

Isle of Arran Community Council

MINUTES

of meeting held at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, March 29th 2011

Those present:

John Inglis, Chair, Harry Davidson, Treasurer, Alison Prince, Secretary, Ian McCallum, Charles Currie, Jim Henderson, Willie Kelso, Brenda Stewart, Steph Hill, Liz Evans, William Calderwood, Cllr Margie Currie. Also present were Sgt Bob Mackay, Gus Macleod, Jim Nichols, and Jennifer Lyon of the Arran Banner, plus four members of the public.

Apologies

Nil

11/3/1 Minutes of last meeting February 22nd 2011:

'Attendance' – W Calderwood to be added to attendance

With this amendment, the minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Harry Davidson Seconded Steph Hill

11/3/2 Matters arising

- 11/3/2/1 Website – William Calderwood had spoken to John Baraclough. Ownership of the domain name had been established, and the likely annual cost was expected to be £70 - £75. Harry Davidson confirmed that currently the ACC were paying a monthly and an annual charge. It was AGREED that William Calderwood continues to progress the website with John Baraclough. William will circulate a template to ACC members, to provide a précis for each member to go on the site.
- 11/3/2/2 Pirnmill Footbridge – It was reported that the central pier under the roadbridge will be repaired May/June 2011. There was currently no plan to widen the road as part of the work. A kerb will be in place over the bridge for pedestrians. Liz Evans felt that this plan would not satisfy the residents of Pirnmill, who were seeking the road to be widened. Gus Macleod indicated that the cost of putting in a footbridge was in the order of £20 - £25 thousand, and NAC could not afford this expenditure. Any bridge would have to be DDA compliant. The cost of a pavement was £2 - £3 thousand.
- 11/3/2/3 Anna Gilbert of the Scottish Government has now indicated that it may now be possible to fund (through the ACC pilot) the balance of the remedial work at Arran Sports Association. Confirmation of this decision will be circa 15th April 2011.
- 11/3/2/4 It was reported that the dog bins at Lochranza have now been installed.
- 11/3/2/5 Cllr Currie had written to the Secretary of State re the fuel duty, and had received a reply indicating that there would be an application on Budget Day to include the Clyde Islands in the submission.
- 11/3/2/6 Triathlon - Brenda Stewart spoke of concern re the road condition to Clauchlands. Gus Macleod confirmed that he had told the organisers the road would be cleaned and swept by mechanical means. He had not said that potholes would be filled.

11/3/3 Minutes of Special Meeting February 15th 2011:

It was noted that Cllr Currie was not at the meeting, but had tendered apologies for absence.

With this amendment, the minutes were agreed a true record.

Proposed Alison Prince Seconded Brenda Stewart

11/3/4 Matters Arising

William Calderwood had circulated the agreed Action Sheet, but had received little feedback.

11/3/5 Housing

No issues were discussed

11/3/6 Roads

No issues were discussed

11/3/7 Police matters:

Sgt Mackay had no issues to raise.

11/3/8 Correspondence

- **11/3/8/1 SPT**

SPT had written indicated that the bus service from Brodick to Corrie was under consideration, and that they were keen to hear of ways of preventing abuse of the concessionary fare arrangements.

11/3/9 Association of Scottish Community Councils

Brenda Stewart reported her attendance at the Association Meeting the previous week. As there was no representation from other North Ayrshire CC's, Cllr Currie would make enquiries through the NAC contact officer.

11/3/10 Concessionary Fare Increases

Ian McAllum reported a meeting that William Calderwood and he had attended with Bruce Kyle (SPT). They had discussed the concerns regarding the 10 mile condition that had resulted in the Brodick to Ardrossan service increasing to £2.40 return journey (from £1). Additionally, they discussed the current eligibility requirement relating to holiday home owners.

It was noted the guidelines for eligibility specify residence within the area of the scheme.

Subsequently a letter had been sent to the Leader of the Council relating to the non-attendance of the NAC Councillor at the meeting with SPT where the increase had been agreed. A reply had been received explaining why the Councillor was unable to attend.

Cllr Currie indicated she had spoken to Cllr Reid in terms of issues to be raised at the next meeting with SPT. William Calderwood stated that any NAC Councillors who are involved with decision relating to Island life should be in contact with the Ward Councillors who represent the Islands. Cllr Currie will request Cllr Reid to contact ACC prior to future SPT meetings.

Charles Currie had discussed the matter with Kenneth Gibson MSP, who will be pursuing the matter with SPT.

11/3/11 The Lookout

There were 3 concerns noted in respect of the proposed demolition of the building:

- It was a listed building
- The building is in disrepair, and has become an eyesore.
- Nothing has been done to remedy the situation.

Cllr Currie noted that Historic Scotland had agreed the building would be demolished. The application had still to go through the Planning process.

It was noted that there were grants available for listed buildings, and that neither SNH nor Historic Scotland keep a register of owners of listed buildings.

It was AGREED to write deploring the procedure by which this was allowed to happen, reluctantly, not to raise objection.

11/3/12 Fairground- Brodick

Harry Davidson reported that the licencing meeting where the Fair was to be discussed was adjourned. In the meantime, the owner had agreed to cut the rides from 5 to 4, to reduce the weeks to 3, and to cut down the noise.

This was in line with what the Brodick residents were seeking.

11/3/13 Pedestrian Crossings – Brodick

Cllr Currie spoke of the outstanding issue relating to the provision of 2 Pedestrian Crossings in Brodick :

- In the vicinity of the Pier
- In the vicinity of the Hall

NAC Roads Department were checking the necessity of these, given the completion of the new Brodick Walkway.

Sgt MacKay spoke of concerns of the mothers using the playgroup facilities in Brodick Hall. They believe the provision of a crossing near the Hall is essential. Of the types of crossing that may be considered (Puffin, Pelican or Zebra), Sgt Mackay favoured a Zebra Crossing, as this would minimise traffic stopping. If there was to be only one crossing, the groups would favour in the vicinity of the Hall.

Cllr Currie also reported that there was a proposal to extend double yellow lines on both sides of the road in Market Road, Brodick.

11/3/14 Other Venues for Meetings

It was AGREED that ACC would consider going to other venues dependent on the Agenda items.

11/3/15 AOCB

• 11/3/15/1 Hustings

Jim Nichols reported the Hustings event, organised by Arran CVS, to be held In Lamlash High School on 27th April 2011.

• 11/3/15/2 Arran CVS – Changes

Jim Nichols reported recent changes in the remit and role of Arran CVS – now renamed 'Arran Community and Voluntary Service'. Arran CVS now form, in partnership with the Ayrshire Community Trust, the 3rd Sector Interface for North Ayrshire. The Interface is directly funded by the Scottish Government to provide connection between the 3rd (Community and Voluntary) Sector with the Statutory Agencies forming the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th April 2011.

A Closed Meeting afterwards discussed Planning Applications