

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held 27th August 2019

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Frances Wheeler, Ricky McMaster, Julie Graham, Liz Evans, Peter McMullen, John Lamont, Marilyn Woods,

Also present: PC Colin Haddow, Brodie Pearce NAC, Hugh Boag Arran Banner, 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 Neil Arthur, Bob Haddow, Colin McKenzie, Sgt Douglas Robertson,

2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the July meeting had been previously circulated

Proposed Ricky McMaster Seconded Jim Henderson

It was reported that a note had been received following the publication of the June CC Minutes indicating that the statement from Cllr McMaster was not accurate as Cllr had not been involved in the organisation of the MSP's visit to Whiting Bay. It was agreed that the minutes as published were an accurate record of the information provided to the meeting. The new information was noted.

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 officer had no further news in terms of dates.
- 3.3 “No Cold Calling” Signage had been received and sites in Ardrossan have been agreed. Thomson Construction Ltd had agreed to signage being placed on his fencing visible to vehicles leaving the port. Trading Standards have prepared a pamphlet for residents. PC Colin Haddow advised that a large stock of pamphlets were available from the Police office.
- 3.4 Arran Youth Foundation presentation will be scheduled at a later date.
- 3.5 A link to a student's survey monkey had been received and distributed.

4. **Police Report**

PC Colin Haddow reported that the Island had been very busy. There had been a minor increase in acts of vandalism to motor vehicles, particularly in Lamlash. Residents are advise to keep there eyes open and report anything seen to the Police.

Generally it was quieter this year than previously in terms of reported incidents.

It was reported that the recent search for a missing walker had regrettably resulted in the finding of a fatality. Condolences were recorded for the victims relative in Germany.

There were ongoing issue in relation to parking in Lamlash, mainly relating to the junction outside Gordons/Lamlash Bay Hotel.

Several phone calls and email from residents and business in Lamlash had highlighted ongoing concerns at the potential risks and inconvenience for vehicle access at the junction at Jimmy Gordons. CC wrote to NAC roads who had responded as follows:

Double yellow lines require a traffic regulation order. A traffic regulation order is a statutory process that can take up to 18 months and is subject to public consultation. It also has to have full backing of Police Scotland who would be responsible for enforcement.

Following a similar enquiry last month our Island Officer discussed this matter with Police Scotland. However, at that time Police Scotland were not in support of double yellow lines as they do not feel that there is a requirement for these at this location. It was their opinion that there is not an issue at this location, there is no accident history or any noted incidents which they had been made aware of and in their view there is no need to install any restrictions to vehicular movement or parking. In light of this opinion we would not be planning to install any further markings. Given that Police Scotland and ourselves are aware of these concerns we will continue to monitor the location on a regular basis and review the matter further should the need arise.

If following your discussion with Police Scotland you note that their view has changed on this matter then please let us know.

After discussion, it was agreed that Bill Calderwood will write to NAC to suggest that parking in the side turning at the junction be reviewed.

FW queried if it was legal for people to dispose of garden waste by depositing on the shore. It was confirmed that this is illegal, and it should be transported to the local amenity site.

The Police now have their own gazebo, and this is available for the Police attendance at community events.

5. Correspondence

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Messages received via "Contact-us" –

- A message received from relatives of a family on Arran who had lost contact. Followed up and contact re-established.
- Message from a visitor noting spread of Knotweed and asking if CC were aware of the risks. Responded to say this is ongoing and many villages have action plans. Brodie Pearce advised that Knotweed may be reported through the NAC website. NAC were responsible for the roadside verge (2Metres)
- Multiple messages and phone contacts regards the SSC application. We have acknowledged them and assured that all points will be considered as we prepare our response.
- Follow up from Lamlash resident who highlighted alleged abuse of benefits system with further examples. This is a UK govt responsibility and advised CC cannot assist further.
- Resident in Sannox concerned about location of stones to restrict wild camping etc. FW has advised and response sent.
- Message from Lamlash resident concerned about trees which may damage phone lines. JH is handling.

Other correspondence:

- Message from Eco savvy advising of an Arran In 10 Years discussion. The CC are invited to attend.
- Various NAC messages re road closures had been circulated.
- Membership renewal for Scottish Island Federation - £25 had been received. This was agreed for payment.
- Bob Haddow had advised that the new owner of the proposed cinema has indicated he expects to start work soon (perhaps Sept) following negotiations with CMAL and authorities.
- A Notice from Post Offices to advise of consultation re Brodick PO.

Consultation Hub - Brodick KA27 8AA

Post Office are proposing to move the above Post Office branch to a new location - The Book & Card Centre, Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ.

The current postmaster has resigned and the branch will close on Monday 28 October 2019 at 17:00 and the new-look Post Office is due to open at the new premises on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 13:00

JL queried if the range of services currently offered would continue. JL will identify what current services are provided, and if any will be discontinued.

6. Treasurers Update

Julie Graham provided a update on the accounts.

7. Reports from Sub Committees

7a. Feedback from Ferry Committee

WC reported on the June meeting

- Claonaig - With regards to the tidal issues, CMAL are considering actions to improve the facilities.
- Digital information boards are being looked to assist with the issues of car drivers not hearing announcements at Brodick harbour.
- Gourrock linkspan is broken. No sign of replacement at this stage.
- Due to issues with Lion berth, the Sat 10pm sailing will now be brought forward to 8pm for the rest of the season.
- CalMac Port Manager advised that he's putting plans forward to move Brodick Terminal check-in kiosk for vehicles about 30m, allowing double sided access, which will reduce congestion. It is hoped this will also allow sale of tickets from the booth. Awaiting confirmation from CMAL for any planning requirements and costs.
- IoA is scheduled to do a 'test run' to Troon on 3rd Sept. The proposal is to cancel the 1350 ex Ardrossan and 1515 ex Brodick on 3rd September. If weather does not permit then "we would propose to carry out the trials the following Mon/Tues."
- MV Glen Sannox - due to privatisation of Ferguson Marine, 2021 now looking probable timescale for delivery.
- Request for clarification on livestock/timber restrictions to differentiate between large vehicles and trailers with low centre of gravity.
- Initial estimates of carrying number up to end June show:

	Jun'19 Vs '18	Rolling 12mth
○ Passengers	-3%	-0.5%
○ Cars	+0%	+0%
○ Coaches	-2%	-5%
○ CV Mtrs	-11%	-6%
- Next business meeting scheduled for 9th Sept.
- WC advised that, in his personal capacity, he would be attending the next CalMac Community Board meeting on Thurs and Fri this week. They were scheduled to meet with the DML board to follow up on network topics. Other network related topics would be discussed and minutes would be published after approval.

6b. Elderly Forum:

Next meeting will be the AGM in September

8. NAC Councillors report

No reports nor apologies received.

9. NAC Local Managers report

Brodie Pearce was welcomed to the meeting. He reported various works that would be planned for the October, subject to budget.

He reported that there had been extensive damage following the recent deluge, which had been dealt with.

WC raised issues of communication. Brodie advised that the Local Office had been kept open to handle enquiries.

JG reported that there was still debris on the pavement outside Lochranza Surgery.

Brodie agreed to investigate.

10, A.O.C.B

NIL

11. Next Meeting: 24th September 2019 at 6:00 pm in Ormidale Pavilion Brodick