

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th May 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Those present were:

Campbell Laing Chair, Alison Prince , Secretary, Harry Davidson , Treasurer,
John Inglis , Willie Kelso , Ian McCallum, Jenny Meade, Brenda Stewart , Richard McMaster,
Ian Small , Charles Currie, Gillean Langley , Cllr Margie Currie
Also in attendance
Sgt R. MacKay Strathclyde Police and Jim Nichols (ACVS).

Apologies for absence

Nil

Declaration of Interest

Nil

1. **Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 27th April 2010** were agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Lamlash Hall

Jenny Meade reported that Lamlash Hall will now be offered for sale by NAC, on the condition that any purchaser takes the building down and rebuilds the hall on another site. Cllr Currie believed the purchase cost would not be great.

2.2 Attendance at other meetings

Brenda Stewart reported on 2 meetings she had recently attended (Waterwatch and a Ayrshire and Arran Health Board consultation.) Literature from both was available on request.

2.3 Brodick Beach

Cllr Currie reported that NAC were now minded to make a one-off permanent repair to the beach at Brodick, rather than a interim temporary repair. Harry Davidson understood that there was no guarantee the work would take place, as the funding had not yet been approved.

2.4 BT Manhole Covers

Cllr Currie has contacted BT regarding the delays in reinstatement work at covers on Lamlash Hill and the String Road.

2.5 Shiskine Cemetery Steps

This work has been put in hand with the Arran NAC Local Officer.

2.6 Kildonan Swings

Jenny Meade advised that the childrens' swing at Kildonan had still not been repaired.

2.7 Corrie War Memorial

John Inglis reported that the land on which the War Memorial stands had been sold recently to a private individual. It was not expected that access issues would arise.

2.8 Petrol Prices

Alison Prince was requested to write to both our MP and MSP's concerning the high fuel costs on Arran.

2.9 Arran CC Pilot Scheme

Jim Nichols updated the CC on the submission of to the SRDP of a funding bid by the Arran Sports Association.

The Community Council reaffirmed their earlier decision to provide the necessary funds to Arran Sports Association, to fund the difference between the SRDP application and the project cost. Harry Davidson (Treasurer) confirmed that the CC were holding the award from the SG relating to the Pilot Scheme in the CC bank account.

3. Police Matters

Sgt Mackay spoke of recent visits to the Lochranza area in connection with speeding motorists and campers. A future major issue is likely to be in relation to motor homes. As the Island now has less rooms for rent, people are now bringing their own accommodation with them. The static sites are often fully booked and, in some cases, do not wish to accept motor homes. The motor homes are therefore parking outwith designated sites.

It was noted that landowners are unable to quickly obtain injunctions to prevent unwanted camping. Harry Davidson observed that rough campers frequently leave litter, which is an offence. Sgt Mackay confirmed that his officers tell offenders to pick up litter when they see them deposit it. An offence is committed if they refuse to comply with the request.

4. Correspondence

4.1. String Road Closure

Information was that the road closure notices would be removed on 30th June 2010. It would be necessary for the use of traffic lights from 1st July until the works are completed. Concern was expressed that the bridge was not being widened as part of the work. Cllr Currie explained the finance available precluded additional work to the bridge.

It was agreed that Campbell Laing will write to Campbell Dexter agreeing to the time extension for the work beyond 30th June, but will add the dissatisfaction of the CC regarding the decision not to widen the road at Moniquil Bridge. The CC had been led to believe that, whilst widening either side of the bridge, the bridge would be widened and part of the road strengthened on the Shiskine side. A further site meeting would be requested.

4.2 Cours Wind Farm

As part of the consultation process, plans, the environmental study etc. have now been made available. A copy should be available in the public library.

5. Planning

The following was noted;

- Blairbeg- Extension
- Marine Hotel - Lamlash

Charles Currie will check the planning list weekly and send a 'trigger' email to the CC.

6. Housing

John Inglis had sent an article to the Arran Banner noting the reduction in the Isle of Arran Homes waiting list.

7. AOCB

- The CC endorsed their view that 2nd Home Owners should not receive concessionary fares on the ferry. Cllr Currie and Gillean Langley will raise this at the Ferry Committee.
- Concern was expressed over an invoice received by Brodick Improvements Committee relating to structural tests on lampposts that are used to hold the Christmas lights in Brodick. Cllr Currie suggested a letter be sent to the NAC Chief Executive in this regard.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th June 2010, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.