

# Isle of Arran Community Council

## Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

**Present** were, Harry Davidson, Jim Henderson, John Inglis, Willie Kelso, Ian McCallum, Richard McMaster, Alison Prince, Ian Small, Brenda Stewart,

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Charles Currie, Cllr Margie Currie and H.Driver (Arran Banner)

### **In attendance:**

Sgt Mackay, Strathclyde Police, G. Macleod, NAC, W.Calderwood, Jim Nichols (Arran CVS)

1. The Chair reminded members that it had been agreed that any AOB items should be notified at the start of the meeting, No items were intimated.

2. **Minute of Meeting held Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010** were agreed as a true record, with the following amendments - Secretary ( Alison Prince) had been proposed by Brenda Stewart.Gus Macleod indicated he had said he thought NAC had a replacement lights programme – not that they did have a programme.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Brodick Beach**

Ian Small reported a further meeting with Mr Bob Hopewell. It appeared that Ian and Harry Davidson had 'grossly misunderstood' NAC regarding where the sand extraction was to take place from. Similarly, Brodick Golf Club (independently) had been told the same. Harry Davidson added that they were informed they had misunderstood what they had been told. Furthermore, North Ayrshire Council were unable to guarantee that there would be no detrimental effect in the future resulting from the extraction.

It was agreed that Ian Small would write, on behalf of the Community Council, to object to the on-going extraction. Ian added that he would obtain his own survey, to check that no more than ½ metre depth of sand would be extracted.

#### **3.2 Representative for Lochranza/Pirnmill**

It was noted that Alison Prince was speaking to a person who might be interested.

3.3 It was agreed that Angus Bodie, NAC would be invited to a future meeting of the Community Council, when there were specific issues to discuss with him. It was noted that Cllr Peter Macnamara is interested in attending a future meeting of the CC.

3.4 Gus Macleod reported that the white-lining vehicle was coming next week, and that Gordon's Car park, Lamlash and the Kinloch Car Park, Blackwaterfoot were included in the work plan.

Ian Small noted that the survey of lighting poles in Brodick indicated that 6 are not suitable for Christmas displays, but are able to continue in use for normal lighting purposes.

3.5 It was reported that Katy Clark MP is trying to get Arran included in the proposed assistance from Central Government relating to fuel duty discount in remote rural areas.

3.6 Discussion is still to take place with the High School to explore the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a website for the CC.

### **3.7 Planning**

In relation to the Corrie septic tank, it was reported that planning permission had already been granted. The CC original objection stands.

### **3.8 Straight Talking Event**

Attendees at the recent 'Straight Talking' event held on Arran gave reports on the workshops they had attended.

It was felt that the event, co-hosted by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive was too short in length, lasting for only 2 hours rather than the expected 3 hours.

It was agreed to discuss again when the report comes out later in the year.

It was reported that Arran Council for Voluntary Services have extended an invitation to the NAC Chief Executive to return and speak at their AGM.

### **3.9 Engagement with the Community**

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting of a letter from Mr W Calderwood, it was agreed that Alison Prince would write to Nikki Harris, NAC to establish if a (or more than 1) youth(s) might be interested in attending Arran CC. In terms of communicating with the broader community, the CC would wish to get village committees more involved. The Arran CC Development Plan should be sent to Improvement Committees and Village Halls.

Jim Nichols added that Arran Council for Voluntary Services would be pleased to assist in the engagement process, including the potential use of the ACVS website.

Mr Calderwood noted that there is currently no intimation of the meetings to the Public, nor the agenda to be discussed. It was agreed the agenda could be placed in the Arran Banner.

## **4. Police Matters**

Sgt Mackay thanked North Ayrshire Council for the successful completion of the recent major road works programme. He commented on recent motor vehicle accidents, in some cases attributable to speeding.

A children's disco will take place shortly. The success of this event will, in part, be reliant on the willingness of parents to collect the attendees circa 10.30pm.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **5.1 Arran Sports Association**

Alison Prince reported a letter she had sent in an effort to get the decision regarding the SRDP application expedited.

### **5.2 Letter for Jenny Meade**

A letter had been received from Jenny Meade offering to represent the Community Council on the Scottish Islands Federation. She had formerly carried out this role whilst a Community Counsellor.

It was agreed that her nomination be supported as representative of the Arran Community, but not as representative of the Community Council.

## **6. Planning**

In the absence of Charles Currie, John Inglis reported concerns of the Corrie community regarding the lampposts on the Corrie Quarry site. Gus Macleod reported that the 7 lighting columns were erected. The lighting will be low emission white lights .

John Inglis indicated that the Village Committee would now write officially.

**7. Housing**

John Inglis reported that Hifar were still awaiting to hear in respect of a mortgage in relation to Sannox Church. The Church had set a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

**8. Roads**

Nothing to report.

**9. AOCB**

Nil

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.