

**Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes
Meeting Held 31st January 2017**

Those Present:- Bill Calderwood (Chair), Ricky McMaster (Vice Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Marilyn Woods, Liz Evans, Peter McMullen, Chris Atkins, Peter Randell, Julie Graham, John Lamont, Barry Mochan, Cllr Bruce and Brodie Pearcey
In attendance: Hugh Boag

Welcome /Apologies

Bill gave a warm welcome and thanked those who attended re-election meeting 10.1.17

Apologies:- Jim Nichols, Gus Macleod (represented by Brodie Pearcey)

Resumption of AGM Election Process:

Officers for Community Council Positions and Sub-group representatives were elected.

Position	Representative/s	Proposed	Seconded
Vice Chair	Ricky McMaster	JM	PM
Locality Forum Rep	Ricky McMaster	Unanimous to continue	
Secretary Correspondence	Chris Atkins	RM	JG
Secretary Governance	Jim Henderson	RM	NA

Minutes Secretary Jim Nicoll + (CA. MW or PR in absence of Jim)

Treasurer Jim Henderson RM NA

Representatives

Arran Economic Group	Bill Calderwood	Unanimous to continue		
Ferry Committee	Bill Calderwood, Jim Henderson	BM	JL	
NAC Planning	Peter McMullen	NA	BM	
A & A Health Forum	Liz Evans	Unanimous to continue		
Elderly Forum	Peter Randell		JG	RM
Forestry Environment	Ricky McMaster	CA	NA	
Meetings related to Timber Strategy for Arran will include village reps. (David Price records minutes)		RM, BC, NA, LE, JH, PR, JL		

Interface representatives

Arran Resilience	Barry Mochan	LE	NA	
Connect Arran (Bill to step back after 4 G Complete)	Bill Calderwood Neil Arthur	RM		JL

Community Connection Work Groups

Website	Bill Calderwood	Unanimous to continue		
Digital Comms facebook	Peter McMullen, Chris Atkins	Unanimous		
Non Digital Comms	Marilyn Wood, Peter Randell	Unanimous		
Youth Engagement Work Group	Chris Atkins, Peter Randell John Lamont	Unanimous		

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes 29th November 2016 – Proposed Jim Henderson. Seconded Ricky McMaster

Matters Arising from last minutes not covered in later agenda items

1. **Holy Isle Planning application review:-** Report of ACC/NAC meeting copied to Arran Civic Trust as agreed. QC has acknowledged remuneration for his services. Item closed – no further action.

The meeting held with NAC on this application had highlighted a couple of points which we need to follow up on:

- A) The commitment from Jim Miller to review the process for handling call-ins particularly for Arran where future changes may make it difficult to get three councillors who have knowledge of Arran applications. Initially if we don't have any resident elected members or if elected members do not hold regular surgeries. Boundaries commission may allow Arran as a stand-alone ward and we should be prepared for this.
- B)) There was also an offer to provide further planning training awareness training for our members. Bill and Peter to pursue

2. **Public Toilets**:- Closing all toilets 31st March 2017 if not adopted by villages. All villages interested in considering adopting their local facilities attended a meeting co-ordinated by ACC at outdoor centre with NAC Head of Physical Environment and senior facilities manager. (Yvonne Baulk) Follow up meeting then arranged on 23rd/24th Feb to carry out reviews with village groups to discuss what was required and what opportunities could be explored to assist transfers. Lamash – no further interest. Corrie/Sannox, Kilmory and Whiting Bay most likely to be adopted. Lochranza, Chris Traill contacting Corrie/ Sannox improvements group to understand how they provided their facilities at the hall and then consider an approach to CMAL to seek support to erect a similar facility connected into Cal Mac waiting room. Robert Waine Blackwaterfoot/Shiskine is contact and is waiting for responses from NAC before final decision.

3. **Montrose House**:- Further inspection by an independent Body. Claim that available resident rooms are still being used by mainland carers. Elderly Forum and Rev. Angus Adamson involved. No further action.

4. **Roads**:- Planned upgrades on String delayed due to inclement weather. Work on A841 ongoing with Temporary road closures scheduled this week for resurfacing. Works almost completed. No Further Action

Police Report:- No representative available from Police. Sgt has contacted ACC to explain that duty demands on the evening prohibited attendance at previous meetings. New contact details provided.

Correspondence for Dec/Jan:-

Messages received via "Contact-us"-

1. Message from resident with copy of letter to press regards Toilets.
2. Note asking for info on train passenger numbers. Nil available at this time
3. Mail asked for info on moving to Arran. Housing, Jobs, Travel and Concession fares for residents! Responded and acknowledgement received with thanks
4. Resident following up on several points including ferry investment and community benefit from wind farms. Responded with current status and confirming communications ongoing with Scottish Power regards the current expansion plans for Argyll wind farm. This is still being discussed and we are following up to understand if any community benefit can be awarded to Arran. Currently Argyll and Bute Council receive the funds as the planning authority.
5. Copy of response from Civic Trust to Douglas Hotel. Info available on line.
6. Message from Chair of ACT stating some objections and also concern at the "march of indiscriminate tourism". JL reported that 34 hotels have shut down in the last 10-12 years, 10 of which are in Brodick. BC also mentioned recent projections that unless we do something the estimate is that our population will decline.

7. Further message from ACT member with copy of her personal objection to the Douglas Hotel Application. Cllr Bruce advised that he had approached planning committee members to support a call in without success.

Other Correspondence:-

1. Confirmation of the proposed expansion for the Lamlash Fish-Farm has been called in by Scot. Government.
2. Year-end note from Police Chief
3. Digital inclusion flyer from Care and repair Scotland.
4. Appeal for vacancy at Corriecravie fire station
5. Note regards Scot Govt. consultation of future planning system.
6. Note regarding Fund raising event in support of "Hear to Help" services.

Ferries:-

1. Minutes from November meeting approved and now published.
2. Meeting was attended by Transport Scotland head of ferries, CalMac Regional manager and CalMac communities engagement director.
3. Prepared list of points covering main areas of interest including capacity issues, performance reporting, future vessels replenishment and communications procedures were all discussed. Record of all actions to be prepared.
4. Multi journey tickets once again topical and figures showed that in December there was approx. 2 – 3 cars per 08.20 sailing did not show due to bookings which claimed to have already purchased tickets. No final decision taken until we understand what the procedures will be to handle changes, cancelled sailings etc. and how refunds will be processed.
5. Next meeting 13th Feb with possible attendance from CMAL to discuss new vessel design postponed. Transport Scotland will be presenting an RET Survey presentation.
6. Concern raised regarding ongoing difficulty to book travel early morning. Bill collecting data and requires evidence and asked for anyone who witnesses sailing which were unable to be booked with capacity to send a photo to him.
7. Discussion on the Ardrossan or Troon debate. The Ferry Committee unanimously supported the retention of Ardrossan conditional on the appropriate improvements to the infrastructure. Following a vote It was unanimously agreed to send a supporting letter from the ACC to confirm our position that Ardrossan was the quicker, cheapest and most connected port and that Troon had no evidence to demonstrated better reliability and connectivity was considered poorer for ongoing travel unless by car. Cllr Bruce provided a report from the recent NAC council meeting "Ardrossan NAC Report – Ferries shorter, faster, cheaper. Published Dec 2016 Technical Submission"

Forestry/Environment:-

1. Meeting held 24th Jan. Minutes from last meeting in April 2016 approved and published on CC website.
2. Draft minutes awaiting agreement from FCS.
3. Still looking at sites in west and south. South-end is potentially compromised by MPA and environmental issues.
4. Machrie being considered and consultants being engaged to prepare planning application.
5. Brodick being reviewed to optimise shipment volumes.

There have been no environment meetings.

Next meeting March at which new members will attend from W'bay and Lochranza.

Elderly Forum:-

1. Bill attended. MyBus service was discussed and brochure now available. More info available at www.mybus@spt.co.uk
2. NAC rep mentioned AtoB meetings as well attended in Ardrossan.

3. Update on Montrose House provided. Rev. Adamson had met with Complaints Commission who will investigate. To date 1 person has been reinstated at lower rate of pay. 1 person still awaiting appeal and 3 people have been dismissed.

Arran Economic Group:-

1. Meeting held 16th January.
2. Updates on Housing study confirming need to 200+ to address projected demand for current applicants and future business staffing.
3. Initial feedback from survey related to Market road and existing ferry terminal.
4. Feedback on connectivity submitted.

Connect Arran:-

1. Meeting held on 11th January
2. Arran Broadband Services are being rolled out. They are now looking to install services in Kilmory area.
3. Still examples of BT connectivity not being delivered.
4. 4G progressing for Kilmory site with business plan submitted to Govt for funding confirmation. Planning application etc ready to roll. Mast will be shared by Arran Broadband.
5. Lamdash discussions ongoing.
6. Next meeting Feb 22nd.
7. Highlighted note circulated to advise of Technology bus at High School 1st Feb at 4pm.

Locality Planning Budget Event:-

1. No meeting to report.
2. re budget discussion included in last update.

NAC Councillors report – Cllr J Bruce

1. Cllr Bruce had received a 24 hour deadline to comment on planning application presented Civic Trust Scale of Development plans to whole committee of 10 members. There had been no call in and to go ahead. Cllr Bruce was only Arran member.
2. Local development plan (**LDP2**). Cllr supported AEG submission focussing on Housing etc features Arran Prominently. Arran Development Trust has been set up. Affordable Housing demand is 200 homes. Main issues reported under strategic planning Available to read on line. Key points - CC will be asked for input when prepared. Documentation in public libraries and all agencies available from 30th Jan - 10th March.

A.O.C.B.

1. **Roads:-** Brodie Pearcey confirmed that white lining was to be resumed 2nd Feb, weather permitting. Damaged sign posts on agenda for repair.
2. Digital Communications: facebook etc Peter McMullen and Chris Atkins to prepare paper for next meeting.
3. Non Digital Communications: Marilyn Wood and Peter Randell to prepare paper for next meeting.

Proposed date of next meeting - 28th February 2017

Bill proposed a vote of thanks for outgoing chairman for all his hard work during his term.