

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday, 27th October 2009
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Those present were:

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

Sgt R. MacKay Strathclyde Police (Part meeting)

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

Apologies for absence

Gillean Langley , Jenny Meade,

Declaration of Interest

Nil

1. Chairman's Report

It had been a busy year, and the Committee had discussed many items in the previous 12 months. This had included a change to the constitution which had allowed Jim Nichols of Arran CVS to take the minutes of Committee, for which thanks were extended.

The year had seen Neil Arthur leave the Committee, and Charles Currie had been elected in his place.

The Arran Community Council had been chosen by the Scottish Government to participate in a pilot scheme that had resulted in the award to ACC of £15000. After much discussion, it had been agreed that the money should be used by Arran Sports Association to replace the Astro turf facility. ASA are trying to obtain match funding from the SRDP to enable the project to proceed.

A series of meetings have been held in respect of the Arran Development Plan proposed by the Community Council. Whilst the new Local Development Plan will not be finalised until 2012, it was important that ACC took part early in the process.

Planning

Howard Driver was thanked for his efforts in the last year.

Roads

There had been some improvement to the situation regarding roads. Ian Small had led the campaign, and the Community Council now supported the current notice displayed.

Housing

John Inglis was thanked for his continued involvement in the on-going study relating to Affordable Housing potential on Forestry Commission land.

Thanks were extended to Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Cllr Margie Currie and Kenneth Gibson MSP , and to the Vice Chair and the Secretary and other members of ACC who had served on other Committees.

A card will be sent from ACC to extend the thoughts of the Committee to Kenneth Gibson and his wife.

Treasurers Report

An Income and Expenditure Account was circulated.

The accounts will be sent to the auditor within the next week.

It was reported that travel expenses are now more than income received from NAC. However, £910 was very little relative to the distances travelled from all over the Island.

A payment had been made to Crosshair Communications in relation to the Web site development, but to date, nothing had been heard. It was AGREED that this would be followed up as a matter of urgency.

After allowing for committed expenditure, the effective bank balance was £368.63.

Election of Chair and Office Bearers

Cllr Currie took the Chair, noting that everyone was eligible for re-election.

Chair Campbell Laing Proposed Richard McMaster Seconded Alison Prince
Agreed unanimously.

Vice Chair John Inglis Proposed Richard McMaster Seconded Willie Kelso
Agreed unanimously.

Secretary Alison Prince Proposed Brenda Stewart Seconded John Inglis
Agreed unanimously.

Treasurer Harry Davidson Proposed Willie Kelso Seconded Brenda Stewart
Agreed unanimously

Vacancy

Howard Driver announced his resignation as Community Councillor for Whiting Bay. The Chair paid tribute to the excellent contribution he had made during his time serving on ACC. The vacancy will be advertised shortly.

Representation to other Committees

The following were AGREED:

Planning	Charles Currie
Ferry Committee	Gillean Langley
Housing	John Inglis
Roads	Ian Small
Health	Campbell Laing
Forestry and Environmental	John Inglis

The AGM closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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1. **Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 29th September 2009**, were approved

2. **Matters arising**

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

There had been a long delay in producing a statement of intent to the SRDP. As it had missed the last meeting of the year, it was now likely to be tabled at the 1st meeting in 2010. It was believed that ASA were considering a loan in the interim. Jim Nichols stressed the importance of checking this possible course of action with the SRDP case officer, to ensure it would not prejudice the application.

Campbell Laing will talk to ASA.

2.2 Roads

Cllr Margie Currie reported that pedestrian crossings will be put in within the next few months, and the work to complete the yellow lines will be concluded.

Discussion took place concerning the positioning of the crossings. Sgt Mackay indicated that the Planning Dept would have taken into account the views of the Traffic Division, Strathclyde Police. Harry Davidson suggested that ACC should request the Planners to reconsider the proposal.

It was AGREED that Ian Small write to the Roads Dept, NAC requesting reconsideration.

Ian indicated that he would also enquire why white lining work had been undertaken prior to the completion of resurfacing of the road surface.

ACC were in agreement that, following the introduction of yellow lines in Brodick, all comments they had received were positive.

2.3 Arran Development Plan

It was reported that further meetings had been held around the Island in respect of the draft Arran Development Plan, and that the only remaining meetings were Kilmory, Kildonan and Corrie.

A Public Meeting had been held at Whiting Bay, at which 14 members of the public had attended.

Common themes were emerging at all the meetings.

3. Police matters

Sgt MacKay spoke of the recent meeting of the Arran Alcohol Forum. He indicated that the next meeting would include Controlled Drugs as an agenda item, and extended an invitation for a representative of ACC to attend. (Wednesday 9th December 2009). It was AGREED Brenda Stewart will attend on behalf of ACC.

4. Correspondence

Correspondence was reported as under:

4.1. A reply received from Chief Superintendent Fitzpatrick was discussed. Discussion took place regarding potential courses of action, and a vote taken to agree the appropriate response. It was AGREED (8 in favour and 1 against) that a reply be sent requesting a meeting to be arranged between the Chair and Secretary of ACC and Chief Superintendent Fitzpatrick. This meeting could be arranged at his convenience and held in his office. This would enable Chief Superintendent Fitzpatrick to put forward his views on what he sees as 'Community Policing'.
(The Chair and Cllr Currie did not vote on the proposal).

5. Housing

John Inglis reported that, following the United Reformed Church writing to various Arran bodies in respect of their site at Sannox Church, he was now aware of 2 further suggestions. The first related to a possible submission from a local art gallery, and the second, the potential use of the building as a craft training centre. These proposals were in addition to the earlier information from Hifar concerning 5 young people who might potentially be prepared to purchase 1 unit.

A further meeting of the Steering Group for the study concerning the potential for Affordable Housing on Forestry Commission Land takes place on 10th November 2009, at which the final report from the consultant is expected.

6. Planning

The following were reported

- House west of Ardbeg, Shiskine
- Siting of Sewage Plant at Corrie
- Site NE of Osprey Cottage
- Site NE Kilbrannan View, Blackwaterfoot
- Site E of Trafalgar
- Seal Shores Camping and Holiday Homes, Kildonan
- Site W of Ardmore House

The Chair reminded ACC of the need to support applications if there were no objections.

7. AOCB

- Brenda Stewart felt that the 323 bus service should be extended to terminate at the new Mountain Rescue Centre, rather than Brodick School as at present. Cllr Currie offered to raise this at the next meeting of the timetabling review group in March 2010.
- Cllr Currie reported that discussion is ongoing with Calmac concerning possible resiting of surplus bus shelters to Brodick Pier for use outside the ferry terminal.

- Alison Prince has contacted the individuals who recommended the Web Site designer, and is optimistic that ACC will shortly receive contact.
- Willie Kelso reported an incidence where the 6pm ferry had left 5 minutes early from Ardrossan, leaving behind 40+ individuals who were travelling on a replacement bus service. It was AGREED that this matter be raised with the Ferry Committee.
- Brenda Stewart expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of public telephones on the Island. It was AGREED a letter be sent to BT.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th November 2009, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.