

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING Held at Ormidale Pavilion on 29th September 2015

Those present: Ricky McMaster (Chair), Bill Calderwood (Secretary), Jim Henderson (Treasurer), Hazel Gardiner, Daniel Bowles, Neil Arthur, and Peter Randell,

Also present were, Arran Banner, Cllr John Bruce, Gus MacLeod (NAC Local officer) and four members of the public.

15/09/1 Welcome / Apologies: Colin Mackenzie, John Lamont, Peter McMullen, Liz Evans,

15/09/2 Minutes of 25th August Meeting –

Amendments requested to 4.5: Cost of Lochranza Sewage - £50K was a cost quoted for repair of pipes. It related to a charge for each household if sewage system needs repair.

Agreed to correct minute.

With this amendment Minutes Agreed Peter R, seconded Bill C.

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

15/09/3 Matters Arising:

15/09/3/1 Resilience:

- Secretary met with local Civil contingencies team. In event of incident the NAC team will contact local village via contact list in local office.

15/09/3/2 Shoreline Protection:

- Lamlash Improvements have met with Mr Fforde of Arran Estates and North Ayrshire. Craig Hatton has contacted Scottish Water to see if they will contribute.
Daniel B – Lamlash Improvement and Arran estates will work together to try to work together to try to work together to take things forward.
- Bill C – BIC are supporting a meeting arranged - 3rd November, a public viewing of the proposals for Brodick beach which will be followed by 20 days of consultation. Proposal will be for 2 groynes with a fishtail either side. Further details awaited

15/09/3/3 Broadband Roll-out.

H & Islands have indicated they may be prepared to come over if required. Arran Connect are holding a meeting tomorrow to discuss broadband issues on the island. JH will attend this meeting.

PR expressed concern regarding medical centres being left without service for 4 days.

NA – A resident doctor in Shiskine is without a phone for 6 weeks.

JN – Advised H&SCP aware of problems. Advised contact to right suggestion would be Practice Manager.

HG – Catacol residents confirm that the telephone box in Catacol is not working.

15/09/3/4 Roads

- Meeting held with representatives from all island and NAC had presented 5 scenarios:
 - Scenario 1 which was for 7 weeks normal hours working appeared to be the best solution, using a convoy system covering 1.1 Kms. Local businesses felt there would be significant impact if work would be carried out October to December, North Ayrshire agree to start January with completion before Easter (late March).
- PR queried situation re: Whiting Bay speed restrictions. Gus MacLeod confirmed work would be completed when white lining teams are back over on the island. This work was hoped to commence very soon, dependant on weather.
- BC queried who specifies the priority. GM advised they have a lists to work to.
- NA spoke of a section of String Road where crossroads have virtually no lines.
- HG spoke of concern re: work on Witches Bridge.
- GMcL confirmed work would be continuing this week and white lining would follow later.

15/09/4 **Police Report:**

- Arran Man 2016 organiser has been in touch with NAC and Police and hoped last year's glitches would not be repeated.
- NA – Given the 1st year of RET, could stats be given re: last year in comparison with 2 previous years.
PC advised that a request could be made via Police Scotland web site.

15/09/5 **Correspondence:**

15/09/6 **Boundaries Commission:**

- WC & DB had meeting with Elma Murray and Andrew Fraser 29th Sept. E Murray advised that NAC support ACC's proposal for an independent ward if legislation allowed. Recognised the inclusion of section covering ward boundaries in the new Scottish Government consultation for the proposed Islands Bill was in line with ACC submission
- It has been agreed that ACC would submit their revised proposal to Elma Murray.
- It was expected that the Island Bill might propose option to review the conditions for number of elected members per island. The legislation would not come into force for this particular Boundary Review.

15/09/7 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

15/09/7/1 **Ferries:**

- JH had circulated report on progress of Ferry Committee and concerns covering Reliability, Port of refuge and constitution which had been discussed. AFC's involvement in the Procurement Review to ensure tendering was carried out in a transparent manner.
- HG spoke of concerns of Lochranza and Catacol regarding concerns about the constitution.

15/09/7/2 **Forestry:**

- NA – There was an indication that there may be a change of position from the FCS, it was noted that a meeting will take place in late October.
- Forestry are now looking at timber extraction from all of Arran for 50+ years.
- CC representation from all Arran areas would be included at future meetings of work group. (Jim H and Peter R to attend).

5/09/8 Revised Structures for CC's

- WC – A paper has gone to NAC cabinet.
- Agreeing that Consultation will take place through to end of March.
- The Arran Community Council view had previously been that the preferred period for councillors should be 2 years rather than 4 years.
PR felt there was merit in the longer period.

15/09/9 NAC Councillors report:

- Cabinet today: Community Empowerment Act consultation will commence this year.
- Community Renewables Policy: It was agreed to use Arran Community Energy as a Pilot partner as part of this.
Development plan to be created in conjunction with ACE. An officer will be appointed to work with ACE.
- Libraries Review
None closing
- Lamlash Primary School
Good report from Education Scotland.

15/09/10 A.O.C.B

- CC Vacancies (Shiskine, Corrie / Sannox) to be advertised in local press. Article to be prepared and submitted. Invite nominations for next meeting.
- 19th October - Engagement event for Health and Social Care Planning.
- 26th October – Renewables event at Greenwood centre.

Date of the next meeting: 27th October 2015