

Isle of Arran Community Council  
Minutes  
Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Neil Arthur, Julie Graham, Bob Haddow, Liz Evans, Frances Westwood, Jim Henderson ,

Also present: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Gus McLeod NAC, Jim Nichols - Minute Secretary, Hugh Boag Arran Banner and 1 member of the Public

**1. Welcome / Apologies**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies: Cllr Timothy Billings, Marilyn Woods, Peter McMullen, John Lamont, Colin Mackenzie, Ricky McMaster

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Proposed NA, seconded JG.

**3. Matters Arising:**

In the absence of Cllr Billings, a question related to young folks swimming costs comparison with Mainland and a question in relation to NAC Trading standards calls being routed via Citizens Advice call handling both awaiting. Deferred to November meeting.

**4. Police Report**

Sgt Robertson reported there had been no significant crimes.

9 crimes had been reported – 6 of which were detected (66%).

The Police now have a Intoximeter on the Island. This allows testing in the Police office without the need for a doctor.

Bob Haddow enquired if there were changes to the levels of illumination allowed for headlights. Sgt Robertson confirmed it is still an offence to dazzle others with headlights. Police can take action if headlights are modified. The Police will speak to motorists if they have only one headlight in operation.

**5. Correspondence**

Bill Calderwood reported correspondence including:

Messages received via “Contact-us” –

- Message received from family asking for info regards a memorial bench. A reply has been sent

Other correspondence included-

- A resident proposing to establish Arran as a “No Cold Calling Area” Liz Rose, who is leading this local campaign was present tonight and outlined the aims. It was noted that petitions are available in the Villages of Arran. Hugh Boag advised that he had received today advice from NAC that they are moving this forward.
- An update on the Dementia friendly Arran initiative. .
- An approach from RDS Forestry Ltd. to initiate discussion for a timber extraction slip way at Imacher. The Chair, Vice Chair and Neil Arthur had met with the manager. Liz Evans could not attend but will be included in further discussions. Some photos showing the proposed location were available. David Price from Machrie Improvements also attended. RDS initially wished to engage with the CC and hope to be able to have draft drawings and details available within a few weeks to allow discussion at November meeting..
- Participatory Budgeting event to discuss Ground Maintenance is being rescheduled.

- Bin Collection changes from next April were noted.
- Several messages from NAC covering Lighting, Gritting, Halloween, Bon Fires and DREAM - Drop everything and move initiative takes place this week)
- Road closures delays to work at Blackwaterfoot
- Overnight closures to carry out rock face repairs next week at Largybeg
- CC Conference has been postponed. Awaiting new date.

## **6. Reports from Sub-Committees**

### **6.1 Ferry Committee**

6.1.1 Following the recent public engagement drop-in events, WC confirmed 87 had attended Brodick and 89 Ardrossan. Information boards from the event have been posted to CC website and can be accessed [here](#). Comments are welcomed and will be collated into one record and this will be available when completed  
Neil Arthur felt that the CC should make it clear on the website that the CC are not responsible for the content. WC agreed to consider this suggestion, but noted that it will only be on the CC site until NAC make it available on the NAC website.

6.1.2 The next Ferry Committee meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### **6.2 Elderly Forum**

The CC had a good attendance at this meeting, and previous EF minutes will be corrected to remove inaccurate assertions for CC and other groups support.  
Discussion around PPG structure and EF Chair will followed up.  
Positive feedback had been received relating to “Medical Emergency” travel procedures. Also praise for Skipper navigating Ardrossan in recent poor weather.

### **6.3 Arran Economic Group**

Qrt 3 report available to view on CC website.

### **6.4 Locality Planning**

Ricky was unable to attend the recent meeting.  
Papers are available on NAC “Locality” website.  
Request had been circulated to support a Eco Savvy funding application. Supported in principle as it addressed aspects of travel.

## **7. NAC Councillors Report**

In the absence of the Cllrs, no report.

## **8. NAC Local Managers Report**

Gus Macleod reported on various road closures that would take place for 2 weeks in November. He advised that War Memorials would be cleaned in the next week.  
The garden maintenance of Montrose House will be assumed by Street Scene.  
Deer Fencing contracts will be let at Lochranza.

Neil Arthur raised safety concerns for a section of the String Road that he felt warranted ‘No Overtaking signs’.

Gus agreed to consider urgently.

## **9. AOCB**

Nil

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 6pm**