

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th September 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Present were: Cllr Margie Currie, Charles Currie, Harry Davidson, John Inglis, Willie Kelso, Ian McCallum, Richard McMaster, Alison Prince, Ian Small, Brenda Stewart,

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Henderson

In attendance:

Sgt Mackay, Strathclyde Police, G. Macleod, NAC, W. Calderwood, Howard Driver (Arran Banner), Jim Nichols (Arran CVS)

1. As this was the first meeting following the recent Community Council elections, Cllr Currie took the Chair for the 1st part of the meeting.

Cllr Currie reminded members of the role and remit of the Community Council.

The election results were noted:

Charles Currie	Blackwaterfoot/Shiskine
Harry Davidson	Brodick
Jim Henderson	Lamlash
John Inglis	Corrie and Sannox
Willie Kelso	Blackwaterfoot/Shiskine
Ian McCallum	Whiting Bay
Richard McMaster	Kilmory/Kildonan
Alison Prince	Whiting Bay
Brenda Stewart	Lamlash

Ian Small, who had not been part of the election process, was co-opted to the Community Council as the second Brodick representative. The remainder of the Council were appointed without the need for an election ballot. Jim Henderson had been elected as a new CC member for Lamlash.

It was noted that Lochranza and Pirnmill currently had no representation.

Cllr Currie invited nominations for the Chair of the Community Council. John Inglis was proposed by Harry Davidson and seconded by Alison Prince. There being no other nominations, John Inglis was appointed Chair, and took over the post for the remainder of the meeting.

The remainder of the office bearers were appointed as under:

Vice Chair	Charles Currie	(Proposed Harry Davidson)	Seconded Alison Prince)
Treasurer	Harry Davidson	(Proposed Willie Kelso)	Seconded Charles Currie)
Secretary	Alison Prince	(Proposed Alison Prince)	Seconded Harry Davidson)

It was agreed that Jim Nichols of Arran CVS would continue as Minute Secretary . (Proposed Ian Small, Seconded Harry Davidson)

Thematic representations were agreed as follows:

Ferry Committee	Willie Kelso
Environment	John Inglis
Hospital	Brenda Stewart
Planning	Charles Currie

2. Minute of Meeting held Tuesday 31st August 2010 were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Brodick Beach

Mr Bob Hopewell, NAC had met with Harry Davison and Ian Small. They confirmed that they were happy with the plans as proposed.

Cllr Currie noted that planning approval had been granted.

3.2 It was agreed that Angus Brodie, NAC would be invited to the next meeting. Brenda Stewart noted that the signs in Gordon's Car park, Lamlash indicate that vehicles should park between the marked white lines, but no lines exist. This will be raised with Mr Brodie. In a similar context, Cllr Currie indicated that Shiskine Valley Trust had written to NAC regarding the need to define the Kinloch Car Park.

4. Police Matters

Sgt Mackay reported that there were no major issues on the Island at present.

The additional police presence for the summer had now ended.

Money was no longer available through the grants system to local police officers. Charles Currie enquired if there were plans to reintroduce dances for teenagers. Sgt Mackay indicated that a dance was planned for the end of October, but this would require parents agreeing to bring to, and collect the teenagers from the dance. There had been major changes in the method of handling parental control, and the number of parents willing to help is dwindling. There had been changes in Stagecoach practices, which had led to issues relating to driver availability.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Fuel Prices

A letter from Justine Greening, Secretary to the Treasury regarding fuel pricing on Arran, noting that consideration was being given to a fuel duty discount in remote rural areas.

5.2 Straight Talking Event

A letter of invitation from NAC, indicating consultation arrangements for the 'Straight Talking' event to be held on Arran 19th October 2010. Secretary will notify NAC of the 5 attendees from the CC.

5.3 Letter from Mr W Calderwood.

The Chair read extracts from a letter received from Mr Calderwood regarding the Community Council Meeting processes. This included reference to the process of the meetings, advertising of meetings and the content to be covered, the process of following up actions, the level of detail recorded, and the timing of release of minutes.

With regards to getting minutes out in a timely fashion, Cllr Currie indicated that, whilst it might be possible to issue a report, the minute could only be released after adoption at the following months meeting.

Mr Calderwood was invited join the discussion, and he enquired if, in regard to the discussions earlier in the year to have a website, the website might be maintained by senior pupils. Alison Prince undertook to discuss this with the school.

It was agreed that the Community Council would give consideration to the issues raised by Mr Calderwood, and make discuss any recommendations at the next meeting.

6. Planning

Charles Currie noted 2 planning matters:
Site to North of Kildonan Hotel
Septic Tank – Corrie

7. Housing

John Inglis reported that Hifar had heard nothing further in respect of their grant application in relation to Sannox Church.

8. Roads

It was reported that the sign on the west side of the new String Road works will be moved to a more suitable position.

With regard to replacement street lighting on Arran, Gus Macleod indicated that NAC have a replacement programme.

9. AOCB

- It was agreed that the mileage rate to be used for CC expense claims would be 20p per mile.
- Richard McMaster enquired why the new car park at the pier did not have disabled spaces. Cllr Currie spoke of the discussions that had taken place between NAC and Calmac. Currently the car park belongs to Calmac. If NAC take the car park over, the police would have jurisdiction. Disabled badge holders are allowed to drop off in front of the terminal building. Ian Small stated that no one displaying a disabled badge would have a Calmac sticker applied if parked in the car park.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th October 2010, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.