

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held at Ormidale Pavilion on 28th January 2014

Those present:

John Inglis (Chair), William Calderwood (Vice Chair), Hazel Gardiner (Secretary), Brenda Stewart, Alan Stout, Liz Evans, Colin McKenzie, John Lamont, Cllr John Bruce

Also present were: PC Jennifer Sneddon (Police Scotland), Gus MacLeod and Jim Nichols (minutes).

14/01/1 Apologies: Barbara McNeice, Jim Henderson, Jenny Lyon

14/01/2 Minutes of meeting – 26th November 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held 26th November 2013 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Liz Evans

Seconded: Hazel Gardiner

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

14/01/3 Scottish Power: Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3

Meeting date – 3rd March 3:00pm - 7.00pm. This will be a walk in session at the Kinloch Hotel. Posters advertising the event will be circulated at various points throughout the island and will be advertised in the Banner.

Scottish Power have requested that we do not circulate the slides used at the previous presentation as they are now superseded.

Brenda Stewart enquired if the proposal for power cable to go to Hunterston would mean a more consistent service.

14/01/4 Community Land Initiative:

William Calderwood advised that the group were planning a further meeting this Friday evening 31st Jan.

It was known that the group had ambitions to progress for a feasibility study.

Cllr Bruce had suggested they attend a meeting in the future of the NAC Area Committee.

Jim Nichols outlined the three land projects currently on the go and mentioned the ACVS one.

14/01/5 Matters Arising

14/01/5/1 School Lighting

Gus spoke of the current problems that are still to be resolved relating to school traffic lights.

14/01/5/2 Pier Car Park

Referring to item 13/11/10 A.O.B from previous meeting, Colin McKenzie advised that the pier car park and existing CalMac car park are owned by CMAL.

The car park in front of the petrol station is partly owned by a local business man and part by CalMac.

14/01/6 Police Matters

PC Jennifer Sneddon spoke of the recent break in's in Brodick and advised that the culprit has not yet been apprehended. Facebook speculation has not helped. Hard evidence is needed.

14/01/7 Correspondence

14/01/7/1 NAC event received via a third party.

This 30th Jan – 7.30pm. Re: any groups planning events during Homecoming and/or the Games 2014.

14/01/7/2 Property Damage during Snow event:

Katy Clarke MP has sent report from NAC and asked for any additional info re property damage due to snow.

William Calderwood advised that he has drafted a response including information of the follow up actions from the community groups and SSE.

14/01/7/3 Elderly Forum

The Elderly Forum has received a presentation re the proposed new charging policy for care services (consultation).

14/01/7/4 Community Engagement

Hazel Gardiner advised re current consultation on Community Engagement. Response to be prepared and returned for questionnaire.

14/01/7/5 Japanese Knotweed

Brenda Stewart advised that she had replied to correspondence from a resident relating to the Japanese Knotweed in Brodick.

14/01/7/6 Community Planning Training Workshops

The next session will be held on the 11th of March and nominations are invited.

14/01/8 Ferry Report

William Calderwood read a note produced by Jim Henderson from the latest ferry committee meeting.

Re relations with the Ferry Committee – Colin McKenzie spoke to communications he had from local businesses expressing concerns relating to the current situation.

A note of questions raised by ACC has not yet been progressed through the Ferry Committee to CalMac.

Colin McKenzie spoke of recent press releases around the CalMac network which had suggested that there were CalMac management rather than the Masters contributing to the problem stated.

Hazel Gardiner suggested that as Secretary she could write to the Ferry Committee with the questions. It was agreed that Jim would continue be the point of contact.

Jim Nichols pointed out the FOI Act could assist.

It was agreed that Jim Henderson would be asked to give the chair of the Ferry Committee the questions and to make it an agenda item re the Community Council, ensuring that the questions will be sent to CalMac and expressing the need for all FC groups to comply with the same procedures for engaging with the service providers.

The design of future vessels for our route was discussed and William Calderwood reminded Community Council members that some possible ship designs were part of the 1st Brodick Pier presentation available on the CalMac website.

14/01/9 Resilience Actions

The planned earlier SSE meeting had been postponed to the 8th of March.

Invitations had been sent out the day before the CC meeting.

William Calderwood noted that it would be limited to 60 persons attending.

Arran High School had been contacted to include the Teacher & Pupil representation plus other groups such as Royal Mail, NFU, Scottish Water and a representative for the Church.

Event opens 9 for 9.30am start at the Outdoor Centre Lamlash.

14/01/10 ACE – Community Energy Report

The application has not yet been submitted to OSCR due to requirement for trustees nominations to be completed.

A response has been submitted to the National Trust re their potential development, and applications submitted to Scottish Islands Federation regarding training. Offer to include NAC personnel has been forwarded.

14/01/11 Projects/Updates

14/01/11/1 Storm Damage

Gus McLeod explained that most seawall storm damage has been repaired and they hope to carry out resurfacing by next week, weather dependant.

John Inglis expressed appreciation to NAC re quick clear up of the roads after storm damage.

14/01/11/2 String Road

Initial meeting at end of 2013 had indicated several options with the possibility of £1.4 million to carry out upgrades from - Glenloig to almost the top of hill which would save a further closure in 2015.

With limited opening at 7-8am & 7-8pm for convoys.

VisitArran representatives at meeting would not accept that and wanted a March start at the reduced £750,000 budget. With a further road closure to be scheduled for the same time in 2015.

This would also only allow 0.8 Km to be completed in 2014 which would only cover the lower section.

Public feedback had indicated the preference to do as much as possible when the equipment was on the island.

NAC have since held a meeting at the Kinloch Hotel with VisitArran earlier in January to review the options and a further meeting with community groups and emergency services etc was scheduled for the 13th Feb. to discuss and agree options.

Nominations to Gus McLeod
(PRG) (E Forum) (ACVS)

14/01/12 Cllrs report to mtg.

14/01/12/1 Brodick Pier Development Group

Further meeting to progress project scheduled for Friday 21st Feb.
10.00am - 12.00 at Cunninghame House, Irvine.

14/01/12/2 Head Teacher (Acting) post for Arran High School/Lamlash PS

Interviews will take place at AHS on Thursday 13th Feb. 10.00am – 5.00pm
(NB Update – now postponed until April to allow further applications to be considered).

14/01/12/3 Arran Roads Improvements/The String

NAC officers and myself met with VisitArran members at Kinloch Hotel on Wed.

22nd January at 7.30pm. Various options considered as to process and dates for
works to be progressed on section of The String road. A March-April date was the preferred option choice of those consulted.

14/01/12/4 Roads general

Storm damage repairs are currently being undertaken by NAC Roads personnel, weather permitting.

14/01/12/5 Community Empowerment Bill

A report on recent progress will be available for the Communities and Lifelong Learning Advisory Panel (NAC) on Monday 3rd Feb.

14/01/12/6 Brodick – Corrie Multi-User Path

There will be a public consultation meeting to update progress sometime in February.

14/01/12/7 Brodick Beach

Following a request from H. Davidson of Brodick Improvements Committee, JB intimated that an updated report would be made available on what, if anything, can be done to secure the beach.

14/01/12/8 2014 A Year of Events

Note a meeting, called at short notice, to discuss potential all-Arran involvement in the Events Programme for 2014 currently being prepared by NAC. Brodick Hall, Thursday 30th January at 7.30. NAC officers will attend.

14/01/12/9 Councillor Bruce – new NAC Portfolio

JB informed meeting that he is now the Cabinet member with responsibility for Education, Attainment and Achievement.

14/01/13 A.O.B

14/01/14 Date of next meeting - 25th February.