

Arran Community Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 6p.m.
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair) Jim Henderson, Peter Randall, Barry Mochan, Liz Evans, Marilyn Woods, Neil Arthur, Gus McLeod Roads, Timothy Billings Cllr, Colin McKenzie and John Lamont.

1. Welcome / Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Julie Graham, Jim Nichols, Ricky McMaster & Peter McMullen. The Chair on opening the meeting welcomed back Brodick Representative Colin McKenzie.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2017

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Peter Randall and seconded by Neil Arthur.

3. Matters arising.

- 3.1 Min Secretary Jim Nichols will confirm his availability by the AGM regarding his voluntary position as minute secretary.
- 3.2 Feedback from the Grinduro event suggest it was professionally managed and there had been no reports of any problems.
- 3.3 Members expenses- all reported as requested with one to complete by end of week.
- 3.4 Play parks proposals- awaiting date of meeting with NAC and the two Local Councillors. There had been some feedback to CC from Pirnmill and Lamlash. Updates required from the Machrie and Corrie representatives. During this conversation criticism of NAC staff procedures regarding inspections was aired. There was also mention of one area considering a possible community asset transfer, but to date no progress has been made. It is understood there will be no community engagement until after the next meeting with NAC expected to be scheduled next week.
- 3.5 No other matters raised by the meeting.

4. Police report.

The main item concerned the search for John Smith of Machrie, over 50 officers were involved with assistance from Coastguard and the community.

There had been some speeding complaints from locals but the % was low. Public perception of speed created a few of the complaints, which proved to be in error.

Whiting Bay rep raised a concern about a BT opening on the road by the Black Rocks, which had been left for some time and was causing a risk to road users. G.McLeod explained the legal situation of road repairs and the chair requested a record of road repair delays.

The volume of Summer traffic from the ferry was now causing parking problems in Brodick and Lamlash.

5. Correspondence.

1. Messages received regarding Montrose House press reports - there were currently 6 social care vacancies (a mix of permanent and p'time) with interviews being scheduled for month end. Respite care is being reviewed with packages available for those requiring them. Accommodation at Montrose house is being used on temporary basis for visiting staff to ensure that the residents receive safe, high quality health and social care services at all times.
2. Recycling units at the council yard in market road. There appears to be a lack of communication and limited resources to assist persons unable to manage the lifting required. The meeting expressed criticism of the facility in the short term, which may be improved in the long term. In the meantime a warning was expressed that the current procedures may lead to fly tipping. NAC are hoping to make some short term changes but require SEPA approval

3. DVLA driving tests in Arran. Complaints had been received about the low number of tests being available. Our MP had written to the DVLA and was advised, Arran is an outstation and is not permanently manned- to date 60 appointments have been held. Due to holidays the next 2 dates are scheduled for October and November covering 12 appointments on each date.
4. Forestry meetings- the next is scheduled for the 10th August 2017.
5. Planning application for the mobile mast in Whiting Bay has been withdrawn until an alternative site has been located.
6. Corrie representative raised the issue of a complaint raised at the Museum about the history of the clearances. The note has been passed to the Museum for response.
7. Letter received from the Ayrshire group of CND.
8. Letter received from Sally Campbell, which was distributed to all members regarding the CMPP (Clyde Marine Planning Partnership) through the chair. J. Henderson had consulted with the Coast Chairman H.Wood who agreed that more organisations should become involved. It is anticipated that in future the group name will be changed and has potential of becoming a powerful lobby with substantial powers for the management of the Clyde. The Chair proposed that J. Henderson be identified as the ACC representative for the CMPP which was unanimously approved.

6. Sub-Committee reports.

a) Toilet closures:

Negotiations are still ongoing. Lamlash and Brodick awaiting details of possible asset transfer and conditions.

Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza are understood to be progressing their local facilities however no further details were available.

Delivery of the Sannox unit still awaiting confirmation.

b) Ferries:

Hospital patient transfer-system being developed by health partners to accommodate patients transfers requiring ferry transport to have capacity available. This is only for admissions and discharge of patients requiring medical transfer and will not include out-patient travel.

Ticketing- no progress with print at home or smart ticketing procedures.

Berthing trials by both Isle of Arran and Caledonian Isles at the new Brodick harbour have been successful.

Recent rescheduling of the 22:00 service was debated with CalMac acknowledging criticism for the disruption.

Relief vessels for the winter refit of Caledonian Isles were confirmed as same as last year. (Heb Isles and IoA).

Connectivity with public transport ferry times was raised once again.

c) Locality Forum feedback.

First meeting of new elected members. Cllr McMaster is chair of the Arran group. Cllr Billings also participates.

Representation of ACC has been confirmed and acknowledged as R.McMaster until further notice.

Various topics updated covering housing, Connectivity and Harbour updates (Brodick and Ardrossan).

Information is available on NAC locality website covering Arran and will be expanded on once resources are trained.

d) AEG feedback:

Updates on several topics covering Brodick Harbour update, Ardrossan developments, Connectivity and potential housing demand were provided.

7. NAC Councillors report. (Cllr T.Billings)

Legal ownership of Lamlash green has been transferred to North Ayrshire Council by Lady Jean, which will now allow repairs to the gabions protecting the village green opposite area from Chemist to Glenisle hotel.

The Whiting Bay representative addressed the chair asking why Cllr McMaster has not attended any of the ACC meetings. The chair explained that there was no statutory requirement to attend and had received the Agenda and minutes of every meeting since she was appointed.

8. Gus McLeod report.

The Chair invited Gus to update the members on local items.

He began with an update on the proposed repairs to the 20mph signs for the schools, which he hoped would be completed before the schools take up again.

However, there are no spare parts available for the signs in use and other locations were being identified as a possible source to remedy the situation.

In the long term traffic regulations are being considered to make the 20mph areas permanent instead of the lights scheduled to comply with school hours.

Concern was expressed about overgrown verges obstructing line of vision, Gus responded that this work was being scheduled with a list of priority locations. Equipment issues had delayed the scheduled work but new equipment has now been provided. However, he repeated his statement that if any area had particular requirements, they would be attended to if reported to his office. In the back end of the year it is proposed that overgrown trees or bushes affecting traffic would be pruned or cut back. All concerns and observations of the impact of this trial will be considered in a review at the end of the trial. CC input will be collected.

9. A.O.C.B.

The meeting raised no other business.

10. The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 29th August at 6p.m.

Chair.....

Min Secretary.....

Bill Calderwood

Jim Henderson

26.7.2017.