

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

### **Those present** were:

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

Also in attendance

Sgt R. MacKay Strathclyde Police, Jennifer Lyon (Arran Banner) and Jim Nichols (ACVS).

### **Apologies for absence**

### **Declaration of Interest**

Nil

The Chair recorded that the March meeting of the CC had been cancelled, due to the severe weather that evening.

**1. Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010** were agreed as a true record.

### **2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minute.

### **3. Police Matters**

Sgt Mackay spoke of recurring problems with litter on beaches that were, on many occasions associated with 'wild' campers on beaches and adjacent land. As the camping generally is on private land, it would need the landowner to seek an injunction to prevent this. If an injunction is obtained, the police can accompany the landowner when enforcement takes place.

Charles Currie spoke of the continuing problems of dog fouling, and also horses fouling the roads. Sgt Mackay outlined recent conversations that had taken place with the local riding groups in this regard.

Gillean Langley was concerned regarding speeding motorists in the Lochranza area. Sgt Mackay spoke of the recent visit of the Traffic Police to Arran

### **3. Correspondence**

Correspondence was reported as under:

#### **3.1. Waterwatch**

It was noted that Waterwatch (the Regulatory Body) were holding an event at Auchrannie on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010..

### **3.2 Former Lamlash Community Centre/hall**

A copy of recent correspondence from Kenneth Gibson to NAC was noted. This confirmed the building is on the market, and there is the possibility that if a buyer is not found, NAC might demolish it as early as June.

Jenny Meade felt that the building has potential for use once again as a community facility.

### **3.3 Beach Erosion - Brodick**

A copy letter from Kenneth Gibson MSP to the NAC Chief Executive with regard to the erosion at Brodick beach had been received. An inspection of the beach had now been carried out, together with a topographical survey. The consultants test reports are awaited.

Cllr Currie reported that it was now believed the material exposed on the beach was not as toxic as first thought. NAC were hoping to complete remedial work utilising geotextile bags filled with sand.

### **3.4 NAC Planning Forum**

The NAC planning Forum report is available with Alison Prince.

### **3.5 Public Liability Insurance**

Harry Davidson had obtained a quotation for public liability insurance for £52 , and recommended the CC take out public liability insurance. After discussion, it was agreed that the quotation would be e-mailed to the CC for consideration of the cover offered, for discussion and agreement at the next meeting.

### **3.6 NAC Community Services**

Correspondence forwarded by Jim Nichols relating to NAC owned Community Centres had been previously circulated. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the NAC Chief Executive seeking assurances in regard to the future of Brodick Hall and the library facility.

Cllr Currie stated her expectation was that 1 centre/hall would be retained per community

### **3.7 NAC Licencing**

The Chair read a letter from NAC detailing the objectives and the sections relating to personal licence holders.

The paper was agreed.

### **3.8 String Road Closure – Shiskine Valley Trust**

A letter had been received from Shiskine Valley Trust complaining of lack of consultation relating to the Road Closure had been received.

Cllr Currie outlined the timing of information received and meetings held relating to the closure. She had not been informed until 9<sup>th</sup> April , and since then a series of local surgeries had been conducted. Ian Small and Harry Davidson were thanked for their attendance. The arrangements now included agreement that a convoy system would operate daily between 7-8am and 7.30-8.30pm.

Sgt Mackay reported that the police had no input to the decision to close the road totally. He outlined the procedure he would be adopting in relation to his role in overseeing the operation of keys for use in emergency situations.

Full discussion took place on a range of issues relating to the closure. It was agreed that future meetings relating to roads should be attended by Ian Small and the appropriate community councillor for the location involved.

## **5. Planning**

The following was noted;

- JJ Market Gardening

Charles Currie would cut and paste Arran cases from the NAC Planning List in future.

## **6. Roads**

- Ian Small reported that signage was still in place over 4 months after the work was completed. The Chair reported he had received assurances the signs would be removed,
- It was noted that there will be resurfacing work carried out at Lamlash Hill and in the vicinity of Cuddy Dook during July.
- Brenda Stewart reported that she had spoken to both the Arran Officer and BT regarding BT metal covers where the road has dropped.

## **7. AOCB**

- John Inglis requested clarification regarding ownership of the War Memorial site in Corrie.
- Short term parking at Brodick Pier – It was noted that there are still car drivers using the short term parking for long stay. It was agreed to write to the Arran Banner, urging drivers to park responsibly away from this area.
- Willy Kelso asked representation might be made regarding the high fuel costs on Arran. Campbell Laing spoke of how this issue had again been raised at the recent hustings held on the Island.
- Website – a quotation of £700 had been received from Andrew Grazier.
- Cllr Currie undertook to raise the condition of the steps at Shiskine Cemetery with NAC.
- Harry Davidson requested an update regarding the Pilot Scheme award to Arran Sports Association (ASA). Jim Nichols had checked, and reported that there was an outstanding request for additional information in relation to the bid submission by ASA for refurbishment of the Astroturf facility at Ormidale Park. A recent meeting had clarified that ASA may, if the bid is successful, be awarded 90% of the eligible project cost rather than the 50% expected originally. He proposed a meeting be convened between AS and the CC Treasurer and himself to quantify the scope of the work to be carried out on the project and expedite the bid as a matter of urgency. This was agreed.
- Campbell Laing announced his intention to stand down as Chair resign from the Community Council in September 2010.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.