

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th May 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 , Brenda Stewart , Jenny Meade, Cllr Margie Currie, Also in attendance PC A Ulivi (Strathclyde Police), Jennifer Lyon (Arran Banner), Jim Nichols (ACVS)

Apologies for absence

Richard McMaster, Ian Small,

Declaration of Interest

Nil

1. **Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 28th April**, were approved

2. Matters arising

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

Discussions had place between Arran Sports Association and SCVO, to explore the potential to match fund the Scottish Government £15000 with money from the Scottish Rural Development Programme.

2.2 Web Site

The contractor engaged on the website had requested 50% payment of the agreed amount prior to commencing the work. This had been agreed.

It was confirmed that the site would have a series of sub headings as under:
Roads, Housing, Environment, Planning, Health, Education, Miscellaneous

The site would enable the Minutes of ACC to be read by the public, in addition to the current points of display.

Members of ACC were requested to provide photos of themselves for inclusion on the site.

2.3 Forestry Commission Study

John Inglis reported that he had accompanied 2 of the Consultants employed on the Feasibility Study on some sites around the Island.

3. Police matters

Concern was expressed regarding parking of trade vehicles on the brow of a hill in Blackwaterfoot. Charles Currie reported that 4 or 5 vans are parking daily, opposite Blackwaterfoot Hotel, which he felt caused an obstruction.

A beach clean would take place in Lamlash on 5th July 2009, for which a marquee would be put up by Lamlash Bay Hotel. They would be applying for the appropriate Licence from NALB.

PC Ulivi did not feel there would be a problem in this regard.

4. Correspondence

Correspondence was reported as under:

1. Details of the Regeneration Fund
2. A letter from Mr David Underdown, expressing concern regarding the proposed housing site at Corrie Quarry, and potential flood risk. It was noted that a flood risk assessment would be mandatory in respect of this site.
3. Letter from NA Licensing Board Premises Licence applications:
 - 3.1 IoArran Brewery
 - 3.2 Kilmichael Hotel
4. A reply had been received from Mr Dempster (NAC Roads Dept).

Key points in the letter noted an increase in traffic on the Island and the need for investment. As NAC does not have sufficient funding, existing funding will be utilised as effectively as possible.

This will include further use of the jet patcher, which, whilst not a permanent solution, is felt to be generally effective.

The failure of remedial works at the top of the String is now the subject of on-going dialogue between NC and the contractor concerned.

Due to the deterioration in the condition of the roads, a patching contract, and carriageway surface dressing will take place in respect of the A841 (Merkland – Whiting Bay) and the C147 (Dippen – Lagg).

A £1.25 million bid has been made by NAC to the Timber Transport Fund, and a response is awaited.

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.

A public presentation from a representative of an ongoing project on Mull relating to development in forestry land on Mull had taken place on 13th May 2009.

6. Arran Development Plan

A draft paper, produced by John Inglis, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The draft paper was considered in detail, and some amendments to the draft were requested to the following sections:
Business and tourism, Building and Housing, Geology, Renewables, Transport, Access, Communities and Health.
John agreed to make the necessary amendments, and circulate a revised draft.

7. Planning

This item was deferred to the next meeting, and will be considered as the 1st item on the agenda. This will include discussion of the new North Ayrshire Local Development Plan.

AOCB

- Harry Davidson spoke of the opportunity that had been presented to Brodick Improvements Committee to submit a bid to the Town Centre Regeneration Fund in respect of the village centre at Brodick. The short timescale to submit a bid (1st tranche 5th June) made it impossible for BIC to consider the preparation of a properly prepared bid.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th July 2009, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.