

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 26th June 2012

Those present:

John Inglis Chair, Harry Davidson Treasurer, William Calderwood Secretary, John Lamont, Liz Evans, Steph Hill, Brenda Stewart, Richard McMasters and Willie Kelso

Also present were: Gus Macleod – NAC, Howard Driver - Arran Banner, PC Graham Smith, Strathclyde Police, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 28 members of the public.

Apologies for absence

Jim Henderson, Cllr John Bruce.

The Chair directed that the item relating to the proposed Biomass plant be taken as 1st item at the meeting. Minute reference 12/6/8 below refers.

12/6/1 Minutes of meeting – 30th May 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 30th May 2012 were adopted as a true record and can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php>

Proposed Harry Davidson Seconded Steph Hill

12/6/2 Matters Arising

12/6/2/1 Corrie Public Toilets

It was reported that no further progress had been made.

12/6/2/2 Disabled Toilets

Gus Macleod advised that the signage had been erected.

Thanks were extended to the NAC local manager for his support on this matter.

12/6/2/3 Co-op

A meeting had taken place between the Co-op regional manager and ACC Chair/Secretary. All points raised had been covered, and he will take back the pricing issues etc, as they need to be addressed by head office.

It was felt that no real progress had been made in relation to reclassifications. A Licencing application would be necessary in relation to extending hours of opening.

The Co-op had indicated that they were trying to stock what is popular on-line, given that they do not deliver to Arran.

12/6/2/4 Arran Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Bruce had confirmed that the Arran CAB would remain open the existing hours at Ormidale, pending a service review by NAC in September.

12/6/2/5 Archaeological find in Sannox

Secretary had written to Isle of Arran Heritage Museum offering CC support for any actions they may take regarding the return of the archaeological items uncovered at Sannox.

It was noted that any finds are Treasure Trove, and become the property of the Crown. The museum could, however, bid for it.

12/6/3 Police matters

PC Graham confirmed that enquiries were still on-going in relation to the recent break-in at Corrie Hall.

He also confirmed that Police Officers have discretion in terms of the speed of travel within speed limits when responding to emergency calls under 'blue light' conditions.

12/6/4 Correspondence and Communications Report

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

- A few consultation papers had been received this month for CC consideration.
 - Draft Ayrshire and Arran Forestry & Woodland Strategy.
 - Deadline for response 30th June.
 - Integration of Adult Health and Social Care.
 - Deadline for response t 31st July (Since extended to September).
 - It was agreed that Steph Hill would consider a draft response.
 - Community Empowerment Bill.
 - Deadline for response 29th Aug.
 - It was agreed that Bill Calderwood and Brenda Stewart would prepare a draft response for consideration by the CC.
- A response had been received from Cllr A Gurney advising that he will work with Cllr Bruce and support our needs as required.
- Updates had been received from Kenneth Gibson MSP regarding:
 - Ferry saver tickets,
 - Clydeport review of the port facilities.
 - The CC were interested in the views of the Calmac captains in relation to the content of the report. A response from Calmac was awaited.
 - Confirmation of funding for Second ferry and Linkspan.
- 'Contact us' notes relating to:
 - Redundant household furniture and who to contact.
 - Mobile catering opportunities and licence requirements.
- The Secretary had attended the CPP Community Engagement Network meeting on 27th May.
- Secretary had followed up with NAC Planning Dept regarding Japanese Knotweed at Springbank. NAC are awaiting a response from Applicant as to how they are going to treat the area.
- Secretary had attended Elderly Forum meeting and provided updates from the last ACC meeting.
 - He had reported to the Forum on the Co-op issues. (Prices of milk etc featured in concerns). It was noted that Co-op are looking for candidates for the user panel in forthcoming election.
- NAC has now completed their responses to the "Straight Talking 2011" event and it is available at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/StraightTalking No further updates from the 2012 event yet.
- Copies of latest NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health newspaper were available for distribution.

12/6/5 Treasurers Report

Harry Davidson reported that he had submitted a grant request to NAC for a Community Development grant as suggested by Cllr Bruce.

He also reported that Bank of Scotland were requesting further information from the CC.

12/6/6 Roads

A meeting of the Sub-Committee with Angus Bodie was arranged for 27th June 2012.

Willie Kelso expressed concern relating to the standard of work by contractors engaged on cutting the roadside verges.

12/6/7 Community Council nominations/elections

Secretary will contact NAC regarding advertising and intimations of the forthcoming process.

12/6/8 Proposed Biomass Plant.

A copy of the outline notes produced by Bill Calderwood is attached to this Minute, and has been displayed on [the Arran CC website](#) since the last meeting. This includes input from the large number of residents and interest groups present at the meeting.

The Chair emphasised that the presentation from the manager of the Biomass company would take place at the next meeting of the CC, and the CC would not be taking any decision in relation to the proposal tonight.

12/6/9 AOCB

12/6/9/1 Phone mast - Lamlash

Brenda Stewart spoke of the need for a phone mast in Lamlash, due to the poor reception of signals.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31st July 2012.