

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held 27th November 2018

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Neil Arthur, Julie Graham, Liz Evans, Frances Westwood, Jim Henderson , Peter McMullen, Marilyn Woods, Cllr Timothy Billings, Colin McKenzie,

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

1. Welcome / Apologies

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies: Bob Haddow, John Lamont,

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 30th October 2018 had been previously circulated

Proposed FW, seconded NA

3. Matters Arising

- Cllr Billings reported that arrangements for swimming next summer would be considered by NAC next year.
- Cllr Billings confirmed that NAC do use Citizens Advice services for the provision of telephone calls made to Trading Standards.
- “No Cold Calling” looks likely to be formally supported by NAC trading standards. WC had spoken to them last week and NAC (Steven Bodys) are in touch local contacts to co-ordinate progress. This was confirmed by Sgt Robertson.
Stickers are now available.
After discussion, it was agreed to review the position relating to cold calling and call blocking at the March 2019 CC Meeting.
- Imacher extraction proposal. Further outline drawings had been received at end of last week. It looks like the marine work has been delayed and they will be preparing their pre-planning papers etc when avail. It was agreed that the documents received may be shared. The documents are initial and not a planning application.
NA noted that the document may have traffic implications elsewhere.
- CC conference The preferred date is 4th December 2018. from 7pm would be best. WC will contact ACVS to confirm availability for a video connection.
- Road works for 2019. A listing for 2019 had been circulated to CC members, but no feedback had been received to date. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to NAC for the early notification.
- A PB event for Ground maintenance had been scheduled at short notice. This had been attended by several members. A further meeting will be held in January 2019.
- An ‘Arran Ideas’ initial meeting again scheduled at short notice with a steering group being established to start to bring some ideas together for a meeting in the new year with a wider invite list.

4. Police Report

Sgt Robertson reported there had been no significant crimes or trends.

5. Correspondence

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Messages received via “Contact-us” –

- Message received related to increased size of ambulances. Concern that access could be compromised if land owners do not trim trees etc. WC had spoken to NHS but the responsibility is for the land owners to maintain their land. It was agreed any communication should be through Village Improvement Committees.

Other correspondence -

- Messages from local business to the CC and BIC questioning the “No overnight” signs at Brodick. They were concerned this may limit mobile owners stopping and eating in businesses. Explained this is only bringing consistency to signage as in other car parks and also is in line with large traffic sign as you enter the car Park. There were complaints the resident can’t park for access to chemist, post office bank etc.
Gus confirmed that signage was in accordance with existing traffic orders.

6. Reports from Sub-Committees

6.1 Ferry Committee

- The Ferry Committee had met with the Transport Minister as follow up to a meeting at end of Sept. Topics covered included ageing of Fleet and resilience, VRDP, Utilisation, Ticketing and port of refuge. Responses had been noted a summary from the meeting is awaited.
- The Business meeting followed, covered updates on actions:
 - Stakeholder structures meeting arranged for end of Nov.
 - Print at home is still on test with further work in progress to reduce amount of paper required.
 - Capacity utilisation proposal still waiting further detail. Updates possible Dec/Jan.
 - A question re weight restriction at Gourrock (which has now been removed).
 - Patient transfer system trial is ongoing.
 - Wait lists option, possible alternative to stand by book is still awaiting info from CalMac re-process and capacity to be introduced for Arran.
 - Discussions ongoing between CalMac and Stagecoach to improve connectivity are ongoing.
 - Requested clarification of various incidents 9/10 Nov. Further clarification to be reported as there was conflicting info communicated.
 - Major disappointment with refusal for requested changes on both Brodick and Lochranza summer timetables. AFC agreed to challenge process and this has been taken up with CalMac, Transport Scotland and Minister.
 - Ardrossan - Ardrossan – Requires multiple additional crews who have to be accommodated landside. cost of fuel. impact to Campbeltown. Crew drill changes are also not agreed Deploying IoA earlier is also not possible due to annual maintenance programme timings.
 - Lochranza – Not operationally feasible due to safety reasons. Lighting is a simple replacement new for old bulbs and does not extend access. Sunday extension was also refused due to impact on safety drills.
 - It was noted that Calmac will only discuss timetable changes with Ferry Committees.
- Next Ardrossan Task Force meeting scheduled for Wed. 28th in Glasgow.
- Next AFC meeting 10th December.

CalMac Community Board:

Meeting held last week in two parts

1. A joint meeting with David MacBrayne Board had covered a range of topics including: resilience, disruptions, Ticketing, timetables and communications.
2. CC Board met on Friday to discuss how to drive the improvements in the service, which had been identified in earlier studies. Communication sub group, The refresh of the board was also mentioned with the proposal to only replace half the membership next year with the others stepping down the following year to give continuity. General agreement but board numbers need to be agreed. This body is charged to cover network issues and avoid issues which are appropriate for FC's or Stakeholder groups.

6.2 Elderly Forum

NAC had attended this month's meeting, at which the role for the Locality Partnership was explained. Some feedback had been given supporting the CC and questioning why another level had been added. The NAC rep explained it was an opportunity for their representative to meet the EF.

6.3 Arran Economic Group

Next AEG meeting scheduled for December.

There had been a development in terms of potential for funding the feasibility on several potential housing locations.

The Arran Development Trust was now a fully constituted body with charitable status and a membership organisation. As such is open to membership (£10.00 joining fee and £1 annual subscription). The Trust are organising our first community meeting in early December to outline it's work/values etc and are inviting Arran residents to become members. The Rural and Island Housing Fund have given approval for the ADT to move forward with 3 of the potential sites to the next stage. ADT is firming up the feasibility studies and costs to support an application to the main fund.

7. NAC Councillors Report

Cllr Billings spoke of the potential housing opportunities mentioned above. The potential of the 3 sites might lead to an additional 120 houses on the Island in a mix of affordable and social housing. Consultation is ongoing in regards to Grounds Maintenance.

The money available under PB might be in the order of £800 to £1000 for local projects.

8. NAC Local Managers Report

Gus Macleod advised that whitelining of roads is part of the contract issued to the contractors involved in the recent road repairs, but there had been delays due to the availability of ferry spaces and the lead times needed to book.

NA praised the work undertaken at Blackwaterfoot.

LE requested that tidying up of verges be carried out after maintenance of the verges.

MW requested the provision of a litter bin at Machrie Tearoom. Gus explained that NAC could not provide for Commercial premises.

9. AOCB

Nil

10. Date of Next Meeting

29th January 2019 6pm