

Isle of Arran Community Council

Minute of Isle of Arran Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th January 2011 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gillian Hastings and Ian Small.

In attendance:

B.Pierce, NAC, Ealana Swinton Boyle, Jim Nichols (Arran CVS), Sgt Mackay, Strathclyde Police,

11/1/1 The Chair welcomed Ealana Swinton Boyle to the meeting.

11/1/2 Minute of Meeting held Tuesday 30th November 2010 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed Brenda Stewart Seconded Charles Currie

11/1/3 Matters Arising

11/1/3/1 John Inglis reported that a meeting had been arranged between Angus Bodie, NAC and himself on 1st December 2010

11/1/3/2 Hunterston – Brenda Stewart enquired as to the position of NAC in relation to the future of Hunterston. Cllr Currie advised that, to date, future plans for Hunterston had not been lodged as a planning application.

11/1/3/3 Harry Davidson reported that NAC had confirmed the £150 payment from them must be used for the website.

11/1/3/4 Arran Sports Association (ASA) – Alison Prince reported the Awards for All decision would be known within a fortnight. It was not known how the other Community Councils involved in the Pilot Scheme had allocated their money.

11/1/3/5 Brodick Beach – Harry Davidson confirmed that Ian Small is awaiting the next high tides to establish if the remedial work carried out will be fit for purpose.

Cllr Currie advised that NAC are undertaking a flood risk assessment. As part of this, it was expected that advice will be made available to the Brodick Golf Club relating to the Rosa Burn area.

11/1/3/6 Harry Davidson reported a request from Ian Small to meet with Mr Angus Bodie, NAC to discuss the current state of the roads that had been resurfaced last year. Cllr Currie advised that this request should be made direct to Mr Bodie.

Ian McCallum noted that there had been an expectation that the new road surfaces would last, but some (between Lochranza and Whiting Bay) have deteriorated within 2 months of resurfacing.

The Chair advised that Mr Bodie would be invited to attend a CC meeting at his convenience.

11/1/3/7 North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service – Cllr Currie reported that NAC will be discussing the Minute of Agreement between NACAS and the Council with NACAS at a meeting early April 2011.

Jim Nichols reported that NACAS had now confirmed to ACVS that they would be continuing the use of their office facility in Lamlash for the foreseeable future.

11/1/3/8 Ferry Committee

Willie Kelso advised that the Ferry Committee meets 6 weekly. In relation to Peak Sailing fares, there had not been a lot of opposition from the Ferry Committee. He believed the Saturn would be returning this summer.

Cllr Currie noted that the Chair of the Ferry Committee had arranged for a report of each meeting to be sent to the Arran Banner.

11/1/3/9 No Dog bins have been provided in Lochranza to date.

11/1/4 Police Matters

Sgt Mackay reported that all was currently well.

11/1/5 Correspondence

The following correspondence was reported:

11/1/5/1 A letter from relating to difficulties encountered relating to a planning application was noted.

11/1/5/2 It was reported that there were concerns relating to issues in the operation of the Community Theatre. Discussion was deferred pending a meeting of the various interested parties. A meeting to discuss the concerns will be held later this week.

11/1/6 Treasurers Report

Harry Davidson issued the Audited accounts and reported that £910 Admin Allowance and the £150 for the Website had been received from NAC.

11/1/7. Planning

Cllr Currie reported that NAC Head of Planning was requesting that Arran CC respond to all applications for Arran, in accordance with the Statutory Consultation arrangements. This was agreed.

11/1/8. Housing

Nothing to report.

11/1/9. Roads

There continue to be safety related issues in respect of Pirnmill Bridge. Debris has still to be removed from the burn, and further erosion to the burn has taken place. It was felt that further erosion may lead to the undermining of the shop foundations.

The fire hydrant had not been repaired yet. Responsibility for this rests with Scottish Water. There is still a general mess left behind after the flooding, and locals are concerned over the possible impact of this on the tourist trade.

There is also a general concern that more boulders will wash down the burn and cause further damage.

It was hoped that funding would be available in the new financial year for work on the footbridge. Village groups may be approached in this regard.

Brodie Peirce, NAC, confirmed that issues relating to erosion are not the responsibility of NAC, but reside with the landowner. He had contacted Scottish Water with regard to the hydrant. Current road signage is believed to be adequate to deal with the situation.

It was agreed that the Pirnmill Community Councillor will write to the landowner requesting the rubbish be cleared.

11/1/10 Arran - an appraisal and Arran Community Council Procedures.

To ensure this item was given adequate time for discussion, it was agreed that it be deferred to a separate meeting. This will be held on 15th February 2011.

11/1/11. AOCB

11/1/11/1 Willie Kelso expressed concern regarding the capacity of Shiskine Graveyard, in terms of meeting future needs.

11/1/11/2 Ealana Swinton Boyle advised that the Arran Youth forum had discussed the lack of provision generally of evening buses (and especially in regard to Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot). The Youth Forum had requested for additional buses to be provided throughout the week, rather than just Fridays. The response received does not give details of what would be provided, and it was emphasised that there is the need for the additional service to be provided more than just on Friday evenings.

11/1/11/3 Following on from this, Ealana spoke of difficulties encountered when young persons attempted to hire buses. Sgt Mackay had recent discussions with Stagecoach, and it was hoped that this problem was now resolved.

Cllr Currie agreed to raise this at the next meeting with SPT. Ealana would be invited to attend this meeting.

11/1/11/4 Alcohol Forum – a request for funding assistance was discussed. John Inglis requested local Community Councillors to take this up with their respective village committees, to suggest a possible contribution of (say) £50.

11/1/11/5 Richard McMaster suggested that NAC should consider providing sticky labels to be placed on blue bins, indicating what should go in the bin. Brodie Pierce advised that NAC had provided an update with the calendar release this day.

11/1/11/6 Jim Nichols provided an update on the new role of ACVS in the newly establishing North Ayrshire Interface.

11/1/11/7 Brenda Stewart reported her attendance at a recent public meeting held to discuss the Arran Hospice Group.

11/1/11/8 Cllr Currie advised that negotiations relating to the land purchase for the replacement for Montrose House were progressing well.

11/1/11/9 The CC will await the outcome of a proposed public meeting to discuss the possible Triathlon event in September 2011, before forming a view.

11/1/11/10 Discussion on a letter from Alistair Hendry was deferred pending further consideration of the matter by Arran Access Trust.

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

A meeting of members will take place on Tuesday 15th February to discuss item 11/1/10.