

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th June 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Those present were:

Campbell Laing Chair, Secretary, Harry Davidson , Treasurer,
John Inglis , Ian McCallum, Jenny Meade, Brenda Stewart , Richard McMaster, Charles
Currie, Gillean Langlely , Cllr Margie Currie

Also in attendance

Sgt David Cameron, Strathclyde Police, Jim Nichols (ACVS), Howard Driver (Arran Banner)
and 1 member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Willie Kelso , Alison Prince , Ian Small ,

Declaration of Interest

Nil

1. **Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 25th May 2010** were agreed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising**

2.1 **Brodick Beach**

Cllr Currie reported that NAC had reconsidered how the outstanding work should be progressed, and the manner of the repair is again under review. It was expected the work would be carried out in September/October 2010 in 2 phases. Phase 1 would deal with the landfill site, and Phase 2 would address the erosion caused by the burn.

In the interim, signage would be erected to direct the public to Strabane Beach as an alternative.

Harry Davidson again expressed concern regarding the change of plan, and felt there was the need for a temporary solution.

2.2 **Shiskine Cemetery Steps**

Cllr Currie will attempt to expedite this matter.

2.3 **Arran CC Pilot Scheme**

Arran Sports Association had submitted a firm proposal to the SRDP for replacement of the artificial playing surface at Ormidale Park. A decision is expected circa September.

2.4 **Cours Wind Farm**

Cllr Currie advised that NAC has responded to Argyll and Bute Council noting that the wind farm is high visibility from the west coast of Arran.

This has been raised by some of the residents of Pirnmill.

Campbell Laing has a copy of the wind farm proposal on CD.

2.5 **Lamp Posts - Brodick**

Harry Davidson advised that Alison Prince had written to NAC regarding the charges imposed by NAC for testing the lamp posts. He has now written again to NAC complaining of the £922 charge). Brodick Improvements Committee have settled the account under protest.

He also noted that both his and Alison's earlier letter had been sent to the Chief Executive, but no reply had been received to either.

3. Police Matters

Discussion took place concerning the difficulties encountered by motorists when meeting large groups (30 or more) of cyclists. In some cases, the groups were not splitting to allow the opportunity for safe passing by other vehicles.

Ian McCallum felt that there was an additional risk to small children, who were difficult to see when cycling on the road.

Sgt Cameron said that there was a noticeable increase in the number of cyclists on the Island. Whilst the vast majority of the organised groups do break up, a small minority do not. They also cycle nearer the centre of the road, probably because of the road condition near the verge.

Awareness literature is prominently displayed on the ferry to encourage safe use of the Arran roads.

Charles Currie noted that there were problems with groups of younger persons coming off the ferry. Sgt Cameron spoke of efforts being made with Calmac, including the presence of officers on some sailings.

4. Correspondence

4.1. Ferry Review

It was noted that a Public Consultation would take place on 12th July 2010, hosted by the Ferry Review Group.

There is difficulty at present getting bookings on some sailings due to demand.

Gillean Langley gave an update on the current position re Western Ferries

4.2 Local Development Plan.

A letter had been received from Mr William Calderwood. Mr Calderwood was present at the meeting, and requested information as to the next stages with the new Local Development Plan.

Cllr Currie outlined the work currently going on within the NAC Planning Department, and the associated timescales.

Mr Calderwood felt that future planning consultation meetings should not be limited to 60 participants, in order that everyone who wishes to contribute may do so. Cllr Currie gave an assurance that he would be able to attend any future meeting held at the next stage.

5. Planning

A letter relating to a proposed development at Shorehouse Brodick was discussed. The CC reaffirmed that they approach planning applications with an open mind, and would not object to applications on principle. Each case is considered on its own merits. The Chair will reply to the letter received from the Architect.

A public consultation will be held at Auchrannie on 12th July 2010 in relation to a proposed development of staff and self catering cottages.

The following applications were noted;

- St Georges Church
- Breadalbane, Kildonan
- Blairbeg

6. Housing

John Inglis reported a recent meeting that had been held between Hifar and the Corrie Village Committee concerning Sannox Church. Whilst the result of a grant application is still awaited, it had been apparent that a large number of people from all over Arran were prepared to donate money or help.

7. Roads

Concern was expressed regarding a recent meeting held between representatives of the CC and NAC Roads Dept. The String Road will re-open on Thursday 1st July 2010. Issues raised by the CC at his meeting included:

-The narrowing of the road at Moniquill Bridge, and the risks caused by leaving the existing parapet in place.

-The necessity of the work in the first place.

-The position adopted by NAC should they get further funding. It had been stated by NAC they would close the road again.

-Similar works in Argyll had been carried out overnight to minimise disruptions.

8. AOCB

- Harry Davidson passed on a request from the NAC Access Officer for assistance in updating paths on maps provided.
- Ian McCallum reported that he had been advised by Calmac that they do not have a policy in respect of unaccompanied children travelling on the ferry.
- Jenny Meade was concerned regarding hospital appointments on the mainland for Arran residents. It was generally felt that the existing arrangements were adequate.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th July 2010, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.