

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 24th April 2012

Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Cllr Margie Currie, William Calderwood, Secretary, Liz Evans, Willie Kelso, Brenda Stewart, Richard McMaster and Jim Henderson

Also present were: Sgt R Mackay, Strathclyde Police, Gus Macleod - NAC
Jenny Lyons - Arran Banner, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence

John Lamont, Ian Small and Steph Hill

12/4/1 Minutes of meeting – 27th March 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 27th March 2012 were adopted as a true record and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

Proposed Harry Davidson Seconded Jim Henderson

12/4/2 Matters Arising

12/4/2/1 Corrie Public Toilets

Gus Macleod confirmed he had not heard anything further.

12/4/2 Ferry Review

Cllr Currie reported that Gary Robertson, MD Calmac had recent talks with Clydeport, but nothing further had been heard regarding Ardrossan.

12/4/3 Brodick Beach

The work on reinstating the sand has been completed. The marram grass is now awaited, and will be planted soon.

12/4/4 Police matters

Sgt Mackay reported that things were fine at present.

PC Ian Thompson would be arriving on 7th May, to join the Island team.

Willie Kelso enquired if the Police staffing on the Island was under review, as he had heard that Mull was reducing their numbers.

Sgt Mackay confirmed that Strathclyde were currently reviewing their properties and offices, but there was no talk of cutting the numbers of officers per shift on Arran.

12/4/5 Correspondence and Communications Report

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

- The CC response to the Ferry Review had been submitted and confirmation of receipt acknowledged by Transport Scotland.
 - o All responses will eventually be posted on Scot Gov't website for review.
 - o It has been confirmed Defibrillators are to be installed on-board Cal-Mac ships.
- Updates have been posted to the CC website for Lochranza and Pirnmill. The events list has also been updated for both Villages. Some dates still require confirmation for Whiting

Bay, Lamash, and Shiskine. The village profiles also need some updating as many are as per the original from last year.

Willie Kelso stated that Shiskine Valley Sports were unlikely to take place this year, as the field had been dug up.

- Elderly Forum meeting had the Red Cross management attending and answering some questions. (Brochure available). Bill Calderwood felt they were not as familiar with Arran's needs and current services as they should be. Some exchanges regarding the "My Bus" will be taken forward at a separate discussion.
- Note to NAC office regarding disabled toilets and response received giving an update on the situation and confirming the cleaning schedules. The secretary has asked for more information regarding signage and who has responsibility for the facilities and now awaits a response.
- A letter has been sent to the Co-op management and Chairman of the Users committee, as discussed at last licensing meeting. This requested comment regarding the extension of the alcohol sales areas, the new range for electrical goods and also concerns regarding the variations in cost across the three stores, and the fact that the "Convenience" stores did not operate hours which would justify the additional costs charged. A response has been received from the user group to say it is outwith their brief. Awaiting response from Co-op Management.
- The Secretary has distributed consultation papers regarding Reforms to Planning Regulations. Response needs to be returned by 22nd June.
- ASCC Conference. Copies of the various papers, including a Power Point presentation are available on request. A video is in the course of preparation, and will be posted to ASCC website when available.
- An update has been received from NAC regarding extension of Blue bin usage. Stickers are being circulated for large public and private bins. New stocks of blue bins have updated materials, and self-catering companies have had stocks of leaflets passed out. A new calendar will be distributed around August which will update information. Brenda Stewart requested that the existing bottle banks be removed. Gus Macleod indicated that he had assured elected members they would not be removed at present.
- The CC website will be one year old next week and has recorded 3045 hits since the start of the project.

12/4/6 Treasurers Report

It was agreed to pursue the issue of reimbursement of CC travel expenses with NAC again. Due to the high cost of fuel, and distances travelled on the Island, it was felt NAC should meet the out-of-pocket expenses as currently applies to other NAC staff.

12/4/7 Roads

A note from the Sub-committee had been previously circulated.

The Sub Group was in the process of obtaining photographic evidence to support the case. Evidence is now being gathered from affected persons, including cycle clubs, a motor cycle club, Visit Arran and the Distillery.

A contact point will be established on the web-site.

It was reported that Angus Bodie had been enthusiastic to the draft note.

The sub-committee meets again on 8th May. Cllr Currie offered to make available a large file she had accumulated on Roads.

Gus Macleod spoke of a series of road repairs that will take place commencing 8th May. These are scheduled to be completed 29th June,

There will be some road closures whilst the work is on-going, at Catacol (9.30 – 3.30. M-F), Lochranza (9 - 3.30) and the Bougillie (9 - 3.30 - Service buses and car traffic may be allowed through, but no coaches or HGV's)

The remainder of the work will be by stop/go boards, or convoy.

Brodick to Lamlash is scheduled for the end of August. Gus Macleod sought views on doing the work earlier, but during the holiday period using a convoy system. This was unanimously agreed.

John Inglis requested information relating to the recent pavement improvement at Cladach. Cllr Currie advised that this was, in fact, part of the multi-user trail from Brodick to Corrie, and had been funded from Sustrans.

Gus Macleod confirmed that the funding was through SPT and other agencies, and did not cover any highway work.

Willie Kelso felt that work should be done right, and once. Gus spoke of the NAC priorities to the carriageway.

Willie Kelso also mentioned that he believed the 4 disabled bays at the Kinloch Hotel had been completed with an inferior finish, and that there was also signs of erosion below the Harbour Shop.

Gus agreed to look into this.

12/4/8 Banks

It was reported that Bank of Scotland had restructured their Mobile van service to 2-3 days a week.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the bank concerning the lack of consultation, and the unsuitability of the proposed days of opening.

12/4/10 AOCB

12/4/10/1 Cllr Margie Currie

As this was the last meeting prior to the election, and therefore the last that Margie would be attending as Councillor, John Inglis paid tribute to her work for the Island. He spoke as how Margie had always put the interests of Arran to the fore, and wished her well for the future.

In response, Margie spoke of the tremendous improvement that the CC had made as a body, and the importance of cooperation rather than confrontation.

She paid tribute to John Inglis for keeping order, to Bill Calderwood for the order of the business, to Harry Davidson for his dedication over the years, and to Jim Nichols for deciphering the discussion.

Margie mentioned that she attended another 10 groups on the Island, and how much she had enjoyed her time as Councillor.

In closing, she thanked everyone for their support.

12/4/10/2 Ferry Committee Minutes

Willie Kelso reported that the Ferry Committee minutes would be available through the Library after the next meeting.

12/4/10/3 Archaeological find in Sannox

John Inglis reported that a Cist had been found in Sannox, and had been sent to Glasgow University. It was felt that this should be returned to Arran.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th May 2012.