Trust directors.

AP – ST to write on behalf of the Trust to one option (Farm).

AP – TW to visit another option (Cottage)

The concept of a “land bank” was discussed for business units and potentially housing projects.

The need for land was discussed as both an opportunity but also an inhibiting factor in relation to Community Trust Projects.



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The opportunities provided by both Scottish Land Fund (SLF) and Rural Housing Fund (RHS) were discussed.

## 5. School House

It was agreed that the School House would be used for the Community Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

AP – Kiki to get quotes for painting from local people to be completed prior to 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks were noted to Kiki and Ricky for their work to date.

## 6. Island Leaflets

It was noted progress to completion was going very well and all were pleased with the results. Thanks were noted to all involved.

AP – ST to complete distances for the map between marker points.

AP – Awards for All – TW to provide the Awards for All logo.

AP – TW – QR code to be added

AP – TW queried the background to Port Ramsay detailed in the Leaflet. AP – ST to consider with Murdo

AP – Gaelic section to be completed by Ann, in consultation with older Gaelic speaking islanders Margaret, Cathy and Marie.

## 7. Kiosks

Massive thanks were noted to Kiki, Ann and David for all their hard work. Delays were noted due to lambing but all happy with work to date.

Discussion took place about a potential “launch” date – possibly asking the oldest and youngest residents to take part?

## 8. Energy Group

It was noted the next meeting was 4pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April/ Archie unable to attend. It was agreed that the Energy Group as a sub-group of the Trust should be asked to attend a coming Board Meeting to discuss activities and to agree 3 monthly or bi-monthly targets and reporting.

AP – ST to make contact and to possibly arrange a meeting to discuss remit of the group and structured reporting and sharing of information.

## 9. Seaweed Farming

Following an email from ET withdrawing from a potential project, it was agreed that the Trust did not have additional capacity to explore this opportunity at present and that it should be reviewed again in 6 months’ time.

## 10. LIP Update

LIP activities were discussed.



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Concerns re AR development on Lismore were discussed. Is this a priority for the Trust – further information to be provided from LIP follow-up.

## 11. 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Community Day

AP – Kiki getting painting quote

AP – Anna speaking to Ricky re pump

AP – ST - leaflet group to have latest draft available on the day

AP – Kiki – happy with Catering arrangements

AP – Kiki - food for young people for the Friday evening meeting

AP – GL to attend Friday meeting

### Format of the day

1. Agreed sign-in sheet would be needed
2. AP – ST to draft letters of invitation for residents and young people
3. TW – to organise postage of letters to all houses
4. AP – Anna to help with letter delivery
5. AP – “meet and greet” space needed at the door
6. Murdo’s Map to be used to highlight housing as second homes on Lismore – AP – TW to speak to Murdo
7. AP – GL to obtain paper plates, table coverings, napkins, post-its, pens
8. AP - TW to agree what text would be displayed at A1 size – GL to secure costs for printing
9. AP – comments on “tourism” to be obtained
10. AP – potentially take the opportunity to look at “island challenges”
11. AP – ST to contact School to ask for pictures from the children
12. AP – posters to go up in shop
13. AP -Granny Bus – reminder needed for transport
14. AP – ST to do plan of what needs to go where
15. AP – Teenagers to be asked if they would like to help on the Saturday

## 12. Dates of next meetings:

- 8 May @ 11.00am at School House – GL to attend
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 6.00pm – Youth Consultation
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00 Community Day