

ISLE OF ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018 FROM 1800 hrs

Present:- Bill Calderwood, Jim Henderson, Peter Randell, Barry Mochan, Peter McMullen, Marilyn Woods, Neil Arthur, Liz Evans, Julie Graham, Ricky McMaster and John Lamont.

Also present – Gus McLeod NAC, Sgt Douglas Robertson Police, Hugh Boag Arran Banner, and 1 member of the public A. Hendry.

Apologies for absence-Colin Mackenzie, Jim Nichols, Cllr T. Billings and Cllr E. McMaster.

1. Welcome & Apologies noted as above.
2. Minute of previous meeting.
28th November 2017 proposed LE, seconded by P. McM.
3. Matters arising from the minute
Toilets. Cabin for Sannox is prefabricated and internally fitted out, awaiting delivery and installation.
Blackwaterfoot - MW advising the meeting that a committee has been set up and bank account has been established with application being prepared for temporary licence.
 - Play areas no further update
 - Improved access for limited disabled persons. Limited feedback due to holidays, weather and vacations. A number of the committee updated the secretary but the only positive response was from Blackwaterfoot who have confirmed that the proposed beach access will not be supported due to concerns re cost and future environmental impact. A. Hendry raised the Kildonan issue and R. McM confirmed that he was negotiating with the Forestry commission. He was advised to contact the Kildonan improvements direct and the chair requested that the business is raised again at the February meeting for all unanswered locations.
 - Mobile Electronic Notice Board. This has been out of commission since August, NAC still trying to access the necessary parts to complete the repair. Discussion also covered possible alternatives however storage, access to power and transport needs to be recognised, initial focus is to confirm if unit is repairable and at what cost.
4. Police report Sgt D. Robertson
 - Began with a personal apology for missing the November meeting due to his recent arrival on the Island.
 - Stated that there were no major crime issues. Explained the staff situation for the coming high season and process had started to engage summer assignments.
 - Confirmed that the best contact was the 101 number if non urgent.
 - The main topic raised by the committee members was street parking and problems in the pier area. Sgt was aware of ferry traffic queuing affecting flow of traffic towards Lamlash etc. which will be monitored.
 - A meeting is scheduled with Colin McCort to raise the parking issues and arrangements once the new terminal opens.
 - Committee also explained the need for customers delivering items to ARCAS.
5. Correspondence.
 - Withdrawal of Citizen advice services - Despite the CC approach to the Island councillors the decision has been enforced and the future funding process is changed. MW expressed her view that the services being put out to tender was not good for the Island as there was a proven need for this service. The closure of the service especially at this time of year has exasperated the decision.
 - Roads- Many complaints from the public about the condition of the roads and number of potholes. There has been a budget restriction on staffing levels. Weather has caused an

impact with winter maintenance and gritting. Use of cold materials etc. G McL explained that they were limited in use of hot tar for a fix due to the hot box which required a repair and the cost of the repair may make it unviable. Apart from the staff issues there was a full range of problems which directly or indirectly affect the condition being experienced on the roads at present. However, the NAC has a statutory obligation to keep the roads safe for use.

- The chair expressed the need for the island councillors to robustly review the annual budget. Along with capital expenditure. The ACC to compile a letter to the island councillors to strengthen their case for a budget increase. Action : Chair.
- Marine licence for construction of sea outfall distributed
- Ultra Marathon will be taking place at Brodick on the 16th June, this is an off road event, which has attracted many entries from all parts of the world.
- Missing person- Sgt advised the meeting that the woman was found safe and well.
- Fire & Rescue services. This was flagged up last October to form a register of voluntary assistance by members of the public with appropriate skills or equipment like boats in the event of flooding or 4X4 to assist in snow conditions in the case of an emergency.

6. Treasurers report

- No recent financial activity.

7. Sub-committee reports.

- Elderly forum – Demonstration of the loop system to assist those with hearing loss. ACVS advised that the system was available for any group registered with them. Operation matters would be raised at the next PPG meeting. AOCB a discussion for the agenda of the next E.F. meeting on the 21st February was the implications of Volunteer drivers and attending would be Heather Baillie of age Scotland.
- Ferry Committee Report – Graham Laidlaw (Transport Scotland) updated on VRDP, timetabling, two boat timetables and the need to engage with other service providers for ongoing travel links. Provision for new ticketing system.
- Ramsay Muirhead (CMAL) on the delays - Brodick terminal opening delay, upgrading of Lochranza waiting area and lighting upgrade at Claonaig.
- Ross Moran on the annual service schedule for all of the fleet vessels. Port Manager Colin McCort on the success of the ‘Medical emergency travel’ trials. PR asked about the local maintenance schedule and warranty period of the equipment. To minimise delays of interruption to the service, local contractors would be trained whenever possible and reasonable stock of supplies established. Work at Lochranza waiting area may be delayed due to the road works on the Bouglie. Extension to the lighting system at Claonaig is being undertaken. JG highlighted complaints from residents about the navigation lights on Kintyre impacting the dark sky and asked if the new lighting would be limited to ferry operating hours. NA voiced that these systems are normally linked to timers.

8. Locality Planning Partnership meeting report.

- NA attended as R.McM was unavailable.
- Actions addressed were Affordable housing, Social isolation and Transport.
- Updates from Ruth Betley regards the Health forum were positively received.
- Changing demographics and budget, which will have some effect of care in the future.
- The community investment fund available is 104K for Arran which is ring fenced

9. Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee. Stage 1 of the Islands Bill publication is available online.

10. Cal MacBrayne Community Board report.

- Second meeting of the board was held last week in Oban the Arran representatives being B. Calderwood and S. Gilmore.

- Matters to be highlighted include- major infrastructure projects, local business or economic matters, social and healthcare issues, or anything else which would impact on the ferry service.

11. CMPP meeting – summary report. Source COAST.

- The group meeting was held at the Lauriston Hotel in Ardrossan on Saturday 27th January. Pollution and Industrial process-at present the situation is ineffective and the CMPP needs to be democratic.
- Consultation activities worldwide-spatial planning that is based on a 3 mile limit.
- Encouragement of generational change in fishing families practice. At present 90% of the Clyde catch goes to Europe.
- CMPP is understaffed
- Protected areas – Everyone is a stakeholder. Should the Clyde be closed and policed by the Navy
- MPA's areas outside the MPA's are suffering increased pressure
- Monitoring of all small craft and their catch.
- Encouragement of enclosed cage fish farms only.

12. Arran Sustainable Island.

- Various Island environmental groups attended the meeting when the following was discussed and develop for the future. Youth opportunities, local food produce, recycling, renewables, Forestry, Marine protection, control of plastic waste, change of use in some products and a few other topics, which were captured.

13. Any other business appropriate to the meeting.

- NA raised a subject concerning the loss of 2 fishermen in Loch Fyne and their connection with Tarbert. Would it be appropriate allowing for the island connection with Tarbert to send a letter of condolence, which was unanimously approved? Action: Secretary.

14. Next ACC meeting.

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th February at 1800 hrs in the Ormidale pavilion. The March meeting was also discussed as the Ormidale pavilion is not available. Committee agreed to take up the offer of the Secretary to use the Lamlash Golf Club.

Minute secretary
 Jim Henderson
 27th February 2018.