

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, John Lamont, Willie Kelso, Brenda Stewart, Liz Evans, Steph Hill, William Calderwood, Jim Henderson

Also present were Gus Macleod - NAC, Cllr Margie Currie, Sgt R Mackay, Jenny Lyons - Arran Banner, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 1 member of the public.

### Apologies for absence

Ian Small

### 11/9/1 Minutes of last meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011:

The Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011 were adopted and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

### 11/9/2 Matters Arising

#### 11/9/2/1 Road Repairs

Gus Macleod presented a 'Road Condition survey' showing, through colour coding, sections of road around the Island that were below the required condition. He advised that a limited amount of find-and-fix repairs were carried out by NAC local teams. There had been a few problems with touring buses and cars. Arrangements had been made for the fuel tanker.

The proposed start date for work at Catacol was now 10<sup>th</sup> October (revised from 28<sup>th</sup> October.) The closure was expected to be for a 2 day period.

Gus advised of an increase in the training of local staff who carry out road repairs. Several small amendments relating to roads closures which will be advertised in the Arran Banner and on roadside notices.

Willie Kelso noted the excellent information that has been forthcoming on the radio through Argyll FM.

Gus noted that overall North Ayrshire stood at 27 out of 32 Local Authorities in terms of road condition. Arran is higher than the Mainland, but Local Authorities use differing criteria when measuring Island roads. He invited Community Councillors to visit the NAC office in Lamlash to discuss any particular concerns relating to the map.

Priority would be given to roads that were likely not to survive a further year.

11/9/2/2 It was reported that work had been completed in respect of the public toilets in Lamlash.

#### 11/9/2/3 Sannox Cemetery

Gus reported that 6 test excavations had been carried out at Sannox Cemetery, and resulting from this, 30 additional plots had been identified.

Brenda Stewart asked regarding the situation at Lamlash. It was confirmed that the land was owned by the Church of Scotland, and would need their agreement to purchase.

### **11/9/3 Community Council appointments**

Secretary  
William Calderwood      Proposed      Harry Davidson      Seconded      Steph Hill

There were no other nominations.      Agreed

Co-option of Community Councillor for Shiskine

Willie Kelso advised that there were no nominations at present, and that there would be further discussion at local meetings to ensure a democratic appointment.

Community Councillor with (NAC) Planning communications remit.

William Calderwood agreed to undertake this role.

William advised that the Weekly Planning reports were not always coming through each week. It was also pointed out that 'No objections' decisions should be forwarded to NAC.

Vice-Chair

Jim Henderson      Proposed      Brenda Stewart      Agreed

### **11/9/4 Police matters**

Sgt Mackay reported that a new WPC would commence duties on Arran on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011.

Sgt Mackay spoke of potential enforcement action relating to vehicle defects starting next week.

Complaints had been received regarding speeding. It was thought that this may be a consequence of delivery vehicles trying to make up time because of road closures. The Police will be monitoring various areas.

### **11/9/5 Correspondence**

#### **11/9/5/1 Proposed Multi Fuel Power Station - Hunterston**

Fairlie Community Council were representing all Nth Ayrshire CC's to respond, and were seeking contribution/comments. Brenda will forward paperwork to William.

Cllr Currie reminded the CC that NAC does not take the final decision in this case. She believed that Carbon Capture was better for Arran than Nuclear in the longer term.

Harry Davidson and Brenda Stewart were opposed to coal-fired options.

#### **11/9/5/2 Road safety initiative**

An initiative proposed by 2 Arran paramedics was supported by the CC. Agreement in principle was made that the sum of £132.10, currently held by the CC, may be passed to the group.

**11/9/5/3**      An invitation had been received from Nth Ayrshire CPP for representatives from Arran CC to meet with Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning. It was agreed that William Calderwood and Brenda Stewart would attend.

#### **11/9/5/4 Invitation from East Ayrshire Alcohol Forum**

This was demitted to Richard McMaster for response.

**11/9/6 Ferry Committee.**

Willie Kelso reported that the Ferry Committee have decided to place the responsibility on the various representatives who sit on the FC to report back to their respective groups, rather than to issue published written summaries of their meetings.

Willie reported that the meeting held the previous night covered the following:

Due to increasing numbers arriving late the 30 minute check-in time for vehicles will be enforced. If drivers turn up late for check-in times, they risk being added to the end of the un-booked line.

Cal Mac are looking at the procedures for block bookings for lorries to make the system more flexible and hopefully improve the availability for cars in the event of HGV cancellation.

Possibly 48 hours' notice may be required for HGV cancellations.

There had been a recent case of misuse of Concession tickets. Calmac reminded that passengers may be required to show concessionary passes on boarding the vessels.

In the event that the last boat of the day from Ardrossan is unable to take all the un-booked vehicles, the ferry will be held to allow people who are waiting in the un-booked queue for cars to park and board as foot passengers. This should be highlighted to the loading staff.

The Hospital Room on the boat will be redecorated at the refit in January.

Following feedback from various groups and residents it was felt that ACC should write to Cal-Mac to request that they review the decision to not offer any discounted pre-Christmas travel and ACC agreed to do this. William will write to Calmac.

Islay has asked the Arran Ferry Committee to help set up an FC there.

No further feedback on the Sunday ferry survey.

On RET Clr. Currie read a letter from the SG official who is heading the Ferry Review which covered the recent Transport minister's visit. This confirmed that the situation is undecided in either format, cost or scope and therefore leaves most questions unanswered.

**11/9/7 Local Development Plan**

It was agreed that Arran CC would continue to monitor position and review topics as they arose. An improvement in interface to other community groups was mentioned as a by-product of participation in NAC promoted networking groups.

In response to the request for an island co-ordinator matters NAC feel this is already within the remit of the local manager and our four elected councillors who are carrying out this role.

**11/9/8 Pirnmill Bridge**

Confirmation had been received that NAC have applied for a grant of approx £20k to fund the footbridge replacement. However, these funds will not be available until next year at the earliest.

**11/9/9 Waste Disposal**

The need for representatives to discuss with village groups, and start to prepare a strategy and local plans to enable further development was emphasised.

**11/9/10 AOCB**

Jim Nichols reported that the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Annual Review takes place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Ayrshire Central Hospital. NHS A&A would provide transport from the ferry.

Brenda Stewart, as CC representative on the Arran Health Public Reference Group, provided an update on the future Arran Health Delivery Model discussions that are on-going, Public Reference Group.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011.**