

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING Held at Ormidale Pavilion on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Those present:** Ricky McMaster (Chair), Bill Calderwood (Secretary), Jim Henderson (Treasurer), Hazel Gardiner, Daniel Bowles, Liz Evans, Colin Mackenzie, John Lamont, Neil Arthur and Peter Randell,

Also present were, Hugh Boag (Arran Banner) PC Cameron

**15/07/1 Welcome / Apologies:** Barbara McNeice, Peter McMullen, Gus MacLeod (NAC Local officer), Sgt Dodds and Cllr John Bruce.

**15/07/2 Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> June Meeting –**

Minutes of meeting proposed by Hazel Gardiner, seconded by Daniel Bowles.

The minutes can be viewed at <http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/records.php> following the meeting.

**15/07/3 Matters Arising:**

15/07/3/1 Buses and SPT

- SPT advise ground works 10<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August, shelter works 24<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- Shelters on list will be dealt with. Platform ramps will be fitted for Disabled Access.
- Response received from SPT regards the two questioned items and local rep has accepted they are closed.

15/07/3/2 Resilience.

- New sign is available to non-business events. Takes about 30 minutes to set up. Currently North Ayrshire Council are not charging for setting up. Equipment is large and substantial. NAC local office will co-ordinate bookings etc.
- No further responses from local groups as to availability for the 28th August event.
- Approach received from Red Cross to come and meet with a group of approx. 10 /12. (Scope distributed to members prior to meeting)
- Request received from ACCT to have copies of the local plans forwarded.

15/07/3/3 Boundaries Commission

- It was agreed that the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, John Lamont and Daniel would represent the CC at the meeting with NAC Chief Exec. Director of Place and other NAC staff on the 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Meeting agreed to the approach developed for Arran to propose a single ward.

15/07/3/4 NAC's Transport Strategy review.

- A draft response had been distributed to members for review.
- Concern was expressed relating to the ability to commute to work on the ferry.
- NA – Emphasised the situation of Sunday buses, there are no buses to cover Balmichael/Shiskine. BC confirmed this had been recognised.
- Agreed to submit the response.

#### 15/07/3/5 Shoreline Protection

- Invitation to Executive Director of Place has been accepted and as he will participate in Boundaries discussion the timing has been extended to allow him to cover the topic when he is on the island. We have agreed to this arrangement since the main villages potentially impacted (Brodict, Lamlash and Whiting Bay) will be represented at the boundaries discussion.

#### 15/07/3/6 Triathlon Event

- In his absence, Sgt Dodds had provided a overview of the event as follows:  
*The normal protocol would be the submission of an application to NAC to hold an event. The Local Authority then take lead and contact other partner agencies, such as Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue and Scottish Ambulance Service. Once all agencies are in agreement the event is authorised.*  
*That being said....The Arran Man did not follow this protocol. All agencies were alerted to the event with 72 hours' notice. The risk assessment completed by the events' organiser was heavily scrutinised and until it was completed to Police Scotland's satisfaction, the event was not taking place. The major concern was the water safety, there needs to be several qualified persons in the water and overseeing the risk assessment.*  
*On the Saturday morning a meeting was held with Police, Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance, NAC and the events' organiser to ensure the risk assessment was completed. The organiser agreed to pay for the cost of additional Police Officers required to police event. SAS provided an additional ambulance and Lamlash SFRS were mobilised.*  
*There were several learning outcomes for the organiser should he undertake the event again next year. Early consultation with local groups is of paramount importance and was reinforced to Mr Armstrong.*
  - Peter Randell expressed concern regarding the organisation of the event, and the Risk Assessment process. It was questioned who would have been responsible in the event of an incident.
  - Neil A queried the suitability of Arran as a venue without suitable resources.
  - It was alleged that one casualty had to be airlifted, and another was injured.
  - JL was concerned there are no warning on the ferry regarding the condition of the roads, gradients etc.
  - NA felt a leaflet should be given to the cyclists as they go on the ferry. He suggested earlier work done by Shirley Anderson and Neil Gillies should be refreshed.
  - It was agreed to approach Sgt Dodds, to update and agree how to progress this.

#### 15/07/4 **Police Report:**

PC Cameron provided the following results from ongoing traffic monitoring

- Reported incidents:

24/03 – 24/07/14	58
24/03 – 24/07/15	39

  - 40 people warned for speeding in Blackwaterfoot area
  - 12 drivers warned in Corrie
- Requests for Lochranza and Pirnmill to be covered. Hazel felt vehicles were driving over the white lines on corners.
- PC Jennifer Sneddon leaves 04/08/15
- PC Kerry Russell starts 31/08/15

#### 15/07/5 **Correspondence:**

- NAC Funding newsletter circulated.
- Message received regarding road works at Corrie. Passed to NAC for response. They will contact BT to have repairs expedited.

- Message received regarding “Digital Engagement Session” to be held on 9th October from 10am until 4 pm at Ayr. Agreed to support.
- McLaren Hotel
  - Trees and hedges becoming a concern for neighbours. It is not known who is liable. WC had contacted NAC, who will inspect the site. WC has provided photographs of the site to NAC.
- Public Toilets
  - Several messages regarding condition of islands public toilets. Passed to NAC for comment. Update from local office to confirm NAC is not legally obliged to provide facilities. Currently the island facilities are cleaned daily with Brodick. Lamlash possibly twice depending on time. Disabled toilets have been unlocked and a review will be carried out for signage etc.
- Note from Marine Scotland to ask if we have any further comments on the Marine licence application associated to the New Ferry Terminal. We have until the 3rd August to submit.

#### **15/07/6      Treasurers Report**

- All members were asked to submit Expense claims by 16/08 and to allow payment to be prepared for 25/08.
- Mileage rate is 36p if funds allow but may need to be reviewed downwards in light of NAC grant.
- Process explained to clarify that NAC will reimburse expenses up to the annual fund limit of £910.
- All payments need to be provided to allow accounts to be audited for AGM in September.

#### **15/07/7      Broadband roll-out across island**

- Complaints being received re: response times and service is poor.
  - Questions of which exchanges will be upgraded and when?
  - Capacity limitation – will this roll-out allow for expansion?
  - Neil Arthur feels there is a danger using the word ‘upgraded’.
  - View expressed that the cable facility was en-route to Islay. The cable has been upgraded, but not to the homes.
  - There are no known plans to upgrade the copper cables from the exchange to the house.
  - NA believes Corrie, Brodick, Lamlash and Whiting Bay will see an improvement.
  - RMcM said BT will only guarantee minimum speed of 0.5Mb.

**Agreed Action:** Secretary to write to BT/ HIE re issues.

#### **15/07/8      Reports from Sub-Committees**

**15/07/8/1      Ferries:** Jim Henderson had circulated his notes in advance of the meeting and the following were highlighted.

- Robert Waine intending to stand down at an open meeting later in the year.
- Next FC meeting 10.08.15.
- No further news re: revised constitution.
- NA requested that a deadline be set for the open meeting of September.
- WC emphasised that any revised constitution should look at their records and openness.
- HG reiterated concerns that have been raised by medical profession relating to unreliability of sailings due to weather etc.
- NA felt the Ferry committee should run it as an EGM with a public meeting.
- Agreed – JH will present his notes of the meeting to AFC on 10/08.
- JH will circulate report of the meeting within 1 week.

#### **15/07/8/2      Elderly Forum**

- Daniel had attended recent meeting and no actions recorded.

**15/07/8/3 Arran Economic Group**

- Chair and secretary had attended the first meeting of Arran Economic Group on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Group have appointed a chair, and will now move to appoint a project co-ordinator.

**15/07/9 A.O.C.B**

- Nil.

**Date of the next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**