

Isle of Arran Community Council  
Minutes  
Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Those present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Liz Evans, Barry Mochan, Colin Mackenzie, Julie Graham, Peter Randell, Cllr Ellen McMaster, Srgt Gow, John Lamont

**1. Welcome / Apologies**

Apologies: Marilyn Woods, Ricky McMaster, Cllr Billings

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 29.08.2017 - proposed LE, seconded CMcK

It was agreed the minutes be altered to reflect the need to have a CC Rep present at the Locality Meeting.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Item 1

Play Areas – Agreement for original list to be re-installed. Lamlash will negotiate the Community Asset Transfer for the 3 sites in the village plus Cordon. Corrie to follow up for their equipment. Fencing from the sites at Machrie and Thunderguy could be available to Corrie if required. Still awaiting a date for the replacement of the equipment removed from Blackwaterfoot. NA expressed concern if equipment not replaced until April 2018.

Item 2

Local group have indicated that they will discuss a CAT for the toilets at Lamlash. Still no date for delivery of new facilities at Sannox. No update from Blackwaterfoot.

Item 3

Some changes noted to Waste disposal facilities in Market Road to allow green waste to be deposited in the same styled containers as the rubble which saves the need to climb the gantry. NA requested signage to indicate where the office is if assistance is required. GMcL to check.

**4. Police Report**

Sgt Douglas Roberts has been appointed to start 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

The summer police have now left the island.

Sgt Gow noted the additional checks the police have been making for speeding. These checks have included early morning (5am) checks.

GMcL reported that the speed indicators will be repaired by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

GMcL noted that the initial funding for the speed sign at Lamlash had been from the Scottish Government.

**5. Correspondence**

Message received via the online "Contact Us"

- Message from resident wishing to comment on verge cutting etc. responded and asked for CC to be copied and have received no further communication.

Other correspondence: Various messages circulated covering:

- Ultra Trail event on 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Burning the circle.
- New Glen Sannox presentation.

- Scottish Government's Making Places Initiative.
  - Consultation launched on Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones.
  - Marine Licence application for Lochranza Distillery effluent disposal.
  - Ayrshire Police Performance Summary Report.
  - Digital solutions to reducing poverty and tackling inequality Thursday, 5th of Oct. 2017.
  - Arran Community Landownership briefing session. Colin MacKenzie reported on the meeting he had attended. With effect from November 2017, there will be a community right to buy land or derelict buildings. CM noted that it had been reported that Arran Economic Group were investigating 5 sites.
- Barry noted the differences in allocation rules and the advantages that Community Ownership can have compared with Local Authority/Housing Association ownership in determining allocation rules.
- Several notes on road work updates.
  - Messages related to Fish Farm development. FYI....Public meeting to be scheduled by COAST for the 5th October at 6pm in Brodick Hall. Details to be confirmed. It is believed that the Scottish Salmon Company intending to hold a Public Meeting. It is expected COAST will be holding meetings around Arran.

## **6. Report of Sub Committees**

### **Ferries**

- a. At the recent meeting a presentation from CMAL covered the internal designs for the new Glen Sannox. Internal layout is still a work in progress in some areas but is looking good.
- b. Action items updated including:
  - i. New process to be trialled starting 25<sup>th</sup> Sept for three months for clinical emergencies.
  - ii. Official opening of new terminal scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.
  - iii. Questions were asked regarding the rescheduling of the IoA late sailing from 10.00pm which again was perceived to have been taken without risk from weather. Operator advised that weather conditions were anticipated to be more severe than forecast and due to potential conflict with CI berthing the decision was to sail early rather than risk cancellation.
  - iv. Also questioned the reasons why IoA had to berth in Campbelltown which was due to the work on PAS etc restricting access to the berth.
  - v. Minutes from July and Aug are available in ACC website and at Library.
  - vi. Discussions still ongoing regards 2018 summer timetable

### **Elderly Forum**

Feedback from Peter Randell. This was the first meeting held since June as there are no meetings over the summer period.

The main meeting was preceded by the AGM when all officer posts were subsequently filled with the proviso that they were allowed to co-opt extra committee members during the year should the need arise.

With a mail contact list of around 50, concern was expressed that we were back to the average attendance of around 15. A short discussion took place as to how attendance may be improved. A suggestion of a report being made to The Banner following each meeting with members taking turns found little support.

In her report the chair spoke of activities during the year:

- a) The winter lunch
- b) The tour of the island
- c) Visit to the mainland had been well supported.

It was pointed that the forum had been set up not as a social forum but as a means to communicate information and take up issues if required

The closure of the toilets and removal of some of the swings had provoked some discussion and concern over the passenger access to ferries when the new terminal came into service was expressed.

John Macdonald (NAC) gave a brief update on the toilet and swings situation.

He went onto to say a check of Community Councils found that where individual councils allowed time for the public to ask questions public attendance had improved.

Peter had pointed out that on Arran the public were encouraged to attend and could with the chair's permission ask questions. Public attendance however at CC meetings had been virtually non-existent.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm

Next meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **Arran Economic Group**

Empty homes on Arran are being researched. The meeting covered items such as recent housing review, potential development of current ferry terminal and updates on connectivity. Use of former Pier Office is also under consideration. NA noted that no minutes have been produced for the public information. WC confirmed that this has been highlighted and discussed at the AEG. CM noted that a significant sum has already been allocated to remove the old pier facility.

### **PPG**

JG reported that future meetings would be held every 2 months. Concern had been expressed re the future of some of the surgeries. There is currently a vacancy for a PPG rep in Brodick.

JG will establish how vacancies are filled. CM expressed an interest.

### **7. NAC Councillors Report and Local officer info.**

GM stated work will start on Boguille mid-January to mid-February, and also near the Distillery. This will involve road closure.

Lamlash Cemetery – Work is expected to be completed over next 2 weeks

LE was concerned at the way the road is narrowing at the new entrance to the Machrie Forrest site.

GM was aware of this and is discussing with the contractor.

### **8. AOCB**

Nil

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Meeting Close – 7.55pm