

MINUTE OF THE ARRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ORMIDALE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019.

Present: W. Calderwood (chair) R. Haddow, N. Arthur, L. Evans, J. Graham, C. McKenzie, J. Lamont. F. Wheeler (Westwood) and R. McMaster

Also present: David Urban (police)

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

The chair welcomed all attending the meeting and introduced the police representative. Reminded all that the meeting was not a public meeting but members of the public were welcome to attend. Apologies for absence from M. Woods, P. McMullen, J. Nichols, Sgt Robertson and the Banner.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th May as circulated.**

The minute was approved by F. Wheeler and seconded by C. McKenzie.

3. **Police report** [brought forward to allow the officer returning to duty]

- Recent events like the Triathlon raised no problems or incidents.
- Regards crime there was nothing of significance to report.
- Speeding on the island, in various localities was being monitored and many drivers had been warned.
- JG raised an area of Lochranza, which was of concern.
- LE also raised a similar issue at Pirnmill
- Chair raised the issue with the 20MPH signs, which were unreliable. Sometimes with only one operating. JL requested guidance of the speed limit when children were absent in the area of schools. Advised that when the 20 mph sign is lit, it is still an offence to exceed the advised limit. The holiday period to be monitored, when the 20 MPH signs should be discontinued.
- Chair also raised the issue of indiscriminate parking experienced in Brodick. This is being monitored.
- R McM raised an issue of young persons driving when under the influence of drugs, not just alcohol.

4. **Matters arising from the minute:**

- Road repairs at Shiskine/Blackwaterfoot will be completed when contractor "Hamilton" returns to the Island. [Later in the year]
- Still no dates given for repairs to the road surface from the 2018 schedule.
- White lining referred to in the Councillors report.
- Response regarding the Brathwic extension of houses and possible traffic issues. A drop in session was held in Ormidale Pavilion on Wednesday 19th June by NAC which introduced Ashley construction, the intended contractor to advise the public of the NAC plans. They intend restricting delivery of supplies to Tuesday and Thursdays scaled to avoid school traffic. Materials to be stock piled on site to reduce traffic movements by larger vehicles. The contract has still to be confirmed and the company was advised of the limited ferry traffic during the winter period. This will be discussed when final contract conditions are clear.

5. **Correspondence:**

- Email from GSC on tour-advising Community Council Summer Offer.

- Call from an Aberdonian Uni student interviewing for her dissertation with a project on Tourism and Green Economy on the Island. Interview has been completed.
- Message from a Bute resident enquiring about the Arran Plastic free Island, which was referred to Councillor Billings in his capacity as a TAP member.
- Message on behalf of the Island youth group requesting to make a presentation during the July meeting on the 30th July. Following debate it was agreed to invite the speaker to address the Council meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Chair received an invitation from the SSC [Scottish Salmon Company] to follow up a conversation at the meeting held in Brodick Hall. Chair confirmed he had never attended the Brodick Hall meeting. However, the Council agreed that the chair accept his invitation. The Chair reminded everyone that it was important when attending discussions to be clear in what capacity they were participating and ensure that any references to the Community Council views should only be with prior agreement. It is a condition of the “code of conduct” to ensure any potential conflict of interest from their participation in other organisations does not compromise CC business.
- ACC received a follow up about the planned Arran Flag. Following debate it was agreed to take no action however we were prepared to facilitate any proposed activities if this was in the general community’s interest.
- Parking charges- the proposal intimated by NAC has raised many objections by the community. CC members were made aware of a letter penned by the Brodick Improvements and a response from NAC explaining the proposal and background.

6. Sub-committee reports [Ferry]

- The request to extend services from Ardrossan and Lochranza for summer 2020 has been submitted.
- Revised structure for Stakeholders group involving Aran, Islay, Tiree, Colonsay, Kintyre, Bute and other Clyde representatives was held on the 10th June.
- Waiting list conditions had been challenged, to request assurance that no traveller is disadvantaged.
- The AFC made an offer to the new Ferry Action Group to participate in the AFC meetings, which has been declined.
- The AFC AGM took place on Monday 24th June. 4 members of the public attended.
- Next business meeting scheduled for Monday 8th July.
- Further discussion covered the CalMac report, which is in the public domain.
- CMAL Chief exec had attended meeting and explained proposal prepared for Long term procurement policy. The date for the Glen Sannox is still being indicated to be due for completion around the Autumn of 2020. There will still be a period of training and testing before introduced to service.

6b **Elderly forum:**

- No report as the ACC representative was unable to attend due to other commitments. The next meeting is scheduled for September, which will be their AGM.

7. Councillor McMaster report by email

- Ground maintenance responses are being collated by Officers. The 3 most popular (Arran Specific) will be implemented
- Chaired the Arran Locality Partnership, hosting presentations from Social Enterprise and a team from NAC.
- Chaired/facilitated a first Arran Ideas group.
- Parking charges-involved in discussion to have this reviewed.
- Assisted organising the visit by Fergus Ewing at Whiting Bay Hall.
- White lines- many residents are requesting renewal in many places.
- Became Vice Chair of the Clyde, Kintyre and Islands ferry group at a meeting in Lochgilphead.
- Attended the Ferry committee meeting and AGM.

8. A.O.C.B.

Marilyn Woods has advised that she is formally confirming her resignation and that her last attendance will be at the September meeting. Chair indicated his appreciation for her work.

The next meeting of the ACC will be held on the 30th July in the Ormidale pavilion from 1800 hrs

Chairman
William Calderwood

Minute secretary
Jim Henderson 27.6.19