

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes of meeting held on 28th January 2020.
Ormidale Pavilion.

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair) Jim Henderson, Liz Evans, Ricky McMaster, Julie Graham, Peter McMullen, Francis Wheeler, Colin McKenzie, John Lamont, Neil Arthur, Aileen Balfour and Cllr T. Billings.

Also present: Rosslyn Mills NAC local officer, Hugh Boag Arran Banner and Police officers.

1. Welcome / Apologies

The chair opened the meeting by thanking all and police officers for their attendance.
Apologies – Bob Haddow, Jim Nichols and Sgt D. Robertson

2. Minutes from previous meeting 26.11.19, as circulated.

Proposed by R. McMaster and seconded by F. Wheeler.

3. Matters arising.

- White lining referred to NAC officers report
- Youth group interface- date of proposed meeting to be arranged.
- CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) programme has been launched Julie and Liz attended.
- Heli Pad - ACC will be updated when further info is available. N. Arthur received confirmation that his concerns re possible sites were noted.
- NAC information regarding training and co-ordinating with other groups still awaited.
- Chair expressed thanks to Julie and Liz for the organisation of the annual ACC lunch.

4. Police report.

Officer gave apologies for Sgt D. Robertson who was off Island.

Since the last meeting there had been 115 incidents, mainly minor offences. The summer secondment adverts had been published. For placements to begin in May.

An unusual explosion, which happened in Corrie at 3a.m. was the result of an unknown device being placed in a dog bin.

5. Correspondence.

- Inquiry regarding services at the island churches during Xmas period – responded with updated info.
- Provision of 'cold calling signs' ACC organised to provide further supplies.
- Work at Lochranza Castle contact details provided
- Message regarding the proposed Imacher Slip. Correspondent advised that no action would be taken until a proposal / planning application has been confirmed. Subject to applicant co-operation.
- Message regarding an abandoned car at the Co-op car park. The car has now been removed by the owner.

5b Other correspondence.

- Finalised copies of the ALDP (Adopted local development plan) provided to the ACC for planning reference.
- Future Chemotherapy services for Arran & Ayrshire.
- Planning for VE day 75 celebrations
- Glenscorrodale native woodland plans.
- B880 repairs.
- Temporary restrictions in Lamlash by water board.
- Transerv maintenance programme

- Scottish Transport online survey

6. **Sub-Committee's**

- **Elderly Forum** nothing to report. The ACC sent apologies for the January meeting.
- **Arran Ferry Committee.** December meeting minute published on the web site. Stakeholder group meeting was postponed until the 24th January, report to follow. Debate regarding ticketing and booking system delayed due to weather.
- New Year statement has been published and a new face book page has been established.
- J. Lamont expressed his experience related to weather interruptions and arrangements of booking his car.
- N. Arthur explained the situation, which has arisen with the Ferry Action Group and confirmed that Arran Ferry Committee had on several occasions offered them a place, for a representative to join the AFC. The Ferry Action Group had refused.
- Community engagement - the one-to-one survey held on the ferry, and online survey- results are published on the Transport Scotland website specific to Ardrossan upgrades.
- Draft response to RECC (Rural Economies Committee) has been circulated for review prior to submission.
- The next AFC meeting will be held on the 17th February.

7. **Councillors report -T. Billings.**

He addressed an issue concerning planning procedures with call-ins. 2 recent call-ins were rejected by the committee because the rules, policy and guidelines were not adhered to. Further debate covered engagement with the local Community Council. Each individual planning application, subject to circumstances and the planning issue to govern a call-in. The requirement of engagement with the local Community Council and the economic benefit, which was a vital process.

The Chair referred to the Islands Bill and plans of NAC to organise a refresher course on planning. He raised the Island issue, that the local communities view should be recognised and not overruled by a councillor with no local interest.

Fly tipping action and the law. Anyone engaging with a contractor to remove waste must ensure that the contractor is licensed. He cautioned that if a person gave someone items to take to the coup, but they then fly tipped it, both could be prosecuted.

Chair also raised a question for the Councillor regarding the house building at Brathwic. Regarding the heating source and starting date. At a recent meeting organised by ACVS the NAC representative and main contractor's agents were unable to give a positive response to the heating question. Chair also expressed the concerns of the local inhabitants of the area, concerning traffic.

8. **NAC report by Rosslyn Mills.**

- Regards white lining - the council are considering as a temporary measure to use tape, which can be applied by the local staff.
- Draft programme for the next three years has been produced. Local views are welcome for feedback.
- Fisherman's walk in Brodick has been subject to erosion and storm damage.
- A tree planting programme has begun in Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Brodick.
- Work on cemetery path repairs has begun, also fences and gates.
- Some walls received storm damage, each location will be inspected and repaired as required.
- McLaren Hotel no response from the owners regarding safety of the building. Chair addressed the local councillor enquiring if there was any process available to insist on the owners making the building and grounds safe.

- J. Lamont raised an issue of the state of the road between Ashdale Way and Kildonan
- N. Arthur raised the problem of the damaged bridge located nearby to the school. The bridge was damaged by road contractors.
- A. Balfour raised the damage caused by cutting back overgrown trees on the String road. This will be attended to when weather and resources are appropriate.
- Finally, the Chair requested members to advise in advance issues to be raised for the local officer, which was welcomed by Rosslyn.

A.O.C.B for the meeting.

- Brodick Nursery - a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday evening in Brodick Hall from 7.30 to explore the future of the nursery.
- Development of the proposed cinema in the old terminal building was aired. Latest news was that the proposal was still live although it had been subject to delays.

The next meeting of the Arran Community Council was scheduled for Tuesday 25th February at the pavilion from 1800 hrs.

Chair Bill Calderwood

Min Secretary Jim Henderson.