

Proposed Lamlash Housing Development

Summary of a presentation by Joanna Voisey and Neil Wilkinson of Trust Housing to Arran Community Council on the 31st May. The presentation was intended to provide the Community Council members with an overview of the potential development at the Benlister South site in Lamlash.

The proposal is for approximately 56 units of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom design homes.

It is anticipated that the decisions will be taken August 2011 with site work starting after March 2012 if Isle of Arran Homes Grant application is successful.

Joanna outlined the benefits of the proposed site in that it is already zoned for housing and is connected to mains services. She showed a drawing of the proposed development with terraced housing arranged in a manner to allow garden area to the majority of residents. The proposed design will also take into account the needs of residents with special needs and will allow a more flexible allocation for future.

Of the total 56 homes proposed in the development 40 will be shared equity with the remaining 16 intended for social housing.

The properties will have an outside finish as per the recent development in Corrie. Joanna stressed that this is still at the early stages with a funding request. More detailed plans will be formalised when the decision is known and funding has been allocated.

Several questions were raised by the Community Council members regarding road access, how the homes would be allocated and impact on schools and jobs. All the points will be addressed in any future planning submission. Roads department have already been involved and no major issues have been highlighted. The allocation of housing will be examined closer as the development is agreed and consideration will be given to key job positions and other island needs. Joanna's expressed intention is to reduce Arran's housing list rather than fill the houses with people from the mainland.

Joanna also highlighted the co-operation being provided to the project from NAC who are assisting in areas of cost control and also J. Thomson Builders who are contributing significant support to the preparations for the planning process.

She concluded her presentation by confirming that if the funding was successful she would arrange a public meeting prior to the planning submission.

The Community Council will include details of this when it is available.