

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 29th May 2012

Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Cllr John Bruce, William Calderwood, Secretary, Liz Evans, Steph Hill, Brenda Stewart, Richard McMaster and Jim Henderson

Also present were: Gus Macleod – NAC, Howard Driver - Arran Banner, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS, and 3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence

John Lamont, Sgt R Mackay, Strathclyde Police,

12/5/1 Minutes of meeting – 24th April 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 24th April 2012 were adopted as a true record and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

Proposed Jim Henderson Seconded Brenda Stewart

12/5/2 Matters Arising

12/5/2/1 Corrie Public Toilets

It was reported that NAC are considering building new toilets opposite the village hall.

12/5/2 Disabled Toilets

Gus Macleod advised that NAC had acquired signage, and this would be erected in the next 10 days. He confirmed that the toilets are the responsibility of NAC, but that the responsibility was not Statutory.

12/5/3 Co-op

A response had been received from the Co-op regional manager advising changes to store hours were planned to be introduced soon. The Co-op confirmed that the additional space referred to in the licensing application was to allow additional promotion space and to assist in restocking. Stocking had been reviewed and it was felt there was still room for improvement. A meeting would be arranged to discuss the CC concerns. In the light of a change to the regional managers role and remit, the current operations manager will arrange the meeting.

12/5/4 Police matters

No report.

12/5/5 Correspondence and Communications Report

Bill Calderwood spoke to the Communications report he had previously circulated to members. Key points were:

- A communication sent to Bank of Scotland regarding mobile bank service and general perception of reduced services to both personal and business customers. A phone call had been received in response and the issue has been passed to local management for consideration. A subsequent phone conversation with regional manager advised that our concerns have been recognised, and he visited Arran recently. This has resulted in him making a submission for funding and related staffing approvals to re-establish the former service.

However, no short term solution could be offered due to funding, recruiting and training requirements.

- Residents concerns regarding Japanese Knotweed at Springbank Farm were raised with NAC planning and a response was received clarifying position. There is the need to provide feedback to residents. Brenda Stewart stated that contractors are not cleaning vehicles when leaving the site. It was agreed that NAC Planning Department should be informed.
- ASCC videos are now available on "youtube" due to the closure of ASCC.
ASCC Conference Morning Session
ASCC Conference Afternoon Session
Both Videos run for some time. (almost 2hrs)
- Next Community Engagement Network group meeting on the 27th May.
- A message had been received from NAC Chief Exec that the CC need not copy her the minutes. The NAC system stores all CC minutes in a central site, and she can access them from there.
- Notification of pre inquiry meeting to discuss agenda for the public inquiry in connection with the proposed Multi Fuel Power Station at Hunterston distributed
- Message received regarding "Wild Camping Ban" on Arran. Sgt MacKay has confirmed that "responsible" campers are welcomed.
- An invite has been issued to all 4 of the new Local council representatives. A response is awaited from two.
- A message related regarding a crofting enquiry has been directed to "Roots of Arran".
- A new feature has been added to the CC website to reflect which sections have been updated.
- Attention was drawn to a Scottish Government Health consultation on the Integration of Adult Health and Social Care.

12/5/6 Treasurers Report

Harry Davidson reported that NAC had again rejected his claim for additional funding to cover travel expenses.

Cllr Bruce suggested that the CC apply to NAC for a Community Development grant in this respect.

12/5/7 Roads

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

The Secretary has now invited Angus Bodie to meet with the Sub-Committee.

Bill Calderwood has now obtained information relating to 'How to petition the Scottish Parliament'.

Brenda Stewart enquired why the Brodick to Lamlash section of the repairs had not been carried out to the schedule discussed at the last meeting. Gus Macleod advised that the vehicles could not be booked onto the ferry for the earlier dates, and that the repairs would now be September.

12/5/8 Proposed redevelopment of Sannox Church Site

The CC received a presentation from Barbara McNeiss on behalf of Sannox Christian Centre Charitable Trust - the Charity that has purchased Sannox Church. This covered the vision, aims of the project. A brochure, which was circulated to the CC, is available through the Community Councillors.

12/5/9 AOCB

12/5/9/1 Arran Citizens Advice Bureau

In response to a question from Jim Nichols, Cllr John Bruce agreed to clarify the interim level of service to be provided following a recent article in the Arran Banner. He will respond through ACVS.

12/5/9/2 Ferry Committee Minutes

It was reported that the Ferry Committee minutes were in the Library, as had been agreed.

12/5/9/3 Archaeological find in Sannox

As reported last month, a Cist had been found in Sannox, and had been sent to Glasgow University. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum, offering to support any actions they take to return the item to Arran.

12/5/9/4 Housing

A report, circulated by John Inglis following a recent meeting of the Rural Housing Sub Committee, is available on the CC website @

http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/files/Topical_RURAL_HOUSING_Sub.pdf

12/5/9/5 Health

A report, circulated by Brenda Stewart following a recent meeting of the Arran Health Public Reference Group, is available on the CC website @

http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/files/Topical_Arran_PRG_Meeting_May.pdf

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2012.