

ISLE OF ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, John Lamont, Frances Westwood, Colin McKenzie, Neil Arthur, Marilyn Woods, Liz Evans and Ricky McMaster.

Also present Sgt Douglas Robertson. Hugh Boag, Arran Banner

1. Welcome by the chair and apologies for absence from Julie Graham, Bob Haddow, Peter McMullen, Gus McLeod and Clr Billings
2. **Minute of previous meeting held on the 31st July.**
Approved by John Lamont and seconded by Colin McKenzie.
3. **Matters arising from the minute not on the agenda.**
 1. Message sent to roads department acknowledging the recent works, communications and requesting priority to deal with the south end roads. To date no response.
 2. CC forum meeting held on the 22nd August. Request for an agenda received no response due to vacations so the link via ACVS was not arranged. A note of the meeting was received by email. The last entry requested copy of our meetings minute, chair expressed view that rather than add to distribution they link to our web site, for the most up to date record, which was supported by the meeting.
 3. Elderly Forum to date the vacancy of a representative has not been filled. The next meeting will be held on the 19th September, which will also be their AGM. Chair expressing an invite for any member of the ACC to attend because he was not available.
 4. Road works at the Brodick land slip will be closed again on Thursday. A request has been made to delay the closure until 2300 to allow passage for those attending a function. Chair also intimated that the traffic lights would still be in operation until the re-building of the wall is completed.
 5. NAC roads communication officer has accepted the ACC position. Communication is ongoing subject to further information.
 6. Village flower arrangements- This began a lengthy debate with the meeting deciding by a vote of hands that each village community should make their own arrangements starting with the provision of spring bulbs etc. Chair intimating that assistance from the ACC to co-ordinate the ordering of plants etc would be available if requested in the future. Subject to the requirements of each village community.
 7. No other matters were raised by the meeting.
4. **Correspondence**
 1. Email received from Fairlie CC regarding a rig decommissioning works at Hunterston, Secretary contacted them for further info. To date no response.
 2. Email message from Carradale CC regarding the proposed fish farm and extension of present facility. Secretary has responded supporting their submission.
 3. Information regarding funding links circulated to the ACC
 4. Message from ACVS regarding 'Community kindness event' no responses to date.
 5. Locality partnership conference to be held in Saltcoats on 15th September 1000 until 1400 hrs.
 6. Letter received regarding the licensing of the new ice cream parlour in Brodick, referred to planning.
 7. Patricia Gibson MP acknowledged receipt of the minutes and offered support if required.

8. ACT letter re TPO's Whitehouse and a message highlighting potential impact to breeding birds was referred to planning

5. **Police report**

Recent events like Farmers Show and Highland games no issues.

Saturday September 15th Arran Youth trust Scotland cycling event. Taking place from Brodick Ormidale park in an anti clockwise direction. This is well organised and may involve approximately 300 participants. The event is non-competitive. MW raised the problem of sign erection, which sometimes is not removed afterwards. The event will be monitored.

Saturday/Sunday 22nd /23rd September Arran Man Event. A meeting with the organiser was held on the mainland. The numbers competing still to be confirmed. The Sgt has requested a site meeting in advance of the event. As before the Lamlash Green will be the centre of all events and the parking restrictions in Lamlash were discussed with the Sgt voicing his concerns. This event does not support local communities with donations, which has raised concern with some businesses, which are affected.

It was also confirmed that the event made use of local services – like coastguards, ambulance etc who provided their services voluntarily. JH reminded all that this was one of the busiest weekends on the island.

Finally, a discussion arose regarding cold calling / nuisance calls etc.

6. **Treasurers report.**

Project account- All transactions have been processed through the bank apart from one.

Pirnmill Improvements for £22.00

Opening balance £314.23 Balance to date £292.23.

Administration account- All transactions have been processed through the bank.

Opening balance at start of year £0.05 NAC grant of £1195.75 – total £1200.00

Current Bank balance £161.00.

Total held in bank account £453.23 @ 4.9.18

Accounts will be prepared for submission to NAC audit.

6. **Sub-committee reports- Ferries**

1. Home ticketing will now include 6 bar codes maximum, but the trial revision is ongoing.
2. Hospital transport for non-outpatients is progressing positively
3. Ardrossan task force meeting attended by BC. Feedback covered the delivery date of the Glen Sannox. New ministers support that Ardrossan will remain the main port for Arran. Also upgrading of Ardrossan harbour to accommodate the Glen Sannox and future builds.
4. LNG re-fuelling to be conducted by a bunker system at Ardrossan.
5. A public meeting is hoped to be arranged before the Island October holiday period to update the plans for Ardrossan and challenges still to be resolved, before building can commence.

7. **FMEL meeting held in Brodick Hall on the 28th August.**

7 ACC members attended this meeting, which confirmed no major technical issues.

However, as the Glen Sannox is a 'Prototype' the builders have had to learn as they progressed with the construction and some of the delay has been caused by design changes instructed by the customer CMAL. Some of the alterations have compromised the seating arrangements resulting in a capacity of 950 instead of 1000. Delivery is now scheduled for summer of 2019.

8. **Cal Mac Community board.**

Bill Calderwood attends those meetings in Oban as an independent representative and gave the meeting an overview of the discussions at the last meeting.

1. The board is made up of representatives across the network. 2 new members have now joined representing Uig and Bute. Sheila Gilmore also attends and we are the only Island with 2 representatives.
2. The major issue is with fleet resilience and the recently announced delay in delivering the 2 new vessels. We provided a summary of the FMEL meeting held on Arran and others attending picked up on the media reports. The chair will give evidence to the forthcoming Rural and Economies Committee at Holyrood and will reflect the unanimous dissatisfaction of the board members.
3. Poor communication regarding news of incidents/breakdowns affecting timetables . Technical problems associated with the Irish berth link span and ongoing problems with the Isle of Arran repairs, which has now been resolved.
4. Youth education costs - examples were given of the high cost of school transport- especially concerning mini-buses and total number of passengers aboard. In the Year of Young People it was unanimously supported that youth travel should receive access to lower charges on the ferries. Similar to the Ferry pass for those aged 60+

9 NAC Councillors report.

None submitted.

10 NAC Local managers report.

Covered above.

11 Any other competent business.

MW referred to the cabinet meetings held on the island on Monday 27th August. She expressed disappointment that the Arran Community Council, as a statutory body was not officially invited to any of the meetings, our chair and others had to register for attendance at the public meeting. This was supported by NA who requested that the leader of the NAC Ms Murray is notified of these views. Chair advised that the schedules and procedures were arranged by Scottish Government and NAC were not directly involved but he would express the views to relevant managers.

12 Date of the next meeting

25th September at 1800 hrs.

Chair.....

Minute secretary.....

William Calderwood

Jim Henderson.