

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes
Meeting held 25th October 2016

Those present: Ricky McMaster (Chair), Bill Calderwood (Vice Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Colin McKenzie, Daniel Bowles, Barry Mochan, Hazel Gardiner, Gus McLeod and WPC Kerri Russell.

In attendance: Hugh Boag

1. Welcome / Apologies

- Apologies: John Lamont, Marilyn Woods, Liz Evans, Peter McMullen, Jim Nichols and Cllr Bruce.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes 27th September - proposed HG, seconded JH.

3. Matters Arising:

- Toilets
Still waiting for individual cost info to be provided.
- Community Council Elections
Following closure date of NAC process it indicates village elections will be needed to accommodate villages with more applicants than spaces. ACC to liaise with NAC and arrange.
- Montrose House
As agreed at our September meeting we continue to monitor the situation. EF have written to Health Minister with their concerns.
- Junior Triathlon
It is reported that this event will also include senior competitors. This was welcomed and the CC appreciated the work the organiser was doing to engage with the community and ensure all conditions are satisfied well in advance.
- Waste management
The recently distributed recycling pamphlet from NAC contained incorrect info for Arran. This was a mainland pamphlet and corrections will be published.

4. Police Report: PC Russell attended and confirmed no major incidents in the last few weeks.

- Residents should be aware of recent mail scams. No one should disclose any personal information.
- Questions were asked regards speeding and it was confirmed that this is an ongoing monitoring activity with all cars equipped with speed cameras which also have night time capability. All officers are trained in their use.
- Recognition for the attendance of officers at a recent village meeting in Corrie to discuss various topics which was much appreciated.

5. Correspondence:

- Messages received via "Contact-us" –
 - i. Message received regarding Holy Isles Planning. Passed to sub group.
 - ii. Back-up info related to SEPA fish-farm proposal...see agenda item 7.

6. Sub Group Reports:

Ferries:

There was no ferry committee meeting in October due to the holidays.

- I. Attention drawn to the press coverage of the proposal to move our service to Troon. This has many points to consider and we will monitor events as they move on. The Arran press statement was also circulated.
- II. We were also made aware of a further example where a resident had difficulty with transport home after hospital treatment. Travel to hospital on the first ferry has also been highlighted as a restriction. The chair of the FC has written to CalMac and it will be discussed when we next meet in November.
- III. Wrap up meeting for tender review panel is still not confirmed.

- IV. Winter timetable has now started with no 19:20 sailing on Saturday and early Sunday departure. Received concerns regards loss of ferry impacting sporting events and limiting visiting teams transport options. Also arrangement is impacting mainland based staff at Co-op returning home.
- V. Meeting with Islands Minister was positive. Covered concerns regards capacity and reliability of service. User consultation procedures and Vessel replacement review panels operation.
- VI. Pilot process for folks requiring access to lifts is working well and will continue through winter schedule.
- VII. Next mtg scheduled for 14th Nov.

Elderly forum:

- Daniel report back. AGM had been completed with some positions still to be filled. Main topic at business meeting being focussed on events a Montrose house. The proposal to write to relevant minister was accepted. CC re affirmed its position only to monitor as we have no powers to intervene.

Connect Arran:

- (i) 4G rollout progressing. Kilmory are more advanced than Lamlash with an operator provisionally taking up first connection. Second operator also looking possible and Broadway partners also interested in taking space on the mast. Lamlash have not yet had confirmation of an operator and the village association are considering their structure to handle the project.
- (ii) As the emergency services network is upgraded it looks like they will incorporate 4G capability. So far Whiting Bay, Brodick and recently Lamlash are being considered.
- (iii) BT fibre rollout still progressing with work still required.
- (iv) Neil confirmed Broadway system is being developed. He met with representatives to discuss progress and “lessons Learned” for admin and record keeping. Invoices are starting to be processed.

Arran Economic Group:

- Strategic review meeting had been held by steering group in advance of meeting with Islands minister. Confirmation of strategic direction and priorities.
- Review is being undertaken for participating groups to ensure focus, and appropriate coverage for representation.

Participatory Budgeting event:

- Several members had attended the event. Not all applications were successful but many groups received funding up to the maximum limit of £850.

7. Lamlash fish farm

- The SEPA decision note had been circulated earlier and we are aware that several other groups on Arran are preparing to submit letters. COAST are the most relevant reference and they are aware we had objected to the initial proposal and were considering a further letter. It was agreed the secretary would prepare a further objection letter and ensure it was submitted before the deadline.

8. Cllr Bruce's Report

- Cllr Bruce apologised for his absence and advised that the council were still in recess.
- Our MSP had submitted a motion in parliament to support the retention of Ardrossan as our ferry connection.
- Cllr Bruce also informed the meeting that an approach had been made to NAC roads for a pedestrian crossing in Brodick and was happy to receive ideas for the best location. Due to the requirement for road safety and to ensure no restriction for road traffic the more obvious locations were unsuitable. Roads had also indicated that the safety record indicated that there was no justification for the cost.

9. A.O.C.B.

- An update was requested on the proposed new recycling arrangements at Brodick waste Centre. Gus advised that the NAC manager responsible was due to visit. At this time it would not be appropriate for the CC to be represented at the planned meeting.
- As this was the last business meeting of the current membership the chair thanked everyone for their work and particularly highlighted members who would not be returning in the new term.
- A vote of thanks to Hazel and Daniel was proposed and seconded.

Next Meeting: 29th November at 6:00 pm

Note: This meeting will be held in two sessions.

- **Session 1. AGM and confirmation of new membership.**
- **Session 2. Business meeting**