

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at Ormidale Pavilion on 24th June 2014

Those present:

John Inglis (Chair), William Calderwood (Vice Chair), Hazel Gardiner (Secretary), Jim Henderson, Brenda Stewart, Liz Evans, John Lamont and Alan Stout. Cllr John Bruce.

Also present were: Jim Nichols (minutes) and Jenny Lyon (Arran Banner), Sgt Allan Dodds (Police Scotland)

14/06/1 Apologies: Barbara McNeice, Colin McKenzie and Angus McLeod (NAC)

14/06/2 Minutes of meeting – 27th May 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Hazel Gardiner Seconded: Jim Henderson

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

14/06/3 Matters Arising

14/06/3/1 Roads

Hazel Gardiner advised that the Community Council are now included in road notices and these are published on the website.

14/06/3/2 School Curriculum

High School Appointment has been made.

14/06/3/3 Arran Homes

NAC has met with Isle of Arran Homes. The sub-committee (now abolished) meet at the Auchrannie later this week.

14/06/3/4 Area Committee

Met last Tuesday. Full Arran agenda and the ACE presentation was well received.

14/06/4 Correspondence

Youth Groups have been invited to the July meeting.

Chair had received the invite to the meeting on the 19th of June regarding QBR.

A message had been sent to the CEO of North Ayrshire Council requesting support from various departments to ensure appropriate communications with community groups. Response received and revised lists now being applied. As a result road notices are being updated regularly and local activities will now be on the Community Council website.

Notification of Book Festival in Ardrossan received and circulated.

William Calderwood attended the Elderly Forum meeting and also the Community Engagement meeting in Dreghorn. No actions from either.

14/06/5 Police Scotland Report

Last month the Arran Police had focused on Anti-Social Behaviour and Driving Responses.

Four drug offences were reported last weekend.

They are still working on parking and double yellow lines issues.

Double yellow lines now in operation at Market road.

At the ferry terminal, In regard to people who cannot get out of their car unaided, whilst it was stated that waiting is prohibited, dropping off on the yellow lines is permissible only as long as the vehicle is not left unattended.

John Lamont raised the issue of police cars driving too fast in villages.
Sgt Dodds explained that when on general duties they should be observing speed limits.
Brenda Stewart queried hot food van in Lamlash but it had been confirmed that this is operating with appropriate licence.
Cllr John Bruce explained that a licence is needed to provide this service.

14/06/6 Queen's Baton Relay

William Calderwood explained the arrangements that NAC are putting in place for the Queen's Baton Relay and the free boat tickets available to Arran Community Groups. ACVS will be circulating all groups on their listing on behalf of NAC to ensure full coverage. It was acknowledged that the NAC initiative was positive.

14/06/7 Ferry Committee Report

A report from the AGM was received from the Secretary and Vice Chair who had attended. A total of 4 members of the public were present at the AGM. As agreed at the ACC May meeting several questions had been prepared to try and address the concerns from residents' regards the structure of the committee and the service related problems including Ardrossan access. The current structure and representation was supported by the Ferry Committee and Kenneth Gibson MSP who also considered the arrangements to be a "model" which other islands were being encouraged to use. No significant change in attitude was reflected by the committee.

Jim Henderson then reported from the business meeting which followed the AGM.

- Transport Scotland had written to the Ferry Committee regards Demand Management procedures for after the introduction of RET. The FC has firmly rejected any suggestions to use pricing as a method.
- New Contract has been issued to complete the groundwork for the new link span which has been delayed due to the availability of a replacement vessel.
- Traffic flow etc at the new terminal is still being finalised.
- It is anticipated that CalMac will install a new ticketing system for RET and user involvement has been requested.

Following general discussion it was proposed that the CC write to Transport Scotland to ask for their views on user interface as defined in the recent Ferries Review and how we can move forward to engage in a more effective communications process which starts to address the concerns from the community. It was also agreed that the officers would request to meet with the chair of the FC before we submitted our letter to explain our position and attempt to reach an understanding.

This proposal was unanimously agreed.

14/06/8 Cllr John Bruce's Report

Cllr Bruce said that he would welcome feedback on the new planter in Brodick.

A report entitled Empowering Scotland's Islands Committees was highlighted and available on line.

14/06/9 Arran Community Energy

Bill Calderwood reported that he had received a phone call today re forestry letter of interest (7 or 8 sites around Arran). (To be confirmed by letter later this week).

The question was asked whether the Community Council would like to be considered as a Developer or a Community Interface and these were described in more detail. It has been requested that a response is submitted by the 25th June.

Hazel Gardiner queried how much grant was available. William Calderwood explained that for the feasibility study on an earlier project it was circa £10,000 but this needed to be confirmed with the CARES representative. The previous scheme had not been fully progressed and only a small portion of the grant had been spent. It may be considered that this proposal is a continuation which will impact the fees available.

It was agreed that some sites will be requested as Developer and some sites will be as the Community Group interface.

14/06/10 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on the 29th of July at the Ormidale Pavilion.