

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, William Calderwood, Secretary, Ian Small, Willie Kelso, Brenda Stewart, Steph Hill, Jim Henderson and Richard McMaster

Also present were Gus Macleod - NAC, Cllr Margie Currie, Sgt R Mackay, Jenny Lyon - Arran Banner, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 6 members of the public.

### Apologies for absence

John Lamont, Liz Evans,

Presentation – Eradication of invasive species

Stewart Brabbs of the Ayrshire Rivers Trust (ART) spoke of the problems and issues associated with the eradication of Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed.

It was possible, with support from community volunteers to establish a project on Arran that might attract the necessary funding to eliminate these species. Initially it would be necessary for volunteers to map the extent of the problem.

Should a project progress, ART might be able to provide support in the form of training and management expertise if required

Richard McMaster sought clarification as to the effect on animals if spraying was used.

It was AGREED that Brenda Stewart would talk to the local improvement committees and report back.

### 11/11/1 Minutes of last meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011:

The Minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> October were adopted and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

Proposed Brenda Stewart      Seconded Harry Davidson

### 11/11/2 Matters Arising

#### 11/11/2/1 Waste Disposal

It was agreed to defer this item to the January meeting. Bill Calderwood advised that North Ayrshire were one of the top two in Scotland for recycling.

#### 11/11/2/2 Lighting - Blackwaterfoot

Cllr Currie advised that NAC were bringing out a revised lighting policy in the spring.

#### 11/11/2/3 Community Council Insurance

Harry Davidson reminded the CC that insurance was due in April, cost circa £50 per annum to provide the cover needed.

#### 11/11/2/4 Rural Education Consultation

Bill Calderwood was meeting with Douglas Auld and a Primary School Head on 19<sup>th</sup> December. It was noted that individual schools were each preparing their own responses. The CC will support their plans.

**11/11/2/5 Scottish Islands Federation Representative**

Liz Evans had agreed to accept the nomination. It was noted that a £20 annual subscription is required.

**11/11/2/6 Straight Talking**

3 CC members had attended. It was felt that there was too much time spent with the delivery of the NAC inputs, resulting in too little time for discussion.

**11/11/3 Ferry Matters**

**11/11/3/1 Concessionary Fares**

A meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Glasgow) to discuss the impact of the existing criteria for ferry concessions related to Arran. SPT officers will meet with Cllr Currie and Bill Calderwood representing the CC.

**11/11/3/2 CPP Network Meeting**

Bill Calderwood will attend the Network meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**11/11/3/3 Ferries Review**

It was noted that the Ferries Review will be published before Christmas, with a relatively short response time. It was AGREED that this be discussed at the January meeting.

**11/11/3/4 Introduction of RET**

Willie Kelso felt the introduction of RET in 2014 might be linked to the completion of the new link span. It was hoped that there would be clarification when the Review document is published.

**11/11/3/5 Winter Discounts**

Bill Calderwood had met with Robbie Brown to discuss the potential for special discounts in relation to the event planned in Lamlash to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas Lights. Calmac did not feel this was not enough incentive for special fares, and suggested any plan be done in conjunction with Visit Arran.

**11/11/3/6 Earlier Sunday Ferries**

Calmac had indicated that the majority of the feedback in their survey was for status quo. Calmac had asked that a Freedom of Information request be submitted in regards to further information.

**11/11/4 Police matters**

Sgt Mackay reported that there were no issues currently.

Harry Davidson enquired whether cyclists and pedestrians could co-exist on Brodick Seafront Path

Ian Small confirmed that Brodick Seafront Path was built as a multi-use path, and was part of National Cycle Path No 73. It was for this reason that the funding had been secured and awarded.

Sgt Mackay indicated that there was a need for pedestrians and cyclists to coexist on the Path.

**11/11/5 Correspondence**

**11/11/5/1 Above ground fuel installation.**

Bill Calderwood confirmed he had received quotations in this regard. It was not known if Government money might be available.

**11/11/13 AOCB**

**11/11/13/1 Craigielea Nursing Home**

Harry Davidson read a statement relating to the closure of the Nursing Home, and the impact he believed that it had on the former residents.

Cllr Currie felt it was regrettable that the Home had closed.

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012**