

# Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

## **Those present** were:

Campbell Laing Chair, Alison Prince , Secretary, Harry Davidson , Treasurer, Charles Currie, Howard Driver , John Inglis , Willie Kelso , Gillean Langley , Scott McMurray , Ian Small , Brenda Stewart , Richard McMaster , PC Fraser Mitchell.

Also in attendance Jennifer Lyon (Arran Banner), Jim Nichols (ACVS) and 1 member of the public.

## **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Margie Currie , Jenny Meade ,

## **Declaration of Interest**

Nil

**Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009** , were approved (with amendments to change of date for next meeting).

## **Matters arising**

### **1. Scottish Government/Arran Community Council (ACC) Pilot Scheme**

It was reported that the money to be given to the CC by the Scottish Government had now risen to £15000.

Arran Sports Association ASA had some difficulty in obtaining quotations for the revised facilities. To date 1 had been received in the order of £5000, and a second for £18800 (+VAT).

ASA are approaching the SRDP programme to explore the potential to increase the money from the Rural Development Fund.

ACC are overseeing the project, and Harry Davidson proposed that the final proposal be put before Arran CC before a commitment is given.

### **2. Web Site**

Community Councillors confirmed they looked at the Spanglefish sites.

Brenda Stewart queried why NAC would not set the site up.

Campbell Laing believed NAC would not wish to set the site up.

Willie Kelso asked what public benefit there would be from the site, the cost implications, and how the site would be maintained.

Harry Davidson noted that a lot of CC's have sites, and have minutes on the site going back a number of years. The site would require a webmaster to keep content up-to-date.

Charles Currie asked if other CC's in the NAC area have sites. This was not known.

He felt that NAC should be contacted, to establish if they would pay for the site to be set up.

Campbell Laing felt this could lead to a perception that the CC is part of NAC.

After discussion, it was AGREED to go with Spanglefish., and that Alison Prince, Howard Driver and Charles Currie would investigate available sites, including Spanglefish.

### **3. Specialist Speakers**

It was AGREED that if any future speakers were likely to speak in excess of 20 minutes, a separate meeting would be held for the purpose.

#### **4. Police matters**

Alison Prince expressed concern regarding some buggies that were being used in Whiting Bay. PC Fraser Mitchell said these concerns could be addressed, if a report is made to the Police.

Brenda Stewart said she had handed in further potential junk mail scam requests for money to the Police.

#### **5. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted as under:

- 2 letters from CC's re Planning matters.
- A list of Licence applications received from NAC.
- A letter from a resident of Whiting Bay raising issues relating to biodiversity. After discussion, the CC noted the letter, but felt the suggestions made in the letter would be impractical to implement in the Arran context.
- Campbell Laing advised that he had sent a letter to Mr Robert Haddow concerning a portacabin in Brodick, but to date, no reply had been received.
- A proposal paper from John Inglis concerning a Development Plan for the future of Arran.

After discussion, it was agreed that this should be fully discussed a separate special meeting of the CC.

( This was subsequently held on 14<sup>th</sup> April – draft minute attached)

#### **6. Planning**

Howard Driver reported on 2 ongoing applications, at Auchrannie and Holy Island\*.

#### **7. AOCB**

- John Inglis gave a full report on the recent Rural Housing Conference he had attended. He also reported on progress made in appointing a consultant to conduct a feasibility study relating to the potential use of Forestry Commission land on Arran for affordable housing. NAC had involved him in the selection process of the consultant, together with HIFAR, loArran Homes and ACVS. It was AGREED that a representative from an ongoing project in Mull relating to woodlands should be invited to Arran during the study period.
- Willie Kelso raised the issue of the condition of the String Road. It was noted that £1 million of the Roads budget has now been diverted by NAC for use on the redevelopment of the Magnum Centre in Irvine. After discussion, it was agreed that Campbell Laing would write to NAC expressing the disgust of the CC regarding the condition of the Arran roads.

The next normal meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.