

Isle of Arran Community Council
Minutes
Meeting held 26th June 2018

Present: Bill Calderwood (Chair), Jim Henderson, Neil Arthur, Peter McMullen, Julie Graham, Marilyn Woods, Liz Evans, J Lamont, Frances Westwood, Colin McKenzie

Also present: Gus MacLeod NAC, PC Scott Weir, Hugh Boag Arran Banner, Jim Nichols Minute Secretary

1. Welcome / Apologies

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Frances Westwood as the new representative for Corrie / Sannox.

Apologies: Sgt Douglas Robertson, Cllr T Billings, Ricky McMaster

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of 29.05.2018

Proposed LE, seconded NA.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Village Flowers: WC reported the exercise had gone without problems. It was agreed that JH send a letter of thanks to Eleanor's Flowers on behalf of the CC. An invoice is awaited.

Budget was £1,200. It is expected to recover £600 from the Access Trust and £600 from Villages.

3.2 Elderly Forum: Next meeting is 19.09.2018. A volunteer is sought attend to represent the CC.

3.3 Chair had spoken to NAC representative and had highlighted the problems for Arran CC when evening meetings are arranged on the mainland. WC had approached ACVS and had agreement in principle to use their teleconferencing facility. JH was concerned that there may be charges associated with this.

The proposed meetings are believed to be on a quarterly basis. It was agreed to continue to explore options, including checking what might be available at the Outdoor Centre.

3.4 Road Repairs: An update from Cllr Billings had been received. The CC were happy to see the roadworks progressing.

NA pointed out that the carriageway at Blackwaterfoot has still to be completed.

G McL confirmed the works would include the section in Blackwaterfoot beyond the bridge.

Gus advised that no work was included in this fiscal year at the Southend.

WC queried if the Scot Gov. 'Pothole' money for North Ayrshire (£213,000) included Arran.

Gus confirmed a sum had been factored into the schedule.

3.5 Locality Meeting: A meeting scheduled for next week has been postponed pending a workshop. It was noted that the Community funding will be decided by the Locality Meeting.

3.6 The landslip at Brodick: Work may commence 16.07.2018. It is expected that 3 road closures may be involved to enable the work to be completed.

4. Police Report

PC Weir reported: 101 incidents and 11 crimes since the last meeting. The main one was a bogus cold caller. PC Weir reminded people to be cautious and obtain quotation. MW queried large numbers of cyclists who cycled in a line. PC Weir explained there was not a policy to explain to cyclists that they must not do this, as it is not against the law.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence received was reported. This included a message received relating to creel fishing which JH will take forward.

6. Treasurers Report

A handover from Peter Randall to Jim Henderson has been completed, as an item until a new Treasurer is appointed in September. Expense forms are required to be completed and submitted to treasurer at July mtg.

7. Reports from Sub-Committees

7.1 Elderly Forum

Next meeting is the AGM on 19th September.

7.2 Ferry Committee

WC reported the Ferry Committee AGM had been held on 11th June 2018.

WC had also attended the Stakeholder Meetings in Argyll and the Clyde.

The AGM had been attended by 26 people in total including current committee. The chair had provided overview of the committee's activities over the year including:

- Timetable requests for both Brodick and Lochranza routes.
- Various efforts to seek clarification for future two boat timetable.
- Following up on new vessel delivery and reasons for delay.
- Participation on Ardrossan development task force to represent the community's views.
- NA was reappointed as Independent Traveller rep. All other members had confirmed their appointments by their relevant groups prior to meeting.
- Questions were asked about the purpose of the committee which the chair explained as a lobbying body who as such were recognised by the Ferries Plans as part of the official structure.

It was noted the AGM had not been time constrained. The duration of the AGM lasted until there were no further questions. The Ferry Committee is a representative group covering the majority of the islands interests. Each group appoints a representative and this is confirmed ahead of the AGM each year. All members provide feedback to their groups. Minutes of their meeting are published on the ACC website, and as with the CC are published following adoption at the next business meeting.

A business meeting had followed the AGM.

◆ Various updates were provided covering:

- "Print at home" tickets which we are now available on our route for cars and passengers. It currently requires one page per ticket and this is being reviewed to try and reduce the paper. Does not accommodate concession ticket holders.
- Timetable request for summer 2019 had been submitted for both Brodick and Lochranza routes. A response is not expected until possible end September.
- Meeting scheduled to agree final format for reporting had to be delayed due to network problems.

CMK queried if submission of a FOI request should be considered by the Ferry Committee, to request the details of the problems with the new Glen Sannox. It was explained that the question had been asked and the response stated no problems with the vessel. After discussion, NA agreed for his FOI request and its response to be circulated to the group.

It was agreed that the Chair would advise the FC of the CC's disappointment at the lack of progress on the Glen Sannox and to ensure the FC are aware of the feeling.

It was confirmed that the work to repair recent problems with the PAS have now been completed.

The Recent hydraulic problems to the lift on the IoA have also now been fixed.

7.3 Feedback from Arran Economic Group:

Meeting held 7th June 2018

- Updates on housing, to inform progress with several options.
- Establishment of Arran Development Trust to progress housing as a separate initiative.
- CalMac will vacate the old terminal this month and it will then be marketed by CMAL.
- A suggestion to open the group to the public, but since the group is considered an enabling group it is not the forum for individual public membership. The current members represent a significant percentage of island interest and it has both elected members included to ensure the broadest representation who all have responsibility to feedback to their groups and the community.
- Overview of the Clyde islands initiative which is being developed has identified some opportunities to share information.

8. **CLLR REPORT**

Cllr Billings road report was noted.

9. **AOCB**

None

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

31st July 2018