

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held 24th September 2019

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Frances Wheeler, Ricky McMaster, Julie Graham, Peter McMullen, Colin McKenzie, Cllr Billings

Also present: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Brodie Pearcey NAC, Jim Nichols - Minute Secretary
1 member of the Public

1. Welcome / Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Apologies: Neil Arthur, Bob Haddow, John Lamont, Liz Evans, Cllr McMaster, Hugh Boag Arran Banner,

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the July meeting had been previously circulated

Proposed Jim Henderson Seconded Ricky McMaster

3. Matters Arising

3.1 White lining – Brodie Pearcey believes the contractors will hold off until the current ongoing work finishes.

3.2 Arran Youth Foundation had suggested that the proposed presentation could be made at one of the regular Thursday AYF meetings, and invited 2 to 3 CCs to attend. This was agreed, and WC will arrange for this to be scheduled at a later date.

3.3 Lamlash Parking WC had recently written to NAC re yellow lines at Corner in Lamlash and is awaiting response. He had also just received a copy of a message from a haulier to NAC on this matter, containing suggestions of where double yellow lines could be applied. This was similar to what the CC discussed last month, with the added suggestion of the inclusion of a short section of main road across from the junction.

Sgt Robertson reported that there had been no collisions nor complaints relating to this and reminded that any complaints could be reported on 101. He is aware that parking is sometimes up to the junction, which can obscure sightlines. The haulier has problems getting large vehicles out and suggests yellow lines at the junction. Sgt Robertson felt that NAC may wish to explore the sight lines at the junction. He added that the Highway Code is a Code and is not the law. He felt NAC should look at it and deal appropriately if they feel it is necessary.

PMcM reminded the meeting that a similar problem can be found at the Pier Café entrance.

It was mainly an issue in August/September.

It was agreed that WC would write a further letter to NAC for consideration to be given to re-look at the situation.

Cllr Billings reported that NAC were discussing Parking around Arran and at Brodick and considering if enforcement should be transferred from the Police to NAC. His own view was that parking should not be transferred to the Council and should stay with the Police.

The CC agreed to support the status quo, noting that the cost of employing a Council employee, with associate ferry costs, would not justify such a change.

It was confirmed that NAC had agreed that a disabled space may be provided in the vicinity of the Co-op

3.4 With regard to the concern expressed re trees in Lamlash, JH has spoken to the individual with the concerns, and no further action is required from the CC.

3.5 'Arran in 10 years' sessions take place on 1st Oct. JH will attend for as long as practical. Others are welcome to attend the drop in 4-7pm in Brodick Hall.

3.6 The annual renewal for Scottish Islands Federation has been paid.

4. Police Report

Sgt Robertson noted that 7 crimes had been reported in the period, 4 of which had been detected. 1 case of Cold Calling had been reported.

Sgt Robertson stated that signage is available but had not been erected yet. NAC will be addressing this, including discussion with Peel Ports in Ardrossan.

5. Correspondence

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Messages received via "Contact-us" –

- Message from Secretary of Arran Ferry Action Group requesting a copy of the Ardrossan task force plans. WC has responded to confirm that all the information the CC has is what is in the public domain.
- Multiple messages from NAC relating to road works / closures etc. Thanks were passed to Brodie Pearcey in this regard.
- Several more notes re SSC application. This will be discussed under Planning Matters.
- Message from small business members asking for support from CC to ensure their voice is heard re SSC and other matters. WC has responded to explain contact procedures, confirming this is not limited to individuals.
- Note circulated re the re-dementia tour. It was reported that this had been very informative.
- Acknowledgement re Post office survey. It was noted the PO move will take place at the end of October. Some lesser used services may not be available.

Other correspondence:

- Message from ACVS to CEO of SPT re "My Bus" following up from Elderly forum meeting.
- Question raised asking for info re proposed TPO's on stretch of A841 from String road towards Cladach. Brodie Pearcey advised that the Temporary TPO applied for 6 months, and he will check with NAC Planning to ascertain if this has been extended.
- Concern had also been expressed relating to overhanging branches. Brodie said that such concerns should be reported to NAC – not the CC. NAC would then deal with the landowner, who is responsible.

6. Treasurers Update

Julie Graham provided a update on the accounts.

The books are now ready for Audit by NAC.

7. Reports from Sub Committees

7a. Feedback from Ferry Committee

WC reported

- A meeting held with Transport Scotland to discuss future 2 boat timetable s.
- Claonaig – Lochranza. CMAL are proposing some repairs to both slipways this winter with potentially further work to expand the facilities taking place next year.
- Discussion on improved notifications re transport of livestock etc.
- Procedures for medical emergency travel are being developed for return journeys to Arran which will complement the existing successful process for transport of Arran with a car.
- Bus connections for people arriving were discussed and Stagecoach confirmed they are working with management and SPT. Local arrangements with CalMac staff are also in place to minimise inconvenience to customers but the buses service is required to support the other demands on the island such as school and other timetables. Work continues.
- Proposed relocation of the check in kiosk is progressing.

- Initial estimates of carrying number up to end July show:

	Jul'19	Vs '18	Rolling 12mth
○ Passengers	-7%		-3%
○ Cars	-3%		-1%
○ Coaches	-2%		-6%
○ CV Mtrs	-22%		-10%
- Next business mtg scheduled for 11th November. No meeting in October due to various members unavailable.

6b. Elderly Forum:

- The September meeting incorporated their AGM and normal business agenda.
- New chair David Napier appointed.
- Direction intended to be more proactive and address issues directly with relevant bodies responsible, particularly for health and social care topics.
- Strong views expressed re Lamlash parking discipline and the “accident waiting to happen” views.
- Suggestion of 20mph in all villages etc were all raised.
- Blue badge parking at Lamlash Co-op once again requested

8. NAC Councillors report

Cllr Billings advised he would be raising 2 questions at the NAC Council Meeting tomorrow.

When is the consultation in respect of Ardrossan Harbour going to start? And Is there work to minimise the disruption?

He reported that the Local Development Plan was approved last week.

In respect to McLaren Hotel, he was trying to establish contact with the owners, NAC had cut back brambles by the roadside.

Cllr Billings agreed to investigate grant funding in respect of the high cost of resourcing the public toilets that were being maintained by the Communities.

WC advised that a meeting takes place this week of the Locality Partnership.

9. NAC Local Managers report

Brodie Pearcey advised that the Works Programme had been circulated.

He reported that NAC were dissatisfied with the marks that had been left on the roads at the end of the recent cycling event and would be taking this up with the organisers.

10, A.O.C.B

RMcM reported that the mobile mast installed is still in need of connection.

11. Next Meeting: 29th October 2019 at 6:00 pm in Ormidale Pavilion Brodick This will incorporate the AGM.

All officer positions are open to nominations. Existing members have confirmed their willingness to continue for the final year of CC service.

A lady had attended tonight who had expressed an interest to join the CC to represent Shiskine Valley. WC had sent an application form and invited her to the meeting tonight, and if she is still interested, the CC can close nomination and formally co-opt at October meeting. No other notes of interest had been received.