

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held at Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick on, 27th November 2012

Those present:

John Inglis Chair, Jim Henderson, Treasurer, William Calderwood Secretary, Brenda Stewart, Steph Hill, Richard McMaster

Also present were: Jennifer Lyon - Arran Banner, Gus Macleod – NAC, PC Bonar, Strathclyde Police and 1 member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Liz Evans, John Lamont, Chris Marriot, Cllr John Bruce, Jim Nichols

12/11/2 Minutes of meeting – 30th October 2012:

The Minutes of the meeting held 30th October 2012 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed Steph Hill Seconded Brenda Stewart

The minutes can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php> following the meeting.

12/11/3 Matters arising

12/11/3/1 Cycle safely initiative: Positive meeting held which was arranged by NAC and well supported by their Roads, Access and local officers, Police, VisitArran and other subject experts also attended. Notes issued to CC members. Follow up scheduled for January.

12/11/3/2 K Clark MP has forwarded further update regarding Mobile phone coverage across the island. Circulated and available on website.

12/11/3/3 Accounts. Confirmation from NAC regarding annual accounts for 2011/12 period and advising that grant payments would be processed in the near future.

12/11/4 Police matters

PC Bonar reported no major issues arising. They will be carrying out the usual seasonal awareness communications and checks for drink driving. Confirmation of the new sergeant's appointment. It is expected he will take up his post before the end of the year.

12/11/5 Correspondence and Communications Report

12/11/5/1 Cllr John Bruce had provided a short report in his absence covering several topics:

- Brodick Christmas lights funding. Brodick Improvements had received a grant in past years for lighting but so far this year no application had been lodged. All groups are eligible to apply for assistance for these types of events.
- Subject to funding Corrie should have new public toilet facilities for next summer

12/11/5/2 Secretary spoke to the Communications report previously circulated to members.

- “Contact us” notes: covering .
 - concerns regarding several recent planning applications which we discussed last month. Response confirmed and acknowledged.
 - Grant application support requested for three sections of String road. Message sent and acknowledged.
 - Request for information regarding organisation of charity event next summer. Team to cycle round island and climb Goatfell in one day. VisitArran can assist.
- In connection with the potential Hydro opportunities it was agreed to enrol the CC with the “free members scheme”. We will also submit an “Expression of Interest” for the national funding scheme.
- **“Straight Talking”** Event scheduled for 29th November at 6:30 in Ardrossan. Following discussion we have submitted request to NAC for a “local” session.
- Message circulated regarding launch event for Foodbank on mainland. 1st Dec 10am - 1pm.
- No major issues from Elderly Forum Mtg. to report.
- Update received from A. Bodie regarding the roads funding submission being prepared to quantify the needs and apply for funding over a period. Draft almost complete and it is hoped to present to senior NAC staff in the next few weeks.
- Questionnaire rec'd from Scottish water it was agreed to complete and returned.

12/11/6 Ferry Related Discussion

Following the October meeting our ferry representative had submitted a listing of 16 points to the Arran Ferry Committee for comment and had received a response from the chairman which was read out.

It was stated that the ferry committee is purely a lobbying organisation with no statutory powers and whose remit is to lobby for a timetable, fit for purpose and to raise any complaints from the travelling public to the relevant organisation.

Jim summarised the position detailing that several of the ACC's points were out with the remit of the ferry committee and several others were expected to be clarified when the anticipated Scottish Government “Ferry Plan” was published.

The various points were discussed and it was agreed that the ACC should establish a subcommittee to address the points highlighted and to advise the ferry committee of this plan.

Major concerns are Timetable for new services, Fare structures, port facilities for passengers, Inter connectivity to other transport services and improvements to Ardrossan infrastructure or alternative port.

Jim also highlighted the CMAL public meeting scheduled to be held 3rd Dec to start the consultation process for the proposed new linkspan.

12/11/7 AOCB

12/11/7/1 Brenda provided a report on the Carewatch open day. Copies of their services were circulated.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th January 2013.
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.