

# **Lismore Church - Future Notice of March/April 2023 Community Ballot Results**

The ballot sought the views of all resident adults (16 and over) on: -

- a) Whether to proceed to the preparation of a costed business plan
- b) Who, on behalf of the community, should lead negotiations with Church of Scotland on community acquisition?

All ballot papers returned to Lismore Stores by the deadline of 12.00 mid-day on Saturday, 22 April 2023 were opened and counted by Mandie Currie, Sebastian Tombs and Julian Wormleighton at the Public Hall, commencing at 14.00 that day.

167 ballot papers had been distributed. A total of 77 were returned (a response rate of 46%).

In response to the first question - whether to proceed to the preparation of a costed business plan: -

- 60 (78% of ballots returned) answered YES
- 6 (8% of ballots returned) answered NO
- 7 (9% of ballots returned) answered DON'T KNOW
- 4 (5% of ballots returned) gave no answer

In response to the second question - who, on behalf of the community, should lead negotiations with Church of Scotland on community acquisition? - preferences expressed were as follows: -

- 11 for Lismore Community Trust (CT)
- 7 for Lismore Community Council (CC)
- 5 for Heritage Centre (HC)
- 9 for a new entity
- 5 for new entity with representatives from island groups and others, including Church
- 4 for CT and CC in combination
- 3 for CT and HC in combination
- 7 for representatives from CT, CC, HC and Public Hall
- 3 for CT, CC and HC in combination
- 1 for new entity with participants drawn from CT, CC, HC and Public Hall
- 1 for new entity with representation from CT, CC and CELM
- 3 for group of interested and skilled individuals
- 2 for CT with representatives of relevant island organisations (e.g. CC, HC and Church)
- 2 for CT with representatives from CC, HC and Public Hall
- 2 for CT in close collaboration with CC and HC
- 2 for CC and HC in combination
- 3 for CT in consultation/supported by HC
- 2 for combination of all Lismore permanent residents
- 1 for CT and CC in combination with HC involvement
- 1 for CC with representatives of all other island bodies
- 2 said they don't know
- 1 did not respond to this question

From the wide range of preferences expressed in response to the second question it appears that there is a strong desire among respondents for the undertaking of the relevant work to be the subject of collaboration between the named established island organisations, and individuals with special interest and expertise.