

## **MINUTE OF THE ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT THE ORMIDALE PAVILION FROM 1800 hrs.**

Attending: W. Calderwood Chair, J. Henderson JH, N. Arthur NA, L. Evans LE, C. Mackenzie CMck, P. McMullen PMcM, J. Graham JG, and R. McMaster RMcM.

Also present were H. Boag Arran Banner, G. McLeod NAC and Scott Weir Police.

### **1. Welcome and apologies.**

On opening the meeting the chair made reference to Peter Randell's resignation as Treasurer and thanked him for his contribution during his time on the council representing Whiting Bay.

Apologies for absence received from J. Lamont, M. Woods, J. Nichols, Sgt D. Robertson and Cllr. Billings.

### **2. Minute from the previous meeting.**

Minute of 24.4.18 approved by JG and seconded by NA.

### **3. Matters arising from the minute.**

a/ Electronic notice board has now been repaired and NAC funded the repair. For those wishing to book the notice board, have to apply to the council office, but at present priority use is on the road repairs.

b/ Play area at Blackwaterfoot has been installed- item now closed.

c/ NAC communities co-ordinator has offered to meet with some of the ACC am on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Due to this short notice the meeting decided to postpone until a later date - to be confirmed.

d/ Plastic the overview of 'think about plastic' had been circulated. The group aims were fully explained. The chair recommending that until we receive further information there seemed to be no requirement for them to make a presentation to the ACC.

e/ Corrie / Sannox vacancy on the ACC- no response to date.

f/ A similar exercise has been conducted for Whiting Bay J. Lamont to follow up on his return to the island.

g/ Village flower tubs- the plants were arriving soon, Elanor has offered to deliver them to each of the village representatives. The plants were still within budget, but the villages would have to organise watering and an additive to encourage growth. This arrangement has given Elanor a lot of extra work for which the ACC expressed thanks.

### **4. Police report**

Since the last meeting there have been 96 calls and 14 offences committed. A new laser gun was now in operation for speeding and has been used in various villages to date. 6 important events for the Island were immanent, which would be monitored by the police staff.

### **5. Correspondence.**

a/ Letter of complaint from an Islander regarding the felling of trees as you approach Brodick from Lamlash. Research established that this was conducted by the land owner due to the trees being diseased.

b/ Message from resident of Newton Lochranza requesting guidance of how to report garden waste being dumped on the foreshore. Meeting agreed that this was a common practice and recommended that the resident contacts a web site named 'Keep Scotland beautiful'

c/ Roads update- G.McL of NAC gave a detailed update of the work programme for the next few weeks. The work at Blackwaterfoot was surface dressing only. The area patched at the toilets will be resurfaced later this year but following safety concerns from residents had been patched in the meantime, ahead of the holiday influx of traffic. NA raised a point about a metal lid, which was below the road surface and required lifting. NAC confirmed that it was a BT lid and has been reported. He also advised to clear up a misunderstanding that the work scheduled for Corrie on the 8th June is surface dressing by another contractor and not the repair scheduled for the north end of Corrie.

d/ LDP2 consultation held in Brodick was well attended on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Further details will be available following these events.

e/ 2 licence applications were received from NAC regarding the Drift Inn in Lamblash and Kilmory Hall – no responses and no issues highlighted.

f/ Locality Planning- short notice of 2 meetings one to be held in Brodick on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1930 – 2100 hrs the other in Lochranza Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> June same timings.

#### **6. Treasurers report.**

With the resignation of Peter Randell who has returned all books and records. The chair invited anyone who might be interested to take over the role. In the absence of any proposal it was agreed that secretary JH would resume the responsibility until the AGM scheduled for September.

#### **7. Elderly forum report.**

With the resignation of P. Randell there was no report available. The chair spoke of the presentation made by the guest speaker, M. Woods about the power of attorney at their last meeting.

#### **8. Ferry report.**

a/ CHFS contract- a director of operational delivery attended a meeting to outline his role

b/ Print at home trial- will be introduced early in June when infrastructure has been installed. The number of pages to be downloaded is still under review and concession tickets will not be catered for as previously advised.

c/ Winter service – the request for additional sailings has been refused by Transport Scotland on both Brodick and Lochranza routes due to operational reasons.

d/ PAS - Cal Mac are still experiencing teething problems with the system and Adelte are on site to resolve issues which have occurred.

e/ Parking at the Terminal – Cal Mac are now issuing notices advising car owners that the area is not a long stay parking facility. Further discussion covered the arrangement for baggage collection and delivery in either direction, also problems associated with timing of the train and bus timetable.

f/ The Clyde ferry users group is meeting next week

**9. Forestry Environment/ Glen Rosa revisions.**

R McM advised that he attended a presentation by the National Trust who proposed several updates to the area including additional fencing to protect a large section of Glen Rosa to reduce over grazing by the deer. They are planning to control the bracken to encourage growth of natural fauna and plant trees that are natural to the Arran landscape. Their aim is to create a natural habitat.

**10. NAC**

Gus McLeod was invited to provide any further info for the meeting, but considered that it had already been covered. The chair on behalf of the Brodick Improvements asked if the council could provide dog poo bins in certain areas to assist with the mess being found on the forestry trails.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The next meeting of the ACC was scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> in the Ormidale pavilion from 1800 hrs.

Chair.....

William Calderwood

Min Secretary.....

James Henderson.

30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.