Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Of meeting held at Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick on, 28th August 2012

Those present:

John Inglis Chair, Harry Davidson Treasurer, William Calderwood Secretary, John Lamont , Brenda Stewart, Richard McMasters, Jim Henderson, Willie Kelso, Steph Hill and Cllr John Bruce

Also present were: David Aitcheson, Howard Driver - Arran Banner, Gus Macleod - NAC, Alex Marshall and Alec Ulevi - Strathclyde Police, Jim Nichols - Arran CVS. and 1 member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Liz Evans, Sgt Mackay, Strathclyde Police.

12/8/1 The Chair opened the meeting by making a presentation to Harry Davidson, who was retiring from Treasurer and long standing Community Councillor. He paid tribute to the many years of service that Harry had given to the community.

In reply, Harry thanked his colleagues for the support they had given him over the years.

12/8/2 Minutes of meeting – 31st July 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 31st July 2012 were adopted as a true record Harry Davidson thanked Jim Nichols for an excellent record of the last meeting. The Minutes can be viewed at http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php Proposed Harry Davidson Seconded William Calderwood

12/8/3 Matters Arising

12/8/3/1 Biomass Plant

Bill Calderwood gave an update of the Working Group that had been established to discuss the proposals. This group had other members of the Community involved, and draft notes had been produced following a recent meeting. However, a letter had been received today from Fergus Tickell advising that the Applicant had notified that a 'Withdrawal of Application' was pending , and that that, whilst the applicant is still fully committed to the project, a formal request is being made to NAC to withdraw the current application and resubmit a new application later in the year.

John Lamont mentioned the information that has been obtained independently in Whiting Bay. Bill Calderwood suggested that all information should be in a single point, rather than being held in various places and asked for all information to be shared with the CC

12/8/3/2 Machrie Moor Road

The Secretary reported he had spoken to the Stagecoach manager and had received confirmation that buses use the road on a daily basis to start their schedule. They exercise care when using it. HGV's and others also use it. Gus Macleod confirmed that the road was classified as unsuitable for some vehicles, but NAC were not willing to put a weight restriction on the road. Current notices are advisory.

12/8/4 Police matters

Steph Hill expressed concern re the speed of cyclists coming down the Boguille Bill Calderwood added that cyclists often were 3 – 4 abreast

Brenda Stewart spoke of 2 recent accidents in Lamlash.

PC Ulevi, in recognising the issues raised, advised that there was nothing the Police could do, as the cyclists were not breaking the law.

12/8/5 Correspondence and Communications Report

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

Key points were:

- "Contact us" notes:
 - o A note received from a Whiting Bay resident related to Biomass application. (Acknowledged).
 - o A message from BBC Radio Scotland regarding the "Out of Doors" radio programme. A response had been sent with contact details.
 - o A message from "Herald" regarding grant expenditure.(HD/BC to respond)
- A message had been received from the National Network of Community Councils advising that they had decided to continue with the website. This followed messages of support they had re-launched this month.
- The Elderly Forum AGM is scheduled for 15th Sept. (No August meeting).
- Notification for the NAC Roadshow regarding "Personalisation and Self-Directed Support" had been circulated.
- Follow up message to Bank of Scotland Regional Director asking for update on Mobile service. Awaiting response.
- A note had been sent to Co-op area manager requesting update on "convenience store" status and asking status of licence applications.
 - 1. Lamlash Coop had officially opened on extended hours from 20th August. Lamlash has applied for a variation to trading hours for there licence which was in the hands of our licensing department and lawyers who should hopefully have submitted. Therefore they had opened the extended opening hours but are unable to sell alcohol after 8pm.
 - 2. Invercloy will open extended hours from 16th September. Invercloy already has a licence and are in the process off recruiting additional staff to cope with the increased hours.
 - 3. With regards to pricing policy and banding there would be no movement at this time.
- Secretary had attended NAC Community Engagement Network meeting. Agenda items included info on new "foodbank" service being established in 3 towns. This included referral procedures via social work etc.
 - There was also a, presentation on "Equalities Outcomes" by NAC and NHS The presentations for both were available.
- CPP Funding Newsletter had been circulated to all members.
- The CC "End of Term" draft report had been prepared and passed for review and comment.

12/8/6 CC Elections.

An advert appeared in the Banner last week, and nomination forms were available at tonight's meeting. Return date was no later than 18th September, after which, if necessary, elections would be held.

Chair, Treasurer and Secretary would be appointed on 25th September.

12/8/7 Treasurers Report

Harry Davidson reported that he had been advised that a grant had been made by NAC for £400. Harry read out the grant conditions. It was confirmed there was currently £960 in bank.

12/8/8 Roads

Secretary had received a note from Angus Bodie, NAC, confirming a 10 year Roads Plan (including Arran) will go to Area Committees shortly. Mr Bodie was appreciative of the joint work being undertaken with the CC.

Gus Macleod confirmed that the work had been completed on the Brodick to Lamlash section of road, and that no more was planned for this year.

Brenda Stewart advised that she has received complaints relating to the camber in Shore Road, Lamlash. Gus advised this was unlikely to be addressed this year.

John Lamont spoke of the lack of guttering in Whiting Bay. Gus reported this would be carried out next week.

12/8/9 AOCB

12/8/9/1 Introduction of NHS 24

Jim Nichols advised that NHS Ayrshire and Arran intend to implement NHS 24 arrangements on Arran commencing September/October 2012.

12/8/9/2 Reshaping Care for Older People

Plans were now progressing to introduce lunch clubs in several locations on Arran.

12/8/9/3 Housing

Jim Nichols spoke of a Housing Needs and Demand Assessment that is currently being undertaken on Arran and Cumbrae by Craigforth Consultants, on behalf of NAC.

12/8/9/4 New Montrose House

It was reported that the start of building works for Montrose House was now expected to be March 2012.

12/8/9/5 Ross Road - Overtaking risks

Richard McMaster expressed concern re lack of signage warning about risks of overtaking.

12/8/9/6 Cyclists coming off the ferry

Gus Macleod enquired if Calmac could delay cyclists coming off the boat to allow the cars etc to clear.

12/8/9/7 Ferry matters.

A request was made that the ferry committee representative asks for a full analysis of the "summer second boat" experiences to confirm if we received value for money from the Governments investment of £315,000. Including the "weather" related actions undertaken. The Chair requested that discussions relating to the ferry (2^{nd} Boat etc) be deferred to the agenda of the September meeting.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 25th September 2012. Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick