

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes
Meeting held 31st July 2018

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Peter McMullen, John Lamont, Frances Westwood, Colin McKenzie, Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Julie Graham, Bob Haddow

Also present: Cllr Timothy Billings, Jim Nichols Minute Secretary

1. Welcome / Apologies

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Bob Haddow as new Whiting Bay representative.

Apologies: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Ricky McMaster, Marilyn Woods, Liz Evans

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 26.06.2018

Proposed JH, seconded JL.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Invoice received from Eleanor's flowers and paid. Charges came in on budget and invoices have been sent to all relevant village representatives. Arran Trust grant has been received along with several village payments. CC will check with local associations and come back at August meeting regarding future CC involvement.

3.2 Representative to Elderly Forum is still open. The forum meets 9 times a year with no meetings in July, August and December. Next meeting will include their AGM on 19th Sept.

3.3 Estimate received for cost to use ACVS video conference facilities of approx. £60 per session. This covers venue, equipment and attendance of an officer to operate and connect system. If we used it three times per year that would require £200 from CC funds. Next NAC Community Council forum meeting provisionally scheduled for 22nd August and an indication of numbers was sought to allow the booking of the ACVS premises and check staff availability. Agreed that WC will make tentative enquiries to establish availability of ACVS on 22nd August if CC wishes to proceed. This would be subject to the agenda for the meeting being relevant to Arran. JN to check with quote.

3.4 Road works at the Brodick landslip site started and progressing to plan so far. Further road closure will be required to remove temporary bridge, but this will be notified as work progresses. Appreciation expressed by local businesses for revised timings, which helped staffing. Noted also that the poor condition of a section of road at Market Road, Brodick has been previously reported. This is still ongoing. The Southend road condition is also giving concern, due to the poor condition. It was noted also that the new Distillery will bring significantly more traffic from 2019. It was agreed CC to write to NAC Roads recognising the general level of improvement but also to highlight these 2 issues at this early stage. WC will draft a suitable note. NA reported the diversion sign is still at bottom of String Road and in Blackwaterfoot. Local NAC staff to uplift

4. Police Report

No report. Sgt had submitted apologies and duty would limit attendance from other officers. No questions raised from members.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Positive message from visitor seeking info on who had arranged the wide distribution of AED's and we have responded directing her to Fiona Laing as the originator/ driver for the programme.

5.2 A mobile home owner acknowledged chemical disposal points at Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot and suggested that other locations could provide these. We had responded to inform the limitation for some locations not being connected to mains sewage and he has responded to question one location. He had indicated he preferred not to use official sites!

5.3 The District Commissioner of Scouting asking for best social media listing to promote Scouting on Arran and appeal for leaders etc. Directed to Arran Community page.

5.4 Notice circulated regarding water supplies and responsible usage.

5.5 Message received from NAC roads Communications Manager to request 15 minutes on August agenda to allow "NAC to introduce the Roads marketing campaigns for the next three years, including Road Safety, Flood Protection, Gritting and Lighting" in a guest speaking slot rather than a public meeting. Concern voiced this would develop into a Q&A session and preference was proposed that if she were to arrange a Q&A for the general public in the Library or other locations members could attend. It was agreed that WC will request a written note of the content which will allow the CC to decide if the item should go to a future agenda.

5.6 Consultation request received from NAC Legal Services regards revised licensing regulations. Response needs to be received by 1st October. This will be further discussed and agreed at August meeting.

5.7 A note circulated highlighting opportunity for Participatory Budgeting funding had been circulated. No proposals submitted.

5.8 A message circulated regards survey for Ferry budgets for the future. CC members indicated they have registered their views.

5.9 Letter received from Patricia Gibson MSP to update on communications she had undertaken with Secretary of State for Digital, Culture Media and Sport on the issue of mobile coverage in areas such as Arran. This is an ongoing item and CC will receive updates when appropriate.

5.10 AYF applying for Asset Transfer of cabins behind High School. CC asked if we support proposal? Agreed to support the proposal. And members requested to respond individually and encourage others to complete the online survey

6. Treasurers Report

Bank balance stood at £1,354.26 including project funds. Some accounts to Village Committees relating to flowers have still to be paid. Arran Trust have paid the matched funding agreed for the plants. Some mileage claims are still to be processed.

7. Reports from Sub-Committees

7.1 Ferry Committee

No meeting held in July due to availability of members.

Next business meeting scheduled for 13th August.

This is anticipated to include feedback from the rescheduled Ministerial Task Force meeting scheduled for that afternoon.

7.2 Arran Locality Partnership

Workshop held 25th. Ricky attended as CC rep along with community reps, both local elected members and police. Meeting facilitated by NAC Senior Manager and Chief Exec also attended. Minutes and actions to follow. Date for next meeting to be arranged probably late September. Priorities remain as before with Affordable Housing, Transport and Social inclusion the top three.

Transport includes both ferries, and connectivity with road and rail. Community Transport is also included.

Funding has been mentioned by CEO NAC. North Ayrshire Venture Fund may provide opportunities in the future.

8. CLLR REPORT

Cllr Billings reported that the Locality Meeting had been positive.

A 5 year Roads Plan is being developed by NAC. Cllr Billings gave examples on how Planning for Roads may be assisted by this new plan.

JN had contacted Cllr Billings enquiring if School Children on the mainland were in receipt of free swimming lessons at KA Leisure run facilities? Cllr Billings confirmed that mainland school children were receiving free swimming and CC asked that he follow up with relevant parties to ensure Arran is not being disadvantaged.

9. AOCB

None

10. Date of Next Meeting

28st August 2018 at 6:00 pm