

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

Those present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Julie Graham, Peter Randell, Marilyn Woods, B Mochan,

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

1. Welcome / Apologies

Welcome and thanked Lamlash Golf Club for hosting the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr T Billings, Cllr Ellen McMaster, Liz Evans, J Lamont, R McMaster, C Mackenzie

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 27.02.2018

Amendment re: dog fowling. Proposed BM, seconded PMcM.

3. Matters Arising:

Toilets

NAC have been in touch with the Village Associations that are adopting toilets and will deal directly. NA expressed concerns re: lack of information at Blackwaterfoot. His understanding was that NAC were to carry out remedial works before the handover. WC said his understanding was that some work had been done by other Associations, agreed by themselves and NAC. Blackwaterfoot is the only one that has not reopened yet. And contact is now between Village Committee and NAC.

Sannox has been delivered and is now on site but not commissioned.

Electronic Noticeboard

Progress is slow, but contact has been made with the company that supplied.

Swingpark (Blackwaterfoot)

NAC have confirmed that the equipment will be delivered and installed before end of April.

4. Police Report

No significant crime. Police had monitored traffic at Pirnmill but nothing of concern was noted. Contact will be made with NAC re: 20mph sign timing.

Sgt Robertson explained that if both lights are not in sync, Police cannot enforce the restriction. Close attention is being given to the traffic following the opening of the new ferry terminal.

5. Correspondence

WC reported:

- 1) 3 Events including Goatfell Race on 20th April. Sgt Robertson explained that these events do not require police attendance but organisers are responsible for H&S of the event. PR noted that the 3 events under discussion but CC has not been included. He is concerned re: the roadworks may get in the way. The proposed update of the Arran Man event is when some Whiting Bay roads are shut. WC advised that, to date, no licence application has been made. Sgt. Robertson agreed to bring information to future CC meetings of the events the police are aware of. Gus MacLeod advised that the minimum notice can be as short as one week. Some do not require formal notice. 28 days notice is required if road closures are involved.
- 2) The Chair thanked BM for his contribution to the CC and wished him well. Barry will be continuing his interest in local meetings.
- 3) Treasurer's Report – PR spoke of difficulties in changing details in changing signatories. 2 accounts were agreed for payment (Insurance and Website licence). PR spoke of the need to update the village information on the website, if the CC continues to pay for the site. WC advised that this is how the CC publishes its minutes.

6. Reports from Sub Committees

a) Elderly Forum

PR reported that NAC had advised that John MacDonald would no longer be attending the Elderly Forum meetings.

He advised also that there is a Veterans Association on the Island, since the British Legion no longer meets.

b) Ferries

Car park is not intended for long term use.

PR reported that ferry is taking longer to berth, but the buses are not waiting on occasions. NA noted that comments had been passed re: length of walk, the stairs and the size of the lift.

WC reported that discussions will commence in May re: the 2019 schedule.

7. Agenda Items

Shoreline Erosion

It was noted 3 officers are appointed to cover the whole of Ayrshire, meaning that there is no specific officer on the island.

GDPR

MW reminded members of the importance of not making email addresses accessible. Thanks to ACVS for organising the course.

Display Tubs

Will be removed if groups do not make arrangements. Some villages could collect for tubs. Bulbs should be lifted from the tubs stored. Some Village Committees have still to meet and decide.

Roads Update

WC reported that locations identified will not change.

MW expressed serious concern that, with the state of the potholes, none of the cycle events should go ahead due to the risk to life and limb. The roads were more like third world. She felt NAC could be culpable.

PR stated the practice of putting yellow rings round pot holes was not acceptable for the cycle events.

MW felt we should oppose in the strongest possible terms any proposed cycling events because they are not fit for purpose.

PR queried if there were any motoring incidents attributed to the road conditions.

Sgt Robertson advised that no accidents had been attributed to potholes.

Sgt Robertson advised that the Police cannot stop them coming.

No schedule is in place yet for the new machine (not commissioned yet).

PM queried the feasibility of plastic roads as a partial solution. He felt that a trial on Arran should be considered.

Issues related to signage for road works and closures was discussed with NAC today.

NAC Councillors

No reports.

8. AOCB

None

9. Date of Next Meeting

24th April 2018 6.00pm at Pavilion