

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

held at Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick on, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, William Calderwood, Secretary, Liz Evans, John Lamont, Brenda Stewart, Barbara McNeice, Colin Mackenzie and Cllr John Bruce

Also present were: Jenny Lyon (Banner), PC Alex Ulivi, PC Ian Mackintosh and Jim Nichols (minutes).

**Apologies:** Jim Henderson, Treasurer, Gus Macleod – NAC and Nicky Harris.

### 13/06/1 Membership of Arran CC

Barbara McNeice was Co-opted onto the Committee as the Community Council Representative for the Shiskine area.

### 13/06/2 Minutes of meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

The Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Brenda Stewart                      Seconded: Bill Calderwood

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

### 13/06/3 Matters arising

#### 13/06/3/1 MyBus

Cllr John Bruce confirmed he had spent a day with the “MyBus” service.

Colin MacKenzie said he had had a hair raising experience on the String Road with passing vehicles and feels that the bus is not suitable for the Arran Roads. He raised 3 issues regarding “MyBus”:

- 1) Issues of reliability of “MyBus”
- 2) Problems with booking the service.
- 3) Confusion over who can and cannot use the service.

Cllr Bruce reported that the bus has had recent issues with the air suspension. A replacement bus had been sent over from the mainland although this too had broken down. Cllr Bruce advised that he would raise the issues of the breakdowns with the service provider.

The issues of booking appear to be because the bookings are dealt with on the mainland through the Red Cross and the system is slightly different on Arran. Bill Calderwood explained that the Elderly Forum had spent a lot of time trying to resolve these problems and were continuing to monitor the situation and discuss the issues with the relevant bodies.

Cllr Bruce also confirmed that the service is available to anyone who has difficulty using standard buses. On Arran it can be used for shopping, visiting friends, attending hospital as a patient or visitor and other similar trips. The service needs to be pre booked.

### **13/06/3/2 Youth Travel**

Cllr Bruce also explained that he will be attending a meeting soon with the SPT Planning Committee where Youth Issues will be discussed. Cllr Bruce will report back in due course.

### **13/06/3/3 Parking.**

Regarding the concerns associated with vehicles parking on double yellow lines. These need to be repainted due to road repairs and general wear to ensure they can be enforced.

Brenda Stewart explained that there were still issues with parking on approach to the hospital. PC Alex Ulivi said that if vehicles were parked on pavements and this was reported to the police, they would deal with it.

### **13/06/3/4 Representation for Lochranza**

Bill Calderwood confirmed that an approach had been made to Lochranza Improvements to ask if they could provide someone. At this time it is not possible.

### **13/06/3/5 Roads**

In response to an enquiry regarding the status of the combined Arran CC and NAC funding approach which had been prepared at the end of 2012 Cllr John Bruce reported that there were ongoing discussions for funding. John Inglis explained that it had been agreed to submit the paper to the CEO of NAC and then to the Scottish Government. Cllr Bruce said that when the documentation is complete he will present it & Kenneth Gibson MSP will support it.

A letter had been received today from Pirnmill Village association explaining that they did not want the planned road maintenance at all as they do not want road closures. Liz Evans explained that the concern is road closure and the impact of getting to and from work and school. Cllr Bruce said that he would expect there to be a corridor as there was at Kilpatrick.

Cllr Bruce spoke of the EU Directive and said that he would check about the MyBus requirements regarding this directive.

John Lamont explained that he had motorcyclists staying with him who complained about the condition of the String road. They had to take evasive action due to people avoiding potholes. John Inglis asked if PC Alex Ulivi would speak to Sgt. Dodds regarding accidents.

### **13/06/4 Police matters**

Bill Calderwood reported that he had spoken to the Police on 2 issues that were out with the Community Council Brief. He was waiting for information on one item.

### **13/06/5 Correspondence and Communications Report**

13/06/5/1 The Secretary spoke to the Communications report previously circulated to members including the ACC Secretary's report for April 2013 meeting:

Correspondence:

- Cllr Bruce spoke of a police report to the Area Committee on the Power Outage. This could be useful so he will send it to the Secretary for wider distribution.

- Ongoing issues with NAC regarding their new website.
- CC attendance at school council meeting – no response yet.
- Letter from Kenneth Gibson regarding the funding available for WW1 memorial to be followed up by members
- Power Disruption
  - Cllr Bruce – NAC Council report of incident should come from Andrew Fraser.
  - SSE – there may be some funding available for resilience planning. Invite to be extended to next meeting. Pirnmill and Shiskine members asked to confirm if a meeting was required to satisfy remaining questions.
  - SSE has a Community Engagement Plan questionnaire which each community could fill in.  
Bill felt that what was missing was that nobody knew what was going on elsewhere. A resilience programme would help to put this together.

Regarding the Community Emergency Plan, it was proposed to ask each village improvement group to help complete the form. Liz Evans said that SSE had indicated that they would come out to the communities affected if needed.

John Inglis commented at the meeting that the new wire was 4 times as thick as the old wire and he had seen gusts affecting the wires. He feels that they are more wind resistant and would gather snow.

The question had been asked that if there was a similar incident could it happen again. SSE's answer was yes.

- NAC review of Community Council structures. - ACC had attended a meeting with all other active NAC CC's. It is proposed to review and consult on the current structures and look for areas for development which may encourage representation and increase the CC's involvement in decision making.

## **13/06/6 Project Updates**

### **13/06/6/1 Energy Project**

- Hydro: It was explained that a grant had been awarded for this project. A feasibility study meeting had been held today. The original site proposal was now considered unfeasible due to the work involved and SEPA restrictions on flow etc.

The NAC Presentation had been positively received.

Other possible sites have been identified (eg Clachan & Corrie White Water)

It had been agreed with CES that Bill Calderwood will submit a further grant application for 3 or 4 sites as these sites are confirmed.

The National Trust has expressed an interest in working with the Community Council on green renewables.

A proposal was discussed to write to NAC to obtain funding for an island survey. John Lamont felt that this would allow us to gather more good

quality information. Estimates of costs might be in the region of £7,000 for the CES sites. And a review of the Island in the region of £12-£15,000.

The plan would include provision for waste recycling. This would inevitably entail looking at locations under private landowners in addition to the Forestry etc..

John Inglis reiterated that we are looking at 2 things:

- 1) Small grant application from CES.
- 2) A survey of the whole islands renewable potential.

The timing for any additional supplies is dependent on upgrades to the grid connection to Arran.

**13/06/7          Treasurers Report**

Treasurer not present. No additional expense incurred since last report.

**13/06/08          A.O.B.**

**13/06/8/1        Licencing**

Cllr Bruce informed the committee that the Lochranza Youth Hostel Licence application had been approved for residents only.

**13/06/8/2        Multi-User Pathway**

Cllr Bruce reported that an update had been received from Jonathon Blyth and discussion were continuing.

**13/06/8/3        Town Centre Regeneration Initiative**

NAC have an initiative for regeneration funding and Brodick is to be included.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.