

Arran Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022
At 6pm in the Ormidale Pavilion

Present: W. Calderwood (chair) J. Graham, T. Young, R. Haddow, P. McKinnon S. Garraway (late) Cllr Billings.

Also present: Sgt. K. Blackley, H. Underwood NAC (Local Officer) H. Boag One Member of the public remained for the monthly meeting G. Robson

Apologies: J. Adam, J. Nichols

As J. Nichols was unavailable J. Graham agreed to take the minutes.

Welcome

B. Calderwood welcomed all those present and wished J. Nichols a speedy recovery.

Minutes from Meeting 27th September 2022

Circulated and no changes requested. Proposed by T. Young Seconded by J. Graham

Matters Arising

NAC will engage with Brodick Bowling club re future arrangements

Awaiting details for further meetings around Locality structure. Neither Cllr. Billings or H. Underwood had anything further to report.

Grant Application Forms are with SRE waiting for final approval, each page must have company logo. Once final approved they can be added to our website and then applications can be considered.

Ian Adamson of Arran Broadband was approached in connection to attend a CC meeting to update us on ongoing work. As yet no confirmation received

Police Report Sergeant Blackley

65 recorded incidents relating to Arran, resulting in 6 crime reports raised. A significant drop in reported crime since last meeting.

Of the 65 incidents, 4 related to Road Traffic Collisions although all were fairly minor with no serious injury.

Nothing to suggest any worrying trends from all the incidents reported:-

A couple of opportunist thefts on the island over the past month, a timely reminder for everyone to be vigilant and be mindful of perhaps some extra security measures around fuel oil tanks coming into the winter when they've been topped up for the cold weather. No fuel thefts have however been reported. Arran's summer police secondees finish 26th October. They have been a big help and a welcome addition to the island's policing team for the past 6 months.

There have been some reports of dangerous driving and speeding through the villages, especially around a few of island's primary schools. Day or night, speed detection will be carried out.

If any of our respective areas needs any advice or handouts then these can be delivered personally or left in public spaces. J. Adam requested some in Pirnmill which will be taken over sometime this week and left in the shop for the attention of the Village Association.

As always, if there are any concerns which anyone wishes to raise directly with Sergeant Blackley then please feel free to do so at any time by calling or dropping into Lamblash station. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and any anonymous information can also be submitted via the 'Crimestoppers' website or Freephone number.

Bill Calderwood requested to pass on ACC's thanks to summer secondees for their contribution and hard work during their time on Arran.

NAC – Local Officers report 25.10.2022

Report It

As of the 1st of April 2022 any road faults can be reported via the council website. It is a very quick and effective way to have your concerns recorded. It shows where others have reported faults too (hopefully cutting on duplicates). Request to continue circulating link

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-road-fault.aspx>

2022/23 Roads Programme

North Sannox works to resurface from the bridge to the carpark is complete. Mountain Rescue car park resurface is complete. Concerns have been made by the public on both areas that work has been done here rather than main and side roads. Were these paid for by NAC or privately i.e., Forrest Enterprise. Community Council to drop a note to local office to confirm.

Brathwic Place – remedial works have been undertaken and the full length of Brathwic Place is in the programme currently being scheduled for late 2023

Jet patching works has been highly successful and now complete for 2022/23. Requested back for next year.

Playparks

Funding for 22/23 from the Coastal Playpark improvement programme are allowing improvements and upgrades at Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Corrie. Works are programmed for November 2022. The items due to be replaced will be removed from these playparks the week prior to enable the contractors to install the new equipment.

The equipment proposed for the four sites is as follows:

Brodick Sensory sound panel, Sensory sight panel, Multi person spinning cup, Single person spinning cup, Four person seesaw with tyre stoppers, Two person seated spinning carousel, Aquatic themed one person springer, Galvanised steel birds nest wing, Large Surface mounted multi-function pirate ship with slide, Surface mounted multi-functional fort with slide, Outdoor exercise equipment – cross trainer, free runner and seated cycle.

Lamlash Shore Sensory sound panel, Sensory sight panel, Nest swing

Whiting Bay Sensory sound panel, Sensory sight panel, Nest swing

Corrie Nest swing

The sensory panels proposed for Kildonan will be installed at a later date, subject to ground clearance to provide sufficient space. In addition, the railing for the steps at Kildonan is scheduled for replacement over the winter. Play equipment at Brathwic Place has been assessed and replacement/upgrade of items is proposed. Further information on this will be shared when it is available. No other playparks are to be upgraded 2022/3. Concern that if Brathwic Place is upgraded after road repaired it could cause further damage and disruption. Confirmation needed that playpark work is completed prior to road repaired.

Garden Tidy

Garden tidy has ended for the 22/23 season

Streetscene

Final grass cut being undertaken. Weed spraying (including Knotweed) which has been delayed due to recent unsuitable weather conditions has commenced. Bedding plants will now be removed with new

bedding plants provided at memorials ready for remembrance Sunday.

Cleansing

To help prevent fly-tipping on the island we would ask that anybody giving waste to a third-party contractor asks a few basic queries before doing so. Businesses are obligated under law to do this, but it is good practice for homeowners/occupiers to only choose to use contractors who are registered, who have insurance and can evidence that they are legally compliant. If fly-tipping is noticed report to NAC who will deal with it

NAC cleansing offer a bulky uplift service – up to 5 items for £25.20 or items can be deposited without charge at the HWRC.

Speed Radar monitor results from Catacol have not been made available and whether the monitor was used at Lochranza on the straight road just past distillery.

Correspondence:

“Contactus” note received requesting info on history of Whitehouse Hotel Lamlash. Response provided and acknowledged.

Various reports circulated on road work.

Newsletter from Scottish Water

NHS Scotland Initiative circulated

Repairs to Pirnmill bridge to commence shortly. The existing structure is no longer fit for purpose. Vehicle access across the Allt Goghlach Burn will be maintained throughout the project. A temporary single lane steel bridge will be constructed allowing for one-way traffic light control. The existing adjacent pedestrian footbridge shall remain open for the duration of the works to allow access to the post office/shop etc.

Responded to planning applications and Licensing Apps.

Revised Website outline drafted and agreed.

Circulated letter from Ferguson Marine CEO to NetZero committee.

B. Calderwood reminded everyone to respond to communications that information has been received and if requested a response, please submit by deadline date.

Ferry committee feedback.

No Meeting in October due to holidays

AFC continues to work with all groups to effect repairs and prepare resilience plans for winter.

Impact of Loss of 07:00 sailing for services and supplies to island escalated and AFC are working to expedite the repairs to fenders and develop contingency plans.

AFC have reviewed possible changes to the stand-by procedures which apply on other bookable routes.

Other actions continue to be followed up.

AFC Met with Transport Scotland to discuss future opportunities.

Troon Timetable being followed up and AFC option submitted for consideration. Timetables 6 and AFC's submission 7 appear to be preferred options, review in process.

Fenders at Ardrossan were replaced earlier in the year, but damaged again with further work required. Replacements have been ordered.

Next meeting scheduled for 14th November

Timothy Billings – Councillor Report

This is a summary of the major issues that I have been concerned with this month.

Arran Island Plan

There was an open meeting to discuss and review the Arran Island Plan and its associated 2022/23 priorities. There were about 40 people there who discussed the feedback on the three main themes

Economy, Community and Environment. It was agreed that to get things going a small short-life working group be set up to take forward the work from this open meeting. We will plan to hold another open meeting in January, so that the working group can feed back what it has been up to, with a view to getting the steering group set up ready for April 2023 with a refreshed set of objectives for the year.

North Ayrshire Council

There were Members' Updates on the following:

MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) – this is the work done to prevent people on the sex offenders register from re-offending. It is a very important bit of work that really does work and involved integrated work with social services, police, health, probation, prisons and other teams. I can provide more information if people are interested. T. Young asked if drug misuse was included in this work, it is not.

Tourism Management – it was agreed to review the Visitor Management Plan in light of experience over this summer.

CalMac – the CEO of Calmac and the area manager came to speak about the work of the ferry company. Nothing new that not already known about.

Council Finances – this was the first update to Elected Members about how the Council is doing financially and what the current thinking is about the next financial year. There is no real detail other than to say it will be challenging.

Committee Work

Locality Planning – following on from last month, there were two meetings of a group of Councillors who have reviewed the Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for the Locality Partnerships across North Ayrshire. The aim was to ensure that they were more focused on local work and local outcomes to achieve the Locality Priorities and Local Outcome Improvement Plans (this will include for Arran the Island Plan). The revised documents will go to next week's full council meeting for ratification. P. Mckinnon asked if CC had attended any recent Locality Partnership meetings. Confirmed that T. Young and B. Calderwood had attended.

IJB – Cllr Billings attended the monthly meeting which was mostly focused on mental health issues across all the Ayrshires (NA IJB is the lead for mental health).

Local Review Body – Cllr Billings chaired a meeting of the LRB which heard an appeal against a planning refusal. The proposal was to use a disused car parts building as a specialist retail outlet for local craft food and drink products. The reason for refusal was that it didn't comply with the Council's town centre first policy. However, on listening to the evidence the meeting considered that this was a specialist proposal and that it should be supported.

Other issues:

Pit-stop Project

There is no update on this yet, other than NAC will starting the community consultation very shortly. Details should be available this week. Discussion arose that neither Arran nor Cumbrae Community Council had been involved in any discussions. Where had funds been sought Louise Kirk is leading project and Cllr Billing to rectify our concerns

Kings Cross – Forestry

Cllr Billings attended a residents meeting at which people were able to voice their concerns and questions about the possible development of a logging transfer station. Whilst there are no definite plans it is possible that plans could be brought forward and therefore, as a member of the Planning Committee he needs to maintain a neutral position so that he can participate in any discussions at the Committee. Following the meeting he will take questions that arose to NAC's planning department. Response will be forwarded to the residents.

A.O.C.B

B. Calderwood reminded everyone that all AOCB must be sent in with written paper to allow circulation to all Community Council members for discussion and agreement who should take any urgent forward as a CC representative.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.00 hours

The proposed date of next meeting – 29th November 2022