

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## Minutes of meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

Meeting by Zoom to complete the ACC role allocations

Present: B. Calderwood (Chair), P. Albrich, N. Arthur, J. Graham, R. Haddow, P McKinnon, R. McMaster, V. Park and T Young.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, a conclusion of the meeting held in the Ormidale Pavilion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2021.

Apologies received from J. Hunter and K. Weir.

### 1. Training

B. Calderwood confirmed that training would be provided by NAC, including but not exclusively CC induction and planning. Training would be considered for all that wanted it, previous members included, and is currently being prepared by Planning and NAC.

### 2. Emails

To comply with GDPR all members need to confirm to the Secretary the use of their personal emails for CC business or create an email account that they are happy to be contacted on.

### 3. Planning.

**3.1** B. Calderwood confirmed that the proposed Millstone Point fish farm off the Northeast coast between Lochranza and Sannox had failed with its appeal to the Scottish Government.

**3.2** The importance of the need for a timely acknowledgment to planning matters circulated to ACC members. For planning applications where a statutory request for a formal response was requested B. Calderwood asked that all CC members reply even it is to express no concerns.

**3.3** All objections and comments must relate to material considerations, details of which are available on the NAC website under Planning & Building Standards.

**3.4** N. Arthur requested that P. McKinnon follow up with Corrie Improvements the application, 21/00680/PP, Merkland Wood, use of site for hutting.

### 4. Elderly Forum

In J. Hunter's absence T. Young expressed her wish to take on this role.

## **5. Marine**

P. McKinnon asked to take on this on, supported by T. Young and R. Haddow.  
B. Calderwood highlighted the information available with Clyde Marine Planning.

## **6. Forestry**

R. McMaster has previously represented the CC in this area and expressed his wish to continue with the support of V. Park.

## **7. Environment**

V. Park expressed an interest here and with there being a crossover on some of the work with Forestry, V. Park will be with supported by R. McMaster.

## **8. Arran Economic Group**

**8.1** B. Calderwood discussed the various groups on Arran that have formed over the years with some degree of success. The new Scottish Island Bill and the Arran 2030 plans were briefly touched on and hope was expressed that with support from NAC the ACC role would be formalised within the existing structure. and the ACC would be the recognised framework for the collation of all these initiatives.

**8.2** N. Arthur expressed his wish to continue as the ACC representative on AEG along with T. Young who could contribute as appropriate in 2022 when structures were clearer as per 8.1 above

## **9. Website, Communications or Community Engagement**

It was acknowledged that the current ACC website had sections out of date and that attempts to get each village to update their events and details had not been successful. T. Young highlighted the fact that a lot of the villages already had their own websites and Facebook pages. Further discussions required on how to take this forward.

## **10. Scottish Island Federation**

B. Calderwood explained that this is principally the small isles and our involvement had been limited so far but that we had been invited to promote Arran in some way. B. Calderwood had requested this be delayed until Spring 2022 Their experience of environmental and coastal matters could be useful for P. McKinnon, V. Park and R. McMaster.

## **11. Project Coordinator.**

**11.1**A new role which has previously been covered informally. Discussion took place as to whether someone to bring the projects together would be an advantage.

T. Young expressed that each person with a project is the best person to handle it with it being their area of special interest or knowledge. N. Arthur agreed with this. No decision reached.

**11.2**B. Calderwood informed the group that grant money may be available next year

## **12. Youth Engagement**

**12.1B.** Calderwood highlighted the previous difficulties of engaging with the High School, not through lack of interest but that the nature of the school year was not conducive to a long-term input. Penny suggested getting either Graeme or Hollie from the AYF onto the ACC for specific projects. N. Arthur discussed the co-option of other people with specialised knowledge for different projects.

**12.2** T. Young advised that J. Hunter had requested school and early years.

B. Calderwood closed the meeting by discussing day and time of ACC meetings. Zoom was a preferred option for the winter months for those that lived a distance away.

Meeting closed at 20.45

**Next Business Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 18.00.**

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