

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th November 2010 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

Present were Charles Currie, Cllr Margie Currie, Harry Davidson, Liz Evans, Jim Henderson, Steph Hill, John Inglis, Willie Kelso, Ian McCallum, Richard McMaster, Alison Prince, Ian Small, Brenda Stewart,

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from H.Driver (Arran Banner) and Sgt Mackay, Strathclyde Police,

In attendance:

G. Macleod, NAC, N.Harris, NAC, Ealana Swinton Boyle, Gillian Hastings, W.Calderwood, D.Scott, Jim Nichols (Arran CVS),

1. The Chair welcomed Gillian Hastings and Ealana Swinton Boyle to the meeting, who were attending with Nikki Harris from NAC Youth Services. He hoped that they may also be interested in attending future meetings of the CC.

2. Liz Evans and Steph Hill were welcomed to their 1st meeting as new Community Councillors.

Later in the meeting it was further agreed to co-opt William Calderwood as an Additional Community Councillor.

3. **Minute of Meeting held Tuesday 26th October 2010** were agreed as a true record.

Proposed Jim Henderson Seconded Brenda Stewart

4. Matters Arising

4.1 John Inglis reported that a meeting had been arranged between Angus Bodie, NAC and himself on 1st December 2010

4.2 It was noted that no further information relating to fuel duty discount in remote rural areas had been received.

4.3 Discussion is still to take place with the High School to explore the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a website for the CC. Harry Davidson reported that £150 had been received from NAC without covering detail. Cllr Currie agreed to establish if this payment was in relation to the proposed website.

Charles Currie reiterated the importance of having someone to keep the proposed site up to date.

4.4 Arran Sports Association (ASA) – Ormidale Pavilion Synthetic Pitch

Alison Prince reported the meetings that had taken place between ASA, the Community Council representatives, ACVS and 2 advisers from Glasgow to progress the bid for match funding to the Lottery (Awards for All). The application would be submitted before Christmas.

4.5 Brodick Beach – Ian Small is awaiting the next high tides to establish if the remedial work is satisfactory.

5. Police Matters

In the absence of Sgt Mackay, Cllr Currie advised that she was aware that there were no plans to reduce the number of police on Arran.

6. Correspondence

The following correspondence was reported:

- 6.1. It was reported that the street lighting in Corrie Quarry had now been removed.
- 6.2 Letter from ACVS re funding event
A letter had been received from ACVS advising of a funding event to be held on 6th December in Ormidale Pavilion. It was agreed that Brenda Stewart would attend on behalf of the Community Council.
- 6.3 A letter had been sent to the North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service concerning the proposals to run Arran as a CAB Outreach Service from the mainland, and the loss of the managers post on Arran. David Scott (CAB Volunteer) provided information on the type and range of services currently provided from their office in Lamlash. Currently NACAS have indicated that they will keep the service running until the end of February 2011, but information post February is vague. It may involve some sort of outreach, use of e-mail and a telephone service.
The paid post of Manager finishes at the end of December.
Cllr Currie reported that NAC fund NACAS £190000 in respect of the service they provide over their existing 5 offices, and that their cut was 3% next year. The NAC Monitoring Officer had written this week to NACAS raising issues and questions that need to be answered. NACAS have still to respond. The SLA puts an onus on NACAS to continue to provide a service.
Willie Kelso felt NACAS should be invited to explain how they would operate the service, as he believes that individuals would want the service to be face-to-face and personal. He also enquired if any of the funding from the proposed 'nuclear clean-up' might be used to assist in financing NACAS.
Alison Prince added that a 3% cut to NACAS is becoming a 100% cut to Arran.
- It was agreed that a further letter be sent, and that the Arran CAB should be placed on the agenda for the January CC meeting.
- 6.4 Correspondence from Kenneth Gibson MSP relating to the Scottish Government Budget. An outline of the content was presented. Cllr Currie mentioned the additional cuts that would be put in place for Local Authorities who did not agree to freeze Council Tax.
- 6.5 NHS Ayrshire and Arran – A paper relating to mental health was reported.
- 6.6 A letter from NAC relating to Anti-Social Behaviour
- 6.7 A letter relating to Digital Inclusion. CC members were invited to an event on 12th December 2010. Jim Nichols mentioned the expected ACVS role in contacting Community Groups in relation to vulnerable Arran residents.
- 6.8 A letter from Scottish Parliament relating to Hunterston Power Station.
Cllr Currie advised that no decision had been taken yet. Other expressions of interest in the site had been received, including the possible manufacture of wind turbines. The NAC recommendation was that the site should have been carbon capture from day 1. The decision is for the Scottish Government, not NAC.
Willie Kelso enquired how NAC would reached their decision. Cllr Currie advise that NAC had representations from both supporters and objectors. She could not pre-empt how fellow councillors will go in their deliberations.
Alison Prince had heard from Kenneth Gibson MSP suggesting that carbon capture is a 'dead duck'.

7. Planning

The following were discussed:

Auchencar

Kings Cross

Shiskine Cemetery (to be included in the agenda next meeting.)

Bungalow Road

Blackwaterfoot phase 2

8. Housing

John Inglis reported that Hifar had decided to withdraw their proposals relating to Sannox Church. This decision had followed a deadline from the United Reform Church, which having passed, Triodos Bank had requested a further survey (cost circa £1000). An earlier survey had cost circa £500. There were also issues relating to the business plan.

Hifar would help the other interested party to progress their plan.

The CC noted the position, and were disappointed that the Hifar proposal would not be progressing.

John Inglis had previously circulated the proposed response to the Local Housing Strategy for comment, and in the absence of any comments, had submitted the response to NAC.

9. Roads

It was reported that the repairs to the bridge at Pirnmill would not be carried out until late spring/early summer. A cost estimate for the footbridge would be considered by the elected members.

10. AOCB

10.1 Cllr Currie advised the AGM of the Access Trust would take place Monday 6th December 2010.

10.2 Harry Davidson advised of requirements relating to cheque signatories and bank mandates.

10.3 Ian McCallum expressed concern that service providers on, or to, Arran (eg Calmac) tell the residents what they are going to get, rather than asking. He read a note from Bute Community Council setting out its aims.

Charles Currie spoke of the work of the Ferry Committee, on which Willie Kelso represents the Community Council. Cllr Currie spoke of the high regard in which the Ferry Committee is held. The people of Arran need to tell the Ferry Committee what they want. In many respects, Calmac'

s hands are tied by the tender document.

John Inglis felt the point was the CC needs to be proactive, and pass any points through Willie Kelso to the Ferry Committee.

10.4 It was agreed that, with effect from January 2011 the notation for CC minutes would change to a reference system of year the month ascending. (eg 1/1, 1/2, 1/10 etc)

10.5 Dog Fouling

Issues relating to dog fouling in Torbeg Road were discussed. Gus Macleod advised that the Police were concerned about people walking their dogs and difficulties associated with parking of vehicles near the bin. It was felt a site further down may be acceptable.

Steph Hill requested a similar bin for Lochranza, near to the sheltered housing.

Shiskine Valley Trust were commencing a campaign to eliminate dog fouling.

10.6 Brenda Stewart was concerned regarding trees in Lamlash overgrowing the pavement. Gus Macleod has taken this up with the owner of the property.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd February 2011, at 7.30 pm in Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick.