

MINUTE OF THE ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ORMIDALE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2019.

Present: W.Calderwood (chair), J.Henderson, P.McMullen, F.Westwood, J.Graham, L.Evans, C.McKenzie, N.Arthur, R.Haddow & R.McMaster

Also present: Cllr. T.Billings, G.McLeod NAC, Arran Banner and 4 members of the public.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.**

The chair welcomed all to the meeting thanking everyone for attending confirming that the meeting was not a public meeting, but that the meeting was open to the public.

Apologies: M.Woods, J.Lamont, Sgt Robertson and J.Nichols.

No conflict of interest was notified

2. **Minutes of previous meeting held on the 30th April as circulated.**

The minute was approved by Frances Westwood and seconded by Julie Graham.

3. **Matters arising.**

- Portacabin - has been removed from the Brodick Hill.
- Torbeg area - no date for the repair to the road surface has been established.
- White-lining to be scheduled once weather and equipment became available.
- My Bus - response circulated detailing usage and costs of £107,000, which led to the reduction of the service as the programme was unsustainable in original times.
- Brathwic housing development, - NAC responded to our letter regarding the proposal for traffic to use the existing route through the housing scheme. Further engagement sessions are planned with the contractor and NAC.

Contract obligations are still to be confirmed. Several members of the ACC re-iterated that the route planned through the housing scheme by the haulage vehicles was a recipe for accidents, especially at weekends in view of the children who frequently play in the street or head for the playground.

Meeting deciding that another response should be sent to the NAC highlighting the ACC concerns.

- 'No Cold Calling' - on May 27th representative from trading standards met on the island with Sgt Robertson and the ACC chair. Funding assistance for Trading Standards is being pursued. Signage is being designed and ordered for erection at entry ports with request that this be in place by the end of June. Funding and deliver lead times will dictate timescale. Revamped door stickers have been delivered and distributed at the meeting.
- Island plan - the meeting took place in Brodick Hall on Wednesday 22nd May when 6 members of the ACC were present as part of the estimated attendance of around 70/80 of the public. A summary of the meeting will be issued by the organisers once they have had time to collate the information gathered by the meeting.

4. **Police report from Sgt Robertson.**

- No significant crimes or incidents since the last meeting
- No Cold calling as reported above.
- 4 secondees are now on the Island for the summer season.

- Events: Since the last meeting there has been the Mountain Festival, Island peak's race and the Goat Fell race. There were no major issues raised by the events.
- Next month the Island will have the Arran triathlon 1.6.19, Arran folk festival 7th to 9.6.19, the ultra trial event 15.6.19 and the skiff regatta 22 & 23 .6.19
- There are no anticipated issues with any of the events but awaiting a temporary restriction order for the closure of part of the Clachlands road.
- Post mtg note: This was approved on 29th May, temporary closure of the A841 1600 until 1800hrs on the 1st of June.

5. Correspondence:

- Letter from an Island resident expressing her view about the SSC meetings. Regarding this matter the ACC would not be taking any action until the planning application was submitted, but the ACC were fully aware of the view being expressed by a majority of the residents- Island wide.
- Message received regarding a possible meeting, yet to be arranged, by the Land Commission. [The aim of the proposed meeting is to advise the community about transforming vacant or derelict land, community ownership and engagement.]
- Message from resident of Springbank voicing concerns about traffic movements related to the development of the council houses extension to Brathwic.
- Letter from a resident about the inconsistency of benefit payments on behalf of a neighbour. Requesting the ACC to intervene, advised that this was out with our remit and that such matters also involved data protection.
- Circulated note detailing further tidal restrictions of the Lochranza Claonaig service, news from SFRS and their strategic consultation notice.
- CalMac have also announced their community fund sessions, meetings to be held in Corrie/Sannox village hall on Friday 14th June 10 to 11a.m and Lamblash Fire station at 12noon until 1300.

6. NAC Councillors report- Timothy Billings.

- Councillor Timothy Billings reported that he has been making enquiries in to the numbers of self-catering accommodation premises on Arran, and the impact that registration for business rates (as opposed to residential council tax) has. There is a bill to review the criteria for business rates being considered by the Scottish Parliament. Therefore, it may be appropriate to comment on the potential impact that business rates relief has on the housing supply on Arran.
- Mr Billings has received a number of enquiries from residents concerning road safety, in particular worn road marking, unsafe overtaking and speeding. He has written to the Council's roads department, who has said that they will undertake a review of road marking so that they can assess what can be done within the current budgets. Mr Billings asked Community Council members to let him know of any specific roads that could be a priority for road marking. Mr Billings plans to speak with the island's senior police officer to get a police view on the road issues.

- Cllr reminded members that voting was still taking place on Participatory Budgeting, Grounds Maintenance, and that next week (June 7th) there was a meeting of the Arran Locality Partnership as well as a workshop for the Arran Ideas group.
- Referring to previous ACC request he informed the meeting that no subsidy was available. The original request by the ACC was for Arran School children not to be disadvantaged compared with arrangements available on the mainland. Cllr will confirm.

7. **Sub-Committee reports / Ferry**

- Stagecoach have a new representative now attending their meetings.
- The request for extending the service from Ardrossan and Lochranza for the winter of 2019/20 has been turned down by Scottish Transport.
- A revised structure for stakeholders group meetings has now been agreed. The first meeting has been scheduled for Monday June 10th, all the Islands of the Clyde will work together with Kintyre, Islay, Colonsay, Jura, Ghia, CMAL, Transport Scotland and CalMac.
- A waiting list diary will be reinstated at Brodick terminal for the 0820 sailings only, which commences from the 3rd June.
- The 0945 service on a Saturday has raised a technical problem with online booking. The IT system requires to be changed but cannot be carried out until the end of season.
- Next AFC meeting scheduled for Monday 10th of June.
- Bill Calderwood was elected once again to be the ACC representative on the Ferry committee.
- The annual general meeting of the AFC will take place on the Monday 24th June at the Arran Mountain Rescue Centre from 19:30 hrs.
- Comment raised alleging the management of cars left in the car park due to cancelled services is not working. Major problem for the Ardrossan staff with the timing and non-booked queue.

7b. **Elderly forum- B.Calderwood.**

A presentation was made by representative from the Royal Bank of Scotland highlighting risk for fraud etc. Due to time constraints a written report by the ACC was left, but there has been no follow up.

8. **NAC Local managers report.**

- Roads: The dip in the string road - signage is not advisable at this section of road.
- Heights between Lamlash and Whiting Bay there is already in place one sign but another has been ordered.
- The White lining is part of the Hillhouse contract.
- The area at the end of the string road requires complete closure to complete the work awaiting for a suitable date.
- The Torbeg area repairs to the road surface repair will be carried out at the contractor's expense.
- The road master repair machine, which has been hired for 4 weeks complete with operator is working an 11 hour day. The quality of the work produced is much superior.
- The hot box is being replaced. The re-cycling tar machine is now working well following repairs carried out by the manufacturer.

- Digital sign board is once again broken and NAC are reviewing the cost of a maintenance contract.
- Finally he advised the meeting of man-power issues within NAC on the island, affecting the service of bin collection and transfer station issues. Unfortunately, the reduction of staff levels or closure of the transfer station cannot be advised in advance as it often happens with short notice.
- This was the last report by Gus McLeod as he retires from the NAC at the end of June. The meeting through the chair thanked Gus for his attendance at the ACC meetings to keep us informed about the road works on Arran etc.

9. AOCB nothing was raised by the meeting.

11. Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 25th June from 1800 hrs at Ormidale Pavilion.