

Isle of Arran Community Council  
Minutes  
Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Those present: Ricky McMaster (Chair), Bill Calderwood (Vice Chair), Neil Arthur, Jim Henderson (Treasurer), Hazel Gardiner, L Evans, D Bowles, C McKenzie B Mochan and John Lamont.

Also present were Jim Nichols, G McLeod (NAC Local officer) and Hugh Boag (Arran Banner)

**1. Welcome / Apologies**

Apologies: P McMullen, M Woods

**2. Minutes from Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Proposed BM, seconded HG.

**3. Matters Arising:**

**Roads:** GMc and Campbell Dempster have prepared an updated plan for 2016 and propose to come over to obtain input from CC and other stakeholders. Agreed – 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am at Lamlash Offices. GMc to confirm arrangements with NAC.

**CC Restructure** to Council on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Noted changes for 4 years period of election has been chosen, but CC's could amend to stagger elections with 50% standing down after an initial two years

**Public Toilets** – Possibility of a meeting in next few weeks. GM advised that it may be possible to break the costs down. GM confirmed that all toilets on Arran will stay open for 12 months then shut. It was noted most NAC toilets (except Largs and Arran) will close on Thursday. BC advised costs were awaited prior to further discussions. All toilets on Arran are run by NAC.

**4. Police Report**

No report due to emergency call for officer.

General feedback from members resulted in action: WC to raise some points with Sgt Dodds:

- Graffiti in Brodick.
- Traffic queuing out on roadway at ferry terminal.  
GM advised that on 13<sup>th</sup> April the new temporary marshalling areas will open at the pier.
- Concerns regarding speeding were still being reported and it was asked if the covert speed monitoring which could be deployed in these areas as requested at the end of 2015 Action: GMc to confirm availability of system and schedule Shiskine, Pirnmill, Lochranza, Corrie.
- HG – It was noted that gravel spillage onto roads from gravel lorries was causing problems.  
GMc advised that road sweeper will be here next week after repairs.

**5. Correspondence**

Messages received via "Contactus"

- Message circulated from Lochranza caravan site owner re motorhomes and press coverage from our last meeting
- Message from neighbour regarding proposed campsite at Slidery. Chairman has handled the matter.

Other Correspondence:

- Insurance: Annual Insurance due £82. Increase due to increased insurance tax.
- Message circulated from Police Scotland warning of Dogs worrying livestock.
- CPP funding updated circulated.

- Lamlash resident copying us in note to NAC planning re: Distillery Effluent planning application
- Note from management group related to Deer management for Arran Action: Chairman to raise at next environmental group meeting.
- Message circulated informing of release of the consultation responses from the Islands Bill.
- Letter from Post Office received by chair concerning possible move at Lamlash to include at new Co-op. Action: WC to circulate.

## **6. Reports**

### **Ferry Committee**

No FC held this month – next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April. WC had attended Clyde Ferry User Group. NA felt the late unannounced arrival of MV Isle of Arran was not helpful to tourist industry. MV Isle of Arran was taken off service early due to Finlaggan breaking down. Actions for items to be discussed at next FC to be reflected to Ardrossan Harbour taskforce were confirmed. There was an expression that Chair of FC was not invited onto the Ardrossan task force.

### **Forestry**

Our members of the forestry work group had attended meeting M Murray and a representative of Troon Sawmills.

At that meeting they indicated that they would seek planning permission for the slip at Machrie but this has subsequently been put on hold the following day.

### **Connect Arran**

- 4G – Trial progressing with Scottish Futures Trust alternative Broadband arrangements. Meeting scheduled with 2 community groups (Lamlash and Kilmory) on 15<sup>th</sup> April.
- BT Rollout for broadband is financed by HIE and the installation of broadband in BT Openreach. Machrie was excluded in Phase 1 therefore White Space Technology was considered. Broadway Partners are prepared to consider setting up one or two masts in Machrie and Shiskine. Speeds up to 50mb may be possible.

### **Dog Fouling**

Work group had met several times and discussed topic with other groups including VisitArran. JL circulated possible potential signage to assist in prevention. It has been suggested that an approach made to Arran Trust for funding. This was agreed and application to be submitted for next Access Trust meeting in April.

2 bag dispensers may be available (1 for Rodden 1 to be agreed).

The chair thanked the working group, it was agreed to proceed with the Black Bins sign (50 initially).

HG mentioned she had spoken with Heather Allison, Community Nurse who is keen to work with schools on the issue.

### **Locality Planning**

Cllr Bruce and J Nichols gave an update on the proposed implementation of the Community Planning Partnership Locality Planning Arrangements.

J Nichols outlined the arrangements in place in respect of the Health and Social Care Locality Partnership Forum for Arran.

### **Coast**

Coast are considering making an offer to buy Lamlash tennis courts from bowling club. Two tennis courts to be retained and an Interpretation Centre to be placed on the other land. Bowling Club are open to dispose of tennis court.

Date of the next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 @ 6.00pm.