

## **Mull Community Council**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7pm, An Roth, Craignure.**

**Present:** Billy McClymont, Steve Willis, Willie Hume, Cameron Anson, Jim Corbett, Joanne MacDougall, Jane Stevens, Juliet Vines, David Pollard, Rory Forrester and Susan Campbell.

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Mary-Jean Devon and Alastair MacDougall, Louise Glen-Lee and Jenny Reddaway.

**Apologies:** Fiona Brown, PC Clare Chalmers and Moray Finch.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed: WH

Seconded: JC

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- MJD reported that the 30 mph signs on the southern approach to Tobermory would be moved in January.
- JV asked if any progress had been made on the Craignure car park and the cattle pens. JC advised that there had not been a NFU meeting to raise this at to date. JC suggested that the recycling bins be moved up to the gantry where they would be out of the way but people would be able to drive in and park. SW to discuss with MF.
- MJD advised at some point the Council would be removing abandoned vehicles from the Commercial park at Craignure and incorporating it into the main car park. Some lorry spaces would be retained. BM suggested that it would be helpful if the Community Council could see a plan. The Car park would be lined.
- RF advised that the passing place signs between Tobermory and Salen were in a state of poor repair and should be a priority when funding was available.
- SW advised that there was progress on the signs indicating roads unsuitable for motor homes.
- SW, referring to the overhanging tree in Breadalbane Street, advised that the Council had a specific set of rules when dealing with private property owners. He also advised that the Council was aware of the situation at the War Memorial.
- DP asked JC about his outline planning application for a camp site. JC had put in a plan for a small camp site (maximum of ten pitches) with toilet block and cold water. The Council had responded that there was no necessity for such a site but if it was proved there was a need then it could be reconsidered. SW to write a letter of support to Flora.
- MJD reported that the Tobermory railings were too rusty to merit painting. It had been suggested to build a wall topped by half railing. This has been discussed with the Council.

- MJD advised that the asset transfer of Dervaig toilets had been approved by the Area Committee in December and approved by Full Council in January.

**POLICE REPORT – PC Clare Chalmers**

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>For period 14/12/2016-9/01/2017 Total number of incidents recorded = 37</p> <p>Crimes / Incidents of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u></li> </ul> <p>1478 of 17/12/16 Theft of Fuel from Dervaig.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u></li> </ul> <p>0783 of 8/12/16 Theft of Diesel from plant vehicle left near to Craignure Golf Course.</p> <p>1391 of 3/1/17 Theft from Donation box in Torosay Church.</p> <p>2976 of 4/1/17 Scam letters received by residents in Mull, claiming to be from Postcode Lottery. Asking for fee for money to be released. Email sent out on Rural watch website and information also to be published in Round and About.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>1052 of 4/1/17 Hit and Run. Wing mirror of reporter’s vehicle damaged as they were driving along A849, by vehicle</p>
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	<p>travelling in opposite direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u></li> </ul> <p>1684 of 13/12/16 RTC, persons reported to PF for RT offences.</p>
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	
Incidents of note or crime trends	<p>Divisional priorities remain as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Protection</li> <li>- Serious Crime &amp; Terrorism</li> <li>- Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial behaviour</li> <li>- Road Policing</li> </ul>
Forthcoming events	

### **KILLICHRONAN BRIDGE – Resident’s query (SW)**

- SW had received a letter from a concerned resident regarding the new parapet which has square corners rather than the former rounded ones and causing problems for larger vehicles. It had been noted that one corner had suffered damage and needed re-cementing. Thanks were expressed to the resident for drawing the issue to the Community Councils’ attention and the situation would be monitored.

### **QUESTIONNAIRE ON RET**

- MF had made a number of suggestions regarding the questions; CA agreed with these and it was felt that the questions must not be seen to be leading. If people were experiencing issues, it was considered that they would certainly raise them.

- JC advised that there was a farmers' meeting at the end of January at which Mike Russell would be attending and he would ask Mr Russell about RET. RF felt it was very important as many couriers are using smaller vans at the car rate but not giving a discount. It was acknowledged that smaller vans did not have the same capacity and it might be argued that more trips were required but this needed to be clarified. JC reminded Community Councillors that one of the reasons RET for commercials was removed was because, in the Outer Isles, it was felt that hauliers were not passing on the reduction in ferry costs. At that time hauliers pointed out there had been a large rise of fuel costs negating any differential gained by reduced ferry fares. RF pointed out that the farmers had had very positive discussions with hauliers in the past over weight limits and hoped that the forthcoming farmers' meeting could flag it up and the benefits shown.
- DP/JV would revise as discussed. The intention was to have this as a pull out in February's R&A. It was agreed that SW's address would be used for postal returns, with a website option and it could be returned to any Community Councillor. The latest draft was approved and would appear in February R&A.
- SW thanked JV and DP for taking this on and stressed that this was a real chance for those on Mull and Iona to make their voices heard.

### **POTHoles**

- DP reported deep potholes of Ardmore road. He had reported them to A&BC.
- WH advised that the tar lorry had come over the day of the meeting with five pallets of tar.

### **CROWN ESTATE**

- CA advised that the Scottish Gov't has opened a consultation on the future management of the Crown Estate. This was open until 27<sup>th</sup> March and was an opportunity for local authorities and community groups to input their views. The link is <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/crown-estate-strategy-unit/long-term-management-of-the-crown-estate/>
- RF advised that Tobermory Harbour Association would be responding and CA confirmed that SWMID would also be responding.
- SW to note discussion to be held at the February meeting.

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- AM advised that the Lord of the Isles and Loch Fyne would take over the Mallaig-Armadale run, with Craignure-Oban having the Isle of Mull and the Coruisk. The Lochinvar would take over the Fish-Lochaline run. It was noted that the Lochinvar was a hybrid and there were no charging points available.
- AM further advised that the Council had been doing a lot of work with regard to Craignure pier and working with the landowner to extend the marshalling area; discussions on a breakwater for the Iona ferry were also ongoing but consultation had been poor. A meeting would take place on the Friday a week following the meeting to which Mike Russell would be coming.

- MJD raised the concern about dental provision on the island, particularly for those in the Ross, following the retirement of Mr Price in February. The main issues were the funding (a two year contract was on offer) and finding someone prepared to drive the dental wagon. JM suggested that dental chairs be provided in Bunessan and Craignure. BM said he and FB would get feedback from the next locality group meeting. MJD suggested that a public meeting be called and this was supported by CA and JM for the Ross.
- MJD advised that the Council had changed the criteria for Third Sector Grants and that Community Councils could now apply; grants are to a maximum of £2000 and she suggested that this might be used for viewpoints.
- MJD advised that a librarian technician was now in post in Tobermory.
- MJD advised that was a public meeting in Oban on the coming Friday night over the consultation on the future of services at Oban Hospital. BM pointed out that NHS Highland was £400,000 over budget and cut-backs of £200,000 were expected.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- WH reported that the un-adopted section of Erray road was in a deplorable state, as were some other un-adopted roads. SW to write to Jim Smith to ask why these roads had not been adopted.
- RF and JC advised that there was a major problem with larch dieback and the rules imposed on the removal of infected trees. There was to be a meeting at the end of the month with Cameron Maxwell (FCS, Perth) to discuss.
- Community Councillors were pleased to see that Dr Frank Teunisse was taking up the Doctor's practice in Bunessan. Residents in the Salen area had raised a collection for Dr Frank, as he is more generally known, once his resignation from the Salen practice was known. Dr Frank had selected some framed pictures from local artist, John Archbold, and these, together with the remaining cash would be presented to Dr Frank in the immediate future.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.