

# Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

## **Those present** were:

Campbell Laing, Chair, Alison Prince, Secretary, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Charles Currie, Howard Driver, John Inglis, Willie Kelso, Gillean Langley, Scott McMurray, Jenny Meade, Cllr Margie Currie, Also in attendance Jennifer Lyon (Arran Banner), Jim Nichols (ACVS)

## **Apologies for absence**

Richard McMaster, Ian Small, Brenda Stewart

## **Declaration of Interest**

Nil

- 1. Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**, were approved (with amendments as per :  
Website – it was agreed that Alison Prince, Howard Driver and Charles Currie **would investigate available sites, including Spanglefish.**  
Planning – 2 ongoing applications **at Auchrannie and Holy Island** )

## **2. Matters arising**

### **2.1 Scottish Government/Arran Community Council (ACC) Pilot Scheme**

It was reported that discussions would shortly take place between Arran Sports Association and SCVO, to explore the potential to match fund from the Scottish Rural Development Fund Programme. This would be additional to the money awarded to the CC by the Scottish Government ( £15000 ).

### **2.2 Web Site**

The working group had further explored potential suitable sites, and from 3 estimates that had been received, recommended that an estimate (£600) for developing the site from Crossshare be accepted. Optimisation of search engines was included as part of the quotation.

2 domain names – arrancommunitycouncil.co.uk and arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk had been purchased.

Acceptance of the above was AGREED, and the working group were thanked for their efforts.

### **2.3 Redevelopment of the Magnum Centre**

It was noted that the proposal to divert £1million from the NAC Roads budget to this project would not now happen.

The Forestry Commission have applied to the Timber Transport Fund for £1million, for the specific purpose of improvements to the String Road. The result of the application is not yet known.

### **3. Police matters**

No report was available.

### **4. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

### **5. Housing**

John Inglis reported the progression of the feasibility study that will shortly commence on Arran to explore the potential use of Forestry Commission land for Affordable Housing.

There will be a presentation from a representative of an ongoing project on Mull relating to development in forestry land on Mull, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The meeting will be open to the public, and invitations will be extended to NAC, the Forestry Commission and Hifar.

### **6. Roads**

Campbell Laing had been sent (4<sup>th</sup> April 2009) to the Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Council concerning the condition of the Arran roads. To date, the letter has been acknowledged, but no reply has been received.

The letter had been copied to Kenneth Gibson MSP and Katy Clark MP. Kenneth Gibson had replied that more funds were needed from Central Government to address the problem, and Katy Clark had replied that roads were a devolved matter, but she was willing to meet with Campbell Laing to discuss.

Cllr Margie Currie had also written and requested Katy Clark to request Central Government to allocate more money to rural roads. A reply is awaited.

### **7. Planning**

The following applications were considered by the CC:

- 09135 Seal Shore Camp Site, Kildonan
- 08140 9 Flats, Craiglea, Shore Road, Brodick
- 09106 Auchrannie extension
- 09946 Derelict property, Hillhouse Farm, Shannochie
- 09100 Holy Isle
- 09176 Woodside, Kildonan

Cllr Currie reported on a demonstration of e-planning that Community Councillors would shortly receive in Brodick Library.

A recent visit of the Reporter in respect of Shore House, Brodick was noted.

An enquiry into the Waste Water Treatment Works at Whiting Bay will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May in Kilmory Hall.

Discussion took place concerning a new application that has been lodged in respect of Litchfield, Corrie, which would bring the total size of the new development to 24 houses.

The progression of the new Local Development Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **AOCB**

- As this was the last meeting to be attended by Scott McMurray, the Community Councillors extend their thanks for his contributions, and wished him well for the future.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.