

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held 30th July 2019

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Bob Haddow, Frances Wheeler, Colin Mackenzie, Ricky McMaster, Julie Graham, Liz Evans, Peter McMullen, John Lamont, Neil Arthur, Cllr T Billings.

Also present: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Jim Nichols - Minute Secretary

1. Welcome / Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He confirmed that the meeting was not a Public Meeting, but that the meeting was open to the Public. Apologies Marilyn Woods, Brodie Pearcey, Arran Banner.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 25th June 2019 had been previously circulated
Proposed Ricky McMaster Seconded Julie Graham

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Road Repairs – Shiskine Still waiting to hear dates for road resurfacing at String X Roads and Blackwaterfoot.
- 3.2 White lining - Local office have no further news for times
- 3.3 Arran Flag. The CC are happy to support the initiate but have agreed we will not take the lead due perceived lack of public interest at this time.
- 3.4 NAC parking charge proposal. The NAC Cabinet will discuss the proposal to remove Arran from their plans when they resume in August, and subject to their decision, there may be the need to discuss at the full meeting of Council in September. It is likely that any implementation would be cost/benefit neutral. Proposal appears to be more about making money than resolving an issue.
- 3.5 WC had met with Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) reps and their head of site development. He had explained that the CC were not in a position to give any indication and would require to wait until they had an opportunity to view any formal planning application and discuss the pro's and cons. The CC would need the opportunity to collect views from the community at large and to reflect those communities views. It was made clear that SSC need to ensure that the papers were not overly complicated and where possible in "plain English". SSC explained they would meet all regulations but WC explained the difference in those which have a general condition as against the current high quality environment that is experienced locally. gave eg BioMass particulate measures etc. SSC indicated they would be circulating leaflets to every home. They are still preparing their plans. RMcM advised that an approach had been made to the NFU.
- 3.6 "No Cold Calling" Signage has been received and sites in Ardrossan have been agreed. A meeting will be held later this week for Brodick and Lochranza signage sites. Trading standards have prepared a pamphlet for residents.
- 3.7 Arran Youth Foundation presentation will be re-scheduled due to clash of dates.

4. Police Report

Sgt Robertson reported that recent events (Heather Queen and Enduro) appear to have been successful.

There had been some minor issues with the Rock and Blues Festival that may be discussed with the organisers.

Speed checks are ongoing around the Island.

Sgt Robertson emphasised the need for people with a complaint to telephone the Police rather than to post onto social media/Facebook.

5. Correspondence

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Messages received via "Contact-us" –

- Message received from a group hoping to establish a U3A group on Arran. CC will place information received from the group on the CC Website.
- Message from visitor noting improvements to road conditions in west, but pointing out the south end still needs significant work for safety.
- Request for assistance from student of Bolton school who is doing work on second home ownership. She has a short survey monkey which she wished completed. No link and no response has been received since.
- Message from an individual looking to move and seeking how to register on housing list. Directed to NAC.

6. Treasurers Update

Expenses claims forms should be submitted mid August, including claims for the month of August.

7. Reports from Sub Committees

7a. Feedback from Ferry Committee

Following AGM all officers re-appointed. No new nominations.

- Various actions updated including:
 - 2 boat timetable discussions with Transport Scotland to be scheduled later in July. This will be in preparation for the second vessel being deployed year-round to Ardrossan route. It will include road and rail connected services required to improve service.
 - Invitation to Ferry Action Group to participate in AFC meetings has been rejected.
 - Further examples of perceived under utilisation of car deck space were provided and explanations requested. WC requested any further examples in advance of FC meetings.
 - Ardrossan Task force – revised communications being prepared.
 - Hand-rails on stairs are not practical due to building regulations.
 - Left luggage facility needs funding and staff. Requirements are not viable.
 - External public address systems being considered to improve user information.
- Initial estimates of carrying number up to end May show:

	May'19Vs '18	Rolling 12mth
○ Passengers	-6%	+2%
○ Cars	+8%	+1%
○ Coaches	-13%	0%
○ CV Mtrs	+18%	-5%
- Next business mtg scheduled for 12th Aug.

6b. Elderly Forum:

Next meeting will be their AGM in September

8. NAC Councillors report –

Cllr Billings spoke of his support for the Cold Calling initiative and had no further information relating to roads issues

9. NAC Local Managers report – Brodie Pearce has now been appointed to replace Gus Macleod. He has indicated his intention to attend future meetings when possible.

10. A.O.C.B NIL

11. Next Meeting: 27th Aug 2019 at 6:00 pm in Ormidale Pavilion Brodick