

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th September 2009
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Those present were:

Campbell Laing Chair, Alison Prince , Secretary, Harry Davidson , Treasurer,
Charles Currie, John Inglis , Willie Kelso , Gillean Langley , Brenda Stewart , Richard
McMaster , Ian Small , Cllr Margie Currie , Howard Driver , Jenny Meade

Sgt R. MacKay Strathclyde Police (Part meeting)

Also in attendance Jim Nichols (ACVS), Jennifer Lyon (Arran Banner)

Apologies for absence

Nil

Declaration of Interest

Nil

1. Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 25th August 2009, were approved, with 2 amendments:

Delete reference to 'uniform'.

Willie Kelso was not at the meeting

2. Matters arising

2.1 Scottish Government/Arran Community Council (ACC) Pilot Scheme

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

2.2 Roads

In respect of the work carried out between Brodick and Lamlash, Campbell Laing reported a roads vehicle had been seen operating in the area of the earlier works. It was believed this was carrying out high pressure water spraying.

2.3 Arran Development Plan

It was reported that various meetings had been held around the Island in respect of the draft Arran Development Plan.

Feedback had been received from Lochranza, Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot that the meetings should have been open to the Public. It was noted that a complaint had also been received via Kenneth Gibson MSP regarding the meetings not being fully public. It was AGREED a Public Meeting will be arranged.

Kenneth Gibson MSP had offered to photo copy and post out copies of the draft plan.

Alison Prince has made an enquiry of NAC Planning Department concerning possible reimbursement of the cost of hall hire. Harry Davidson advised that as Brodick Hall is owned by NAC, there would be no charge for the use of Brodick.

2.5 Police Issues

Following the discussion at the September ACC meeting, a letter had been sent to the Chief Superintendent at Strathclyde Police.

It was noted that whilst the majority of Community Councillors had been in favour of sending the letter, Brenda Stewart and Howard Driver were opposed.

Further discussion deferred until a reply to the letter was received.

3. Police matters

Sgt MacKay requested that he be informed if any complaints are received in respect of abandoned cars on an unadopted road at Shiskine.

Harry Davidson spoke of an abandoned child's buggy in Alma Terrace, Brodick. Sgt MacKay was aware of the situation.

4. Correspondence

Correspondence was reported as under:

- 4.1. A letter received from Joyce Beasley, regarding the Cycle Track. The next meeting of the group is 13th October 2009. Cllr Currie had advised Joyce that she may wish to consider making a presentation to the Community Council. John Inglis advised he would be at the meeting and report back.
- 4.2. A letter received from the Scottish Government regarding proposed changes to the Planning System.
- 4.3. A letter received concerning the COUR wind farm development on Kintyre.
- 4.4. A letter from ACVS requesting information from the CC.

5. Housing

In respect of the proposed development at Corrie Quarry, it was reported by John Inglis that he was aware of a planning application for a large septic tank in close proximity to the existing housing. The local residents believed that the tank should be sited adjacent to the existing tank on the shore. It was AGREED John Inglis would formulate a response and send this to Howard Driver

John Inglis reported that the United Reformed Church had written to various Arran bodies in respect of their site at Sannox Church. It was their wish to dispose of the Church and site. NAC and Trust Housing had been approached, and Hifar were aware of 5 young people who might potentially be prepared to purchase 1 unit. He will keep the CC informed of any developments.

6. Planning

The following were reported

- House west of Ardbeg, Shiskine
- Site to NE of Osprey Cottage, Kildonnann
- Site E of Trafalgar, Whiting Bay

Cllr Currie advised of a change to the Local Authority Planning Process with the introduction of the 'Local review Board'. Individuals who are refused planning permission may now go to a local Review Board for reassessment.

7. AOCB

- Howard Driver expressed his appreciation to Cllr Currie regarding the resolution of the dispute with Scottish Water concerning land near McKelvie Road, Lamlash.
- Willie Kelso queried why Kilmory Schoolhouse has lain empty for so long. Cllr Currie believed this may be part of an ongoing review by NAC of all school estate. It was AGREED the Chair would write to NA Education Department in this regard.
- It was reported that the pavement in Whiting Bay had recently been widened, resulting in a significantly narrower road.
- Cllr Currie reported of work soon to be carried out by SPT in respect of upgrading bus shelters.
- It was reported that the children's slide at Ladeside had been removed, but not yet replaced. Cllr Currie explained that the equipment is being upgraded and slowly replaced.
- Campbell Laing reported on a meeting he had attended, with a small number of others at the invitation of the Chairman and MD of Western Ferries. He advised that Western Ferries were able now to expand to other locations, and were considering a service to Arran. It was expected that services might operate within a window of 6am to 11pm, 7 days a week. This would include the use of new ferry(s), and be on a non-subsidised basis. Campbell outlined some of the principles of the possible

operation. If there is local support, and approval is given, the service could be operational within 18 months of approval being given.

- Ian Small reported work commissioned by Mr C Fforde on a cycle/horseway on the sea side of the road at Merkland.
- Cllr Currie advised of the refurbishment work being carried out at Montrose House, which may result in the need to temporarily accommodate some residents elsewhere whilst the work is undertaken.
- Community Development – 3 members of youth forum will attend the next meeting.
- There will be a short AGM at the start of the October Meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th October 2009, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.