

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at Ormidale Pavilion on 24th November 2015

Those present: Ricky McMaster (Chair), Bill Calderwood (Secretary), Jim Henderson (Treasurer), Hazel Gardiner, Daniel Bowles, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Liz Evans, Colin Mackenzie, Marilyn Woods, Barry Mochan and Cllr John Bruce

Also present were, Jim Nichols, Arran Banner, Sgt Dodds (Police) Gus MacLeod (NAC Local officer) and two members of the public.

15/11/1 Welcome / Apologies: John Lamont

15/11/1/1 New members were introduced following the recent notifications in the local press. Barry Mochan was appointed for Corrie Sannox unopposed and Marilyn Woods was appointed for the Shiskine Valley area following a public meeting and election.

15/11/1/2 Peter Randell had notified the officers that he was standing down from the Community Council with immediate effect due to personal reasons. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Peter and regretted his loss to the group's activities.

15/11/2 Minutes of 27th October Meeting –

Minutes proposed by Colin Mackenzie, seconded Daniel Bowles.

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

15/11/3 Matters Arising:

15/10/3/1 New Community Council members:

- See item 15/11/1/1 above.

15/10/3/2 Roads:

- White lining machines: Still no capacity to address previously notified areas due to limited attendance on island of mainland based team. NAC have list of areas requiring marking including areas identified as potential safety risks by CC.

15/10/3/3 Broadband Roll-out and "ConnectArran".

- NA and BC are attending workgroup discussions for the 'Connect Arran' group which has been formed.
- See agenda item 6c.

15/10/3/5 Bus stops at Pirnmill

- .Awaiting updates on repairs to barrier required from NAC.

15/10/5/3 Knotweed.

- Confirmed that Lamlash Village Assoc will co-ordinate activity on this subject.

15/10/5/4 CAB Visit

- Contact will review dates for possible attendance in 2016

15/11/4 Police Report:

- Problems still being experienced and monitored at ferry terminal with traffic trailing back on to main road.
- Monitoring temporary width restrictions in Lamlash due to building work at new co-op. Contractor had been advised by NAC of regulations for barriers and signage.

15/11/5 Correspondence:

15/11/5/1 323 Bus service

- A note had been received to ask if this service could be extended to run out to Cladach to help visitor's etc visit to business in that area. This was checked for practicality with operator and restrictions for turning etc still exist which prohibits this request. It was highlighted that the Corrie service covers this area already.

15/11/5/2 Community Maintenance of Public Toilets

- Note received to seek our views on the possibility of community maintained toilets around the island. As the current "super-loos" are being withdrawn from service and this is a frequent negative issue from opinion surveys any suggestions or ideas are welcomed. It was suggested this idea could possibly be aligned to a completion for the "best kept" General discussion agreed that this was not a practical solution to the problem. Alternative proposals included asking for other locations to adopt a scheme similar to that operating in Lamlash where local businesses allow the use of facilities to "passers-by" the location of these premises are being publicised and it is intended to include in the updated local village maps. Discussion also highlighted that the intended signage for emptying of chemical toilets from RV's etc is still not in place.

15/11/5/3 Terms of service etc. for CC members.

- Message received asking what our term of office was. Response provided to advise current 2 year term, but highlight current NAC consultation on future structure.

15/11/5/4 Additional Bus shelter Brodick

- An approach was made to ask if we could support a request for an additional bus shelter on the shore side at the large Co-op. Local views had been sought and it had been mentioned at the recent Elderly Forum and no strong views were given to support this. General view was that the bus stance at the ferry was close enough and any new addition would not be welcomed.

15/11/5/5 Douglas Hotel tree works.

- Message from resident questioning work being carried out. Response provided to confirm work would be undertaken under TPO and area was intended to be replanted with indigenous varieties.

15/11/5/6 New Montrose House - neighbours' concerns.

- Copy of letter to NAC received detailing several concerns of lighting and intrusive CCTV etc. Response from NAC read out and it was agreed to monitor future progress.

15/11/6 Reports from Sub-Committees

15/10/6/1 **Ferries:**

- Report from ferry committee meeting had been circulated no questions were highlighted. Revised format of minutes was noted as positive change.
- Still no resolution for parking alternatives etc during build of new terminal. Contractor will be asked again for their plans.
- Attention was drawn to proposal for an early Sunday 8:20 sailing for the 2016/17 schedule. Views were requested for this move which would require the forfeiture of the 19:20 Saturday sailing. General views were that this was a constructive approach which would allow residents a longer day on the mainland to visit relations or attend events. It was proposed that the FC would carry out a survey of wider views. This was supported.

15/10/6/2 **Forestry:**

- No meeting since last CC meeting. FCS are awaiting budget to follow up on future extraction plans. Local group will continue to meet and discuss options which would be "best fit" for island. Next meeting scheduled for January.
- Chair advised he had attended recent environment panel meeting and report to be published.

15/11/6/3 **Digital communications / Connect Arran**

- The Connect Arran group had a meeting to confirm purpose and structure. Steering group has been established. A wide range of skills is already available on the island

which will pull together and work with HIE, Openreach, BT and other groups as appropriate to prepare an outline plan to establish mobile and fast broadband coverage to all areas of the island.

- Further news will be communicated as available.

15/11/7 Cllr Bruce's report.

- Councillor outlined main items discussed at meeting on 24th Nov. All items are available on the NAC website.
- Roads review covering full council area including Arran. Survey showed low satisfaction in areas with highest investment including Arran.
- Sale of old Montrose house is being finalised.
- Next Cabinet is expected to discuss NAC's response to islands bill. ACC will also respond.
- STP concessionary travel committee Cllr has been appointed to chair.
- Various activities ongoing to address recent flooding and weather related issues around the island.

15/11/8 A.O.C.B

- It had been proposed that we extend an invitation to COAST to update the CC at our meeting in January. This was agreed.

Date of the next meeting: 26th January 2016