

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes
Meeting held 27th February 2018

Those present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Liz Evans, Julie Graham, Peter Randell, Cllr Ellen McMaster, Marilyn Woods, Cllr T Billings, Barry Mochan, John Lamont

Also present: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Gus MacLeod NAC, Hugh Boag Arran Banner, Jim Nichols Minute Secretary

1. Welcome / Apologies

Apologies: Colin Mackenzie

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 30.01.2018 - proposed PR, seconded BM

3. Matters Arising:

Toilets

Respective NAC contacts will be in touch with local group contacts. Information still awaited on the proposed toilets at Sannox.

Roads

Two major concerns still existed.

1. Damage and condition of the roads and
2. Notification of the works to the community.

Cllr Billings had provided a detailed response following meeting with Mr. Hatton NAC. WC & JL had seen a demonstration of a new asphalt recycling machine to provide reclaimed material from repairs. JL felt this was a step forward as this may provide 20sqm per day of heated material. GMaL said machine would be commissioned this week, initially in Brodick then Kilmory. There is the potential for an improved quality of repair. The Community Council asked the Councillors if mainland resources might be diverted to Arran to assist. GMaL has identified additional resources from this year's budget this will be used to deal with (Lamlash Hill) and Whiting Bay. PR queried why a Road Closed sign had been in place at Whiting Bay for 9 days. GMaL explained this was in connection with BT closures for poles at the south end of Arran. GMaL updated information re: the Electronic Sign. A difficulty is that the sign is an old model and spares are difficult.

4. Police Report

Sgt Robertson gave apologies from Inspector Comie, who was unable to attend. Sgt Robertson has still to meet with Colin McCourt to discuss parking at the pier. There has been a significant number of applications for the Police summer posts from May to October. Liz Evans expressed concern at the speed of vehicles coming through Pirnmill. Sgt Robertson agreed to give this attention.

5. Correspondence

WC reported:

- NAC had held CC Focus training centre meeting on 22.2 in Dalry. Apologies for absence had been sent, advising that evening meetings are impractical for members of ACC.

- Multiple notes had been circulated re road closures and re arranged works.
- ACVS note re “Arran Forum” had been circulated.
- An update on funding sources circulated.
- Patricia Gibson MP had written to advise that she was chasing mobile providers to expedite services for Arran following a note sent to try and get services for Kilmory and other locations.
- Note circulated re: GDPR WORKSHOP - 23RD MARCH 2018. This will be important for community groups and businesses etc. to make them aware of changes to data protection regulations. Places are available through ACVS

6. Reports from Sub Committees

a) Ferries:

WC reported he had attended the February meeting:

Karen Yeoman NAC provided updates following the Ministerial Ardrossan Task force meeting earlier in the month.

- Work continues to establish the best berthing option for reliability and the long term. Until the simulation options have been concluded it has not been possible to establish the best proposal to take forward.
- All evaluations should be complete by end March to allow a full report to be submitted for review in early April.
- Until the berthing layout is agreed other passenger details cannot be concluded.
- PAS system at Brodick terminal is still being revised to allow certification by the end of March.
- The building has been handed over to local CalMac and staff training is ongoing along with fitting out for systems etc.
- The proposed “print at Home” ticketing facility may come in before summer. This will unfortunately not handle concession tickets, which are being included in the new system being commissioned.
- TS are conducting a Transport review covering connectivity of road, rail and ferry services.
- Catriona had returned to Lochranza service.
- The upgrade to the Lochranza waiting room is hoped to be completed by end April /early May.

b) Elderly Forum

PR spoke to a written report he had circulated regarding the meeting held Wednesday 21 February 2018.

The guest speaker was guest speaker Heather Baillie, Age Scotland’s National Development Officer. Heather gave an extremely informative talk about Age Scotland and the services provided. Advice was available on a variety of topics such as Care/Housing/Benefits/Insurance/Power of Attorney. The meeting had also discussed the condition of the roads and lack of communication from NAC on road closure.

ACVS tech sessions were going well and that the lunch club had four new volunteers.

Befriending was also going well, one new volunteer is accompanied by a dog. They also reminded members they could self-refer.

Under AOB a member had raised concern over shortage of day care vacancies.

c) Locality Planning Partnership

3 meetings to discuss Local Priorities had been held to date.

RM had advised he had attended the Whiting Bay meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss with the public the three main objectives namely affordable housing, transport, and isolation. Only a few locals had turned up, but meaningful discussions covering isolationism and transport had taken place. Cllr McMaster advised there had not been time to discuss affordable housing.

JG and LE had attended the Lochranza meeting, which had a good turnout.

Lamlash session had limited attendance.

The Brodick session was planned for Saturday 3rd March.

Cllr McMaster advised that the process and format to distribute money from the Community Investment Fund was still to be agreed.

7. NAC Councillors reports

Cllrs McMaster and Billings gave a resume of the meetings and events that they had attended in the previous month.

It was reported that there is an ongoing consultation relating to Flood Defences.

GMacL advised that a review is ongoing relating to drainage at Shiskine cemetery. NA requested that NAC consider the sale of lairs.

It was noted that NAC will be coming over towards end of March to discuss roads. Bill Calderwood will send a note out regarding this when date is confirmed.

Cemeteries

A review of damage at Shiskine Cemetery is underway.

NA requested the Cllrs to explore whether lairs could be sold.

8. AOCB

MW – Shoreline Management Plan. Marilyn supported the CC have a look at the plans.

Consultation is open until 20th April and feels a Community Council response should be part of the process. WC felt the village committees should also be involved in the process. It was agreed to put on the Agenda for the March meeting.

GMacL – There are two or three inspectors re: coastlines – but no one has been appointed to Arran.

JL – Leaflets re: dog fouling.

JL queried if we should re distribute the leaflets as last year. WC suggested Community Council members contact Village Committee members. GMacL will obtain a bag dispenser for Brodick (Fishersmans Walk).

9. Date of Next Meeting

27th March 2018 at Lamlash Golf Club