

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes – Business Meeting
Tuesday 31st October 2017

Those present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Liz Evans, Peter Randell, Cllr Ellen McMaster, Ricky McMaster

Also present: Jim Nichols (minute secretary), Hugh Boag (Arran Banner), and Alistair Hendry (member of public), Cllr Billings attended on arrival off the late ferry.

1. Welcome / Apologies

Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting.

Apologies: Marilyn Woods, Julie Graham, Colin MacKenzie, John Lamont, Cllr Billings, Barry Mochan, Gus McLeod

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting 26th September 2017

Proposed by Peter Randall, seconded by Jim Henderson

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Toilets – Lamlash transfer is progressing. No date was available for delivery of replacement facilities at Sannox.

Not aware of any major issues.

3.2 Swing park - Play areas. Possible Community Asset Transfer – Lamlash have confirmed to NAC they will progress with Community Asset Transfer.

Pirnmill – it is believed Whitefarland playpark will remain with NAC.

Thunderguy playpark site – has not been discussed at the Village Committee. Cllr McMaster said that NAC believe the community will explore the possibility of an asset transfer. It is not possible to move the equipment from Thunderguy to Whitefarland due to the condition of the fixtures.

Agreed – Chair will write to Thomas Rainey to establish the situation re Whitefarland being retained. LE said that clarification is needed regarding future maintenance of Whitefarland. This had been discussed at their recent village meeting.

3.3 Roads – No confirmed information regarding the roadworks proposed January February, anticipate partial closures as applied on other works on Slidery and the String covering 5 -10 days with complete closure on the Bogullie (over daylight hours only) lasting up to 30 days.

4. Police Report

There was no police report. WC advised the new sergeant started yesterday.

5. Correspondence

- Fish Farm – JH advised that a number of meetings had been held around the island. These have been well attended.
 - Alistair Hendry spoke of the need to get better access to make paths useful for disabled access. He spoke of work needed in Lamlash and Brodick. There are issues relating to landowners access rights are still causing progression. Alistair outlined thoughts of work that should be done in Whiting Bay to make access better in 3 points. There is the potential to make paths to provide access on Forestry Roads to Glenashdale Falls.
- AH spoke of work needed at Kildonan and Blackwaterfoot. NA advised that such a path would need extensive concrete work.

Agreed – C Cllrs will contact their respective village committees.

R McM requested AH to provide more detail on what is wanted at each location.

6. Reports from Sub Groups

6.1 Ferries

No meeting in October.

Official opening date of terminal provisionally scheduled for 27th Nov.

Berthing trial of new PAS seemed to go smoothly.

Audit Scotland report pulished.

Next FC meeting 13.11.2017.

PR requested that detail of contingency plans are for the lifts if they breakdown. Would island people be trained to repair the new equipment?

6.2 Elderly Forum

PR written report was noted.

A better than average turn out to this month's meeting.

It was evident from comments made that there was some confusion over the use of "My Bus" – An SPT pamphlet was mentioned and ACVS said the internet had the details and they could make leaflets available on request.

"Arran Acorns" meetings between the younger generation and the elderly had been successful and meetings were being organised with support of students from the high school providing help with the use of technical appliances such as lap tops and mobile phones and other activities

Some training had taken place with the newly formed "Befriending" service however some of the referral system criteria was being looked at again

The lunch club, held fortnightly at the Glen estate was short of volunteers especially cooks. The recent "What matters to You" exercise had resulted in a very good response from the public. Results were being collated (especially the Arran ones) and hoped to be available shortly.

Chair said that although main meetings would continue to meet in the Ormidale pavilion committee meetings were being held in the library which was available free of charge to them.

She went onto to say a request for a test of the new "walk on" to the ferry had so far had not been possible due to the terminal still awaiting handover to CalMac staff.

Members were asked to give thoughts to outings during 2018 and let the committee have any suggestions. There was a request made to avoid the main holiday period.

Discussion took place about problems of some members being unable to hear what was being said and asked about a "Hearing loop system"

It was explained that this had been investigated in the past and found to be too expensive. ACVS have identified a small system which is expected will help organisations and will make it available when received.

Chair said that the next meeting was to be held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 when a member of the "Disability Access Panel" would be attending to give a presentation.

6.3 Locality Partnership

PR reported on the meeting – held recently.

WC advised that youth funding of up to £1,000 might be available.

Cllr McM reported that it was agreed at the recent Arran Locality Partnership that a series of drop in sessions will be held around the island to explain the Community Investment Fund of £104k for Arran. Discussion will include how funding might be obtained for the island priorities of Housing, Transport and Social Isolation.

7.0 Councillors report

ClIr McM had attended Arran Outdoor Centre for a visit and had been very impressed. ClIr McM reported her attendance at the Ferry drop-in that had been held recently.

8. AOB

Nil

9. Date of Next Meeting

28th November 2017 at 6pm, no meeting in December.