

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, June 28th 2011

Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Alison Prince, Secretary, Jim Henderson, Willie Kelso, Brenda Stewart, Steph Hill, Liz Evans, William Calderwood, Ian Small, and Cllr Margie Currie.

Also present were Sgt Bob Mackay, Gus Macleod, Jim Nichols- Arran CVS, Jenny Lyons - Arran Banner, and 2 members of the public.

Apologies

Charles Currie

Prior to the start of the meeting a cheque for £23754 was presented to the Sports Association to facilitate the costs of replacing the Astro-Turf at the Ormidale sports grounds.

11/6/1 Minutes of last meeting May 31st 2011:

Proposed Harry Davidson Seconded Willie Kelso

11/6/2 Matters arising

- 11/6/2/1 Wind Turbines - It was noted that consultation aspects relating to Wind Turbines had been included in the CC response to the LDP.
- 11/6/2/2 Website - William Calderwood reported that the website had now received over 900 hits.
- 11/6/2/3 Harry Davidson reported that the work in respect of the Ormidale Astroturf was nearly completed, and was to a high standard.
- 11/6/2/4 Proposed new housing development – Lamlash Brenda Stewart reported she had attended a preliminary public event held recently. Concern was again voiced regarding the access routes planned for the development.
- 11/6/2/5 Bill Calderwood had attended a meeting of North Ayrshire Community Engagement Network. A report is available on the CC Website.
- 11/6/2/6 Pirnmill Bridge - Liz Evans confirmed that the local community were exploring potential funding options.
- 11/6/2/7 The CC LDP response had been submitted to NAC, and a receipt had been received. A separate letter will be sent to the NAC Chief Executive to cover points raised which were outwith the LDP scope.
- 11/6/2/8 No response had been received in respect of the specific planning issue in respect of a small site in Brodick.

11/6/3 Housing

Jim Nichols reported that loArran Homes would be seeking to ascertain levels of interest in respect of the shared equity opportunities that would be available. He circulated 2 sheets of information relating to this. It was his belief that Trust Housing would welcome feedback from individuals who may be interested in potential housing through a shared equity model.

11/6/4 Ferry, RET and Transport

It was reported that the Arran Ferry Committee were to host a visit from the Transport Minister to discuss RET. The issue of the Ferry committee was raised at this time. The unanimous feeling of the Community Council members present was that we could no longer accept the refusal of the Ferry Committee to release their minutes or other information and it was agreed the CC would again approach them to try and resolve the issue.

It was also agreed the CC would request a stronger presence at the RET meeting, as the introduction of RET would have a significant impact on all residents. The survey in relation to the timetable for Sunday ferry sailings was also raised and discussion took place about why and how the survey was to be conducted. It was agreed the CC would try and identify a means for travellers without access to computer to participate in the survey. Information in this regard would be posted on the website.

11/6/5 Police matters:

Sgt Mackay had no major issues to raise.

Concern was expressed regarding potential danger from overhanging trees around the Island, and, in particular, along the Lamplash Road. Gus Macleod confirmed the council had responsibility for trees up to 2 metres from the roadside as long as they were not behind a boundary wall. This would be the land owner's responsibility. Several sites were mentioned which Gus agreed to follow up. He spoke of the on-going work each year cutting back trees around the Island.

11/6/6 Correspondence

- **11/6/6/1** A letter had been received from the Treasury to confirm that Arran and all other Clyde islands will be included in the 5p/ltr fuel discount scheme, which is still awaiting EU approval.
- **11/6/6/2** A reply had been received from SPT to the CC letter sent requesting further consideration for the Concessionary ticket scheme. It was reported a significant portion of the recent SPT meeting had been taken up on this subject and they had agreed to examine the position again at their business meeting later in the year, and also carry out some evaluations related to other issues raised in the ACC letter.

11/6/7 Proposed Salmon Farm at a site off the Cock of Arran.

Mark Edwards from the Scottish Salmon Company had asked for "an indication" from the Community Council of their views on the proposal. He understood that until planning application had been submitted the CC would not have the full facts but asked for an initial response to his proposal from the last meeting.

After discussion it was decided that the CC would not be in favour of the proposal as Presented, due to the risk of pollution, infection and the adverse visual impact on the local area.

11/6/8 AOCB

11/6/8/1 A question was raised regarding potential funding for the control and eradication of Japanese knotweed. Gus Macleod was unaware of the article but will look into it.

11/6/8/2 Question regarding the Lochranza to Sannox road repairs were raised and the work is schedule for the start of September.

11/6/8/3 Various other road repair and development questions were raised. It was agreed they would be taken forward to the next meeting.

11/6/8/4 Harry Davidson provided a report from the recent Licencing Board meeting regarding the Brodick summer fairground. The owner has agreed to a 3 week stay for 2011. He will monitor noise and limit the size to only 5 rides. The licence will be valid only for the one year.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th July 2011.