

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## MINUTES

### of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

#### Those present:

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

Also present were: Howard Driver - Arran Banner, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 1 member of the public.

#### Apologies for absence

John Lamont, Ian Small and Richard McMaster  
Gus Macleod - NAC, Cllr Margie Currie, Sgt R Mackay,

#### 12/3/1 Minutes of meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> February were adopted with the following amendment:

Page 2 reference to Lochranza – Claonaig sailing. Delete 'year round' insert 'summer only' and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

Proposed Harry Davidson      Seconded Bill Calderwood

#### 12/3/2 Matters Arising

##### 12/3/2/1 Affordable Rented Housing

John Inglis had produced and circulated a proposed draft response from the CC. It was agreed that this be sent as the response from the CC.

##### 12/3/3 Ferry Review Consultation Response

Bill Calderwood had circulated a proposed draft response from the CC to the current consultation. He had not received any major changes to his draft.

A member of the public had suggested the inclusion of reference to how scrutiny by the community at the pre-tender stage would be carried out. It was agreed to add this to the response.

In terms of the work required at Brodick Pier, the CC had received an initial breakdown of costs related to the new Brodick linkspan development from Kenneth Gibson MSP.

All the costs were early estimates and would be revised once initial design work has been completed.

John Inglis recognised that work is necessary at Brodick, but queried whether if it could be done on a smaller scale. Willie Kelso noted that they had been told the linkspan is at the end of it's life, and must be replaced. John added that the CC are short of basic information, but that money is need both for Ardrossan, and also the road work necessary on Arran.

It was agreed to thank Mr Gibson for the information, and to request him to keep the CC informed of developments in this regard.

It was noted that the repair work to the fenders at Brodick was completed, and that the Car park at the Pier would be resurfaced after Easter.

##### 12/3/4 Police matters

In the absence of Sgt Mackay, there was no report.

### **12/3/5 Correspondence and Communications Report**

Bill Calderwood spoke to the Communications report he had previously circulated to members:

- He reported that he had attended the NA Community Planning Partnership community engagement meeting. The Minutes are on the CC website.
- A notification of Military exercises in April had been circulated and no adverse comments received.
- A request had been received from Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald for comment regarding ferry review. John Inglis has responded.
- CC contact details had been updated and circulated to NAC.
- Liz, Brenda and Bill had attended meeting at the High School to introduce the CC and discuss ferry review. Thanks were extended to Morag Campbell from ACVS for her support. This had been a good meeting and good interest shown from students. Ferry item got some good discussion. Japanese knotweed also discussed and again they had some good suggestions of ways to help. The Deputy Head felt the meeting had been constructive. A proposal was made for the CC to attend the school council meeting once per term. It was agreed to follow this up.
- Additional copies of NHS newspaper had been received as requested.
- A message had been circulated asking for support regarding village profiles on the website. There was also the need for some dates of forthcoming events to be confirmed to ensure accuracy of site information.
- Bill had attended the Elderly Forum meeting with Brenda.
- There had been some discussion related to "My Bus" and general transport limitations.
- Concerns were raised regarding disabled public toilets. The CC had been asked to push authorities to improve amenities. It had been suggested that a universal key provided for access to disabled toilets was £5 elsewhere, but that a charge of £10 was levied on Arran. Agreed secretary to write to NAC local office for status.
- A letter had been received from NAC giving details of changes to items that may now be placed in blue recycling bins. It was felt that this may mean that additional blue bins would now need to be needed.

### **12/3/6 Treasurers Report**

The CC insurance policy had now been received, and the invoice passed to the Treasurer. The new policy starts 1st May.

### **12/3/7 Roads**

It was reported that Angus Bodie was unable to attend this meeting, but he had answered a series of questions.

John Inglis felt that the CC should prepare a case for submission to Keith Brown, Scottish Government.

This should include:

- The state of the roads on Arran
- Anecdotal evidence
- Photos
- The effect of RET

It was agreed to form a sub-committee to take this forward. It was agreed that John Inglis, Ian Small, Steph Hill, Bill Calderwood and Jim Henderson would meet to progress this.

### **12/3/8 New CC Constitution**

Jim Henderson has drafted a revised Constitution for consideration by the CC. This was remitted to a Sub-Group comprising Harry Davidson and Jim Henderson.

**12/3/9 Postbox – Lamlash**

Brenda Stewart spoke of the problem caused by the siting of a postbox on the brow of a hill in Lamlash. This had now been moved into the caravan park at the top of a slope. It was believed a local resident had offered a site in his garden. It was agreed that Brenda will ascertain who had been written to in this regard, and to write on behalf of the CC to support a move of the box.

**12/3/10 AOCB**

**12/3/10/1 Sand on Brodick Beach**

400 tons of sand had now been shifted from Strabane to Brodick Beach. It was agreed that Harry Davidson would keep a watching brief on this work for the CC.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**