

13/06/4 Matters Arising

13/06/4/1 Glenrickard forest consultation.

John Inglis advised that he had reviewed the information and could not see any potential for the site for community benefit and reported that the value of the site was indeterminate. The forestry was planning to change the species being planted to include more local types and this was welcomed by the members. He proposed that we confirm to the forestry we have no concerns with the proposal.

13/06/4/2 NAC - CC Restructuring consultation

Jim Henderson has prepared a draft response to the questionnaire and it was agreed the secretary would type up and circulate to the members prior to the next meeting at which we would again discuss and agree our joint response.

13/06/5 Police matters

Sgt Allen Dodds reported that there had been several incidents of speeding in Shiskine area and a proposal for a speed indicator warning similar to the unit in place as you enter Lamlash should be installed. The members unanimously supported this and also suggested that a similar indicator could be installed entering Brodick from Lamlash.

13/06/6 Correspondence and Communications Report

The secretary had circulated a summary of points and items arising since the last meeting.

13/06/6/1

- Whiting Bay Nursery closure. It was confirmed that following a letter to NAC a positive meeting had been held with several parents and actions agreed to try and find a solution to the transport issues. Further updates will be provided as available.
- Mr Gibson MSP had written to advise he was also following up on comments related to MyBus operation.
- Meeting held with NAC directors regarding potential funding for environmental feasibility study. Approach welcomed but we need to wait until later in year until NAC wide action is established.

13/06/7 Project Updates

13/06/7/1 Housing

John Inglis gave a summary of discussions held with Irvine housing regards their proposed allocation policy for the new releases at St Molio Park in Lamlash.

It was proposed to ensure that Arran needs were being addressed before the mainland transfers. It was also being structured to support key needs such as Carers etc.

Arran has approx. 140 households requiring accommodation either larger/ smaller or new needs. There were very little alternative properties available on the island.

He encouraged anyone with needs to ensure they were registered with NAC.

The topic of empty houses was also discussed and the recent coverage of education linked properties was highlighted. It is understood that there are problems with proximity to the schools but the feeling of the meeting was that NAC should be doing more than it is to try and bring these properties back into the available stock and they should be encouraged to talk with Arran Homes or Whitebeam to see if they can assist.

13/06/7/2 Knotweed

Brenda reported that she has had confirmation from the Ayrshire Rivers trust that they would hold training session on the island on the 17th and 18th Aug for interested parties to learn about Identification of plants and mapping locations. Everyone was asked to inform the respective village groups.

13/06/7/3 Energy Project

Bill Calderwood reported that the new funding group was to be announced at the start of Aug and we await confirmation of contact details etc.

13/06/7/4 WW1 Memorial

Barbara McNeice circulated a summary of actions to date and also included names of interested parties who are supporting the initiative.

When an approximate funding value is available it was agreed we would complete the "expression of interest" form for funding.

13/06/08 Damage repairs from Snow Incident.

Ricky McMaster introduced the topic explaining the background and explaining that the current position from NAC was they didn't have responsibility for the damage unless it could be shown that it had been caused due to negligence by the operators of the clearing equipment. It was also considered that the Scottish Government did not cover this aspect in its compensation schemes. Due to the hardship being expressed by many resident farmers and the wish to support their case it was agreed that the CC would write to NAC and request that they confirm the situation with the Scottish government and also explore what other funding opportunities could be considered to help in this unfortunate incident.

13/06/09 A O B.

13/06/9/1

John Inglis intimated that he would not be available for the next meeting in August and that the Vice Chair would take the meeting.

No further matters the meeting was adjourned to allow the other attendees to leave and the planning session to be continued.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th August 2013.
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.