

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at Ormidale Pavilion on 29th April 2014

Those present:

John Inglis (Chair), William Calderwood (Vice Chair), Hazel Gardiner (Secretary), Jim Henderson (Treasurer), Barbara McNeice, Brenda Stewart, Liz Evans, Colin McKenzie and Stuart Turner, Cllr John Bruce.

Also present were: Jim Nichols (minutes) and Hugh Boag (Arran Banner)

14/04/1 Apologies: John Lamont, Gus McLeod, Alan Stout and Sgt Allan Dodds.

14/04/2 Minutes of meeting – 25th March 2014

Following a few minor amendments the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Colin McKenzie Seconded: William Calderwood

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

14/04/3 Matters Arising

14/04/3/1 Roads

No further notifications received, despite there being some alterations. Different wordings were in circulation in the community, which has caused some confusion. NAC updates to the CC were considered to be spares particularly when compared to previous works.

Hazel Gardiner has received further comments that some businesses had not been consulted.

14/04/3/2 School Curriculum

Nothing further.

14/04/3/3 Brodick Improvements

William Calderwood had received a note from Craig Hatton, NAC, indicating the study has not yet been completed.

Colin McKenzie added that the disabled ramps are no longer usable and Cloy has again changed routes.

14/04/3/4 Arran Resilience

Hazel Gardiner indicated that Lochranza are now in a position to go ahead with a resilience meeting which she would arrange.

14/04/4 Police Report

William Calderwood gave an update received from Sgt Dodds re Policing at the pier. There are 2 spaces allocated for disabled. Sgt Dodds will be producing a note for the Arran Banner.

Liz Evans noted that the phone box in Pirnmill had been vandalised, but has since been repaired by BT.

Hazel Gardiner had requested that the phone box in Catacol be reinstated, this has not happened to date.

Stuart Turner noted a large metal container had been washed up on the beach. It was suggested this be reported to the NAC for action.

The police arrived late to the meeting and apologised for late arrival, duty had called.

They updated the meeting that they are currently following up speeding reports in Corrie and Whiting Bay

The vandalism to Pirnmill phone box has been reported and is being looked into.

14/04/5 Correspondence

Letter from Martyn McKeown Re: Scottish Rural Parliament and Largs CC have indicated that they wish involvement. William Calderwood indicated he had also responded on the 30th of January for ACC.

John Inglis has received notification of intention to adopt Local Development Plan.

William Calderwood explained that the NAC local transport strategy survey comments are due in on the 30th. Further inputs were requested.

Regarding the earlier SPT review William Calderwood explained that no update has been received from either the consultant or SPT. Cllr Bruce would be meeting with SPT later.

14/04/6 Arran Ferry Committee

The response from CalMac was discussed and it was agreed we should again follow up for answers to the points as an indication had been received that CalMac felt that the Community Council's questions had been answered.

A meeting will take place on Monday the 12th of May, to which William Calderwood has also been invited.

Colin McKenzie felt that the collisions with the pier at Ardrossan should be raised as a H&S issue with CalMac. He then spoke of a recent publication by Captain Hutchison, a former skipper of the Caledonian Isles and his view of the facility of Ardrossan.

John Inglis expressed concern that the main criteria for new vessels should be adaptability for Ardrossan.

Simon Richmond had indicated that there was a risk that MV Finlaggan may be delayed in return to service and the Isle of Arran vessel may consequently be delayed for the Arran route summer service. This would be hopefully minimised to one day but dependent on satisfactory sea trials for MV Finlaggan.

14/04/7 Cllr John Bruce's Report

14/04/7/1 Transport

No additional funds are available for additional buses.

14/04/7/2 Brodick Pier

Harbour revision order / consultation process is now complete.

14/04/7/3 Arran Homes

Cllr John Bruce has raised the office closure of Isle of Arran Homes with Cabinet and Chief Executive. NAC CEO will be requesting an immediate meeting.

Cllr John Bruce felt Isle of Arran Homes had downgraded their Arran involvement.

14/04/7/4 Defibrillators

NAC have agreed to place defibrillators into all NAC facilities.

Cllr John Bruce stated that places such as Brodick Hall will be receiving one.

14/04/7/5 Other

Gaelic language plan has been adopted by NAC.

14/04/8 Health and Social Work Partnership Integration

Jim Nichols updated the meeting relating to the progression of the Health and Social Care Partnership Integration within NHS Ayrshire and Arran and NAC.

14/04/9 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on the 27th of May at the Ormidale Pavilion at 6pm.