

**Isle of Arran Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**Lamlash Golf Club**

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Liz Evans, Ricky McMaster, Julie Graham, Peter McMullen  
Cllr T Billings, Bob Haddow, Francis Wheeler,

Also present: Rosslyn Mills NAC Local Officer, Sgt Douglas Robertson, , Hugh Boag - Arran Banner,  
Jim Nichols - Minute Secretary.

**1. Welcome / Apologies**

The Chair introduced Rosslyn Mills, the new NAC Local Officer, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attending.

Apologies John Lamont, Colin Mackenzie, Brodie Pierce, Neil Arthur, Aileen Balfour,

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the October meeting had been previously circulated

Proposed Jim Henderson Seconded Julie Graham

**3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1 White lining – Some new areas have now been lined, but others are outstanding. Concern was expressed regarding the quality of some of the repairs at Shiskine, the damage and mess at the Rodden, and the Blackwaterfoot crossroads. Give way signs are still to be replaced at the bridge in Blackwaterfoot.
- 3.2 The proposed presentation to Arran Youth Foundation has still to be timetabled. It was agreed that Jim Henderson and Bob Haddow would represent the CC at the meeting.
- 3.3 Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) launch is scheduled for 5th December. Julie Graham and Liz Evans will be in attendance.
- 3.4 Heli Pad. A potential site had been advised to the Resilience Group co-ordinator. The topic was being progressed and updates will be available when appropriate. Still at an early stage. Sgt Robertson advised the next meeting is scheduled for the new year.
- 3.5 NAC are looking at potential training opportunities for CC to cover induction and planning.
- 3.6 The CC website had been updated to reflect membership changes.
- 3.7

**4. Police Report**

Sgt Robertson noted that 49 incidents, including 7 crimes had been reported in the period.

Sgt Robertson referred to the recent video that had appeared on social media relating to McLaren Hotel. The police are unaware of the source.

The building is insecure and unsafe, and he had spoken to Brodie Pearce re this. The situation is being monitored.

Brodick Improvements are concerned by the eyesore the building presents, and it is believed to be infested with rodents.

Rosslyn Mills advised that she had visited the site with the NAC surveyor last week, and a report has been made to the Agents.

This was in the context of making the site secure,

Cllr Billings advised he had twice written to the owners.

## 5. Correspondence

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Contact from a STV reporter enquiring if anything was happening on Arran

Other correspondence:

- Package received from Scottish power related to expansion of their Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm. As you know we have been in contact for a long time on this to understand the community benefit potential and the package has some info.
- Scottish seabird conservation conference. A limited response had been received and Ricky is following up. Jim Henderson felt COAST may be interested.
- Ferry survey advertised and approx. 1500 responses being analysed.
- Locality planning Partnership meeting has been delayed until January.
- 'Chit chats' being arranged at High School and Brodick.
- UK parliamentary guidance for CC's had been circulated.

## 6. Reports from Sub Committees

### 6a. Feedback from Ferry Committee

WC reported

- November meeting held following a reschedule, due to weather limiting attendance.
- Various actions updated. NFU conference call for livestock carriage, Utilisation of car spaces, Timetables and future services and connectivity. Also following up with TS re data reporting.
- A request had been made for the Campbeltown sailings to route through Brodick. WC is following this up with Campbeltown Ferry Committee.
- Kenneth Gibson MSP provided update on FMEL, confirming the awaited report has been delayed and due to election rules, no communication is expected until after UK election and Scot Parliament have reviewed contents.
- Next AFC meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December
- CalMac Community Board met on 21/22<sup>nd</sup> November, and report being prepared.
- Stakeholder group meeting scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January.

Ricky McMaster queried why the ferry does not move to a greenfield site on the mainland. Bill Calderwood advised that several options had been considered.

It was noted that funding of the project was still under consideration.

### 6b Feedback from Elderly Forum

No further report.

## 7. NAC Councillors report

Cllr Billings reported that NAC were aware of the issues related to any implementation of a 'Tourist Tax', and should this be considered, there would be consultation before any implementation.

A SG report re Fireworks had been noted, and a working party set up for report in Scotland 2020.

NAC budgeting had been delayed due to the Election.

The Council are engaging re Community Involvement and working in Partnership with the Community.

Eco Savvy are looking at car sharing initiatives for events, commuting to work and ad-hoc transport.

WC reported problems with the NAC planning website. Cllr Billings agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Billings thanked the Roads Department for the recent kerb replacement in Lamlash.

## 9. NAC Local Managers report

Rosslyn Mills spoke of her previous background whilst working for another local authority

## 10. A.O.C.B

Nil

## 11. Next Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 6pm. - Ricky McMaster to chair the meeting.