

## MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018.

**Present:** Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Jim Corbett, Allan Cameron, Susan Campbell, David Pollard and Jane Stevens.

**In attendance:** Nick Turnbull, PC Dominic Grierson and Jenny Reddaway.

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Willie Hume, Cameron Anson and Mary-Jean Devon.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (NOVEMBER, 2017) MEETING

These were proposed by DP and seconded by SC.

#### MATTERS ARISING

None that were not covered by the Agenda.

#### POLICE REPORT 13/12/17 – 09/10/17 – PC Dominic Grierson

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	For period 10/9/17 – 9/01/18 Total number of incidents recorded = 28. Crimes / Incidents of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> Male arrested following disturbance Concern for person</li><li>• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> No incidents of note.</li><li>• <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> Male reported for drunk driving Concern for persons</li><li>• <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> No incidents of note</li></ul>
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	
Incidents of note or crime trends	Divisional priorities remain as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Public Protection</li><li>- Serious Crime &amp; Terrorism</li><li>- Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial</li></ul>

	behaviour - Road Policing
Forthcoming events	

**PROPOSAL BY MAFA FOR A DESIGNATED CRABBING ZONE.**

BM welcomed Nick Turnbull of MAFA who had asked to attend to explain to Community Councillors the proposal for a project to create a designated crabbing zone to the west of Mull. The project proposal had been put together by the fishermen of Mull and had received agreement from fishermen on Coll and Tiree. The crabbing zone had a number of potential benefits including protection of the local brown crab stocks; giving some protection to the local economy; encouraging biodiversity and avoiding gear conflict. NT did warn that there would probably be some dissension from scallop dredgers from further afield but these would have access for eight months of the year. The project was also designed to be sustainable with four to six boats involved and a maximum limit of 300 creels per boat taken from the zone and, with crab tagging also planned, would provide information on crab and scallop stocks plus potentially offer research into the movement of crabs (there are no crabs in the summertime). Asked about the value of the stocks, NT advised that this area was producing around £60,000 for scallops and £750,000 for crab. BM asked how the zone would be policed; NT advised that that was a matter for Marine Scotland.

JC asked whether this would create a precedent for the future formation of a Marine National Park as the latter was not popular on the island. NT thought not. Following further discussion, Community Councillors agreed unanimously to support the proposal and DP was asked to complete the necessary form.

**OUTCOME OF PARTICIPATION REQUEST MEETING WITH A&BC - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

DP advised that he had not heard from CA. It appeared that the Council had accepted the request from Fionnphort regarding traffic management but it had been suggested that traffic management in other areas should also be looked at. DP was asked to ascertain the current position by contacting Lorna Elliott of Roads and Community Services.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

MJD had given her apologies for absence.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

DP reported that expressions of interest had been received from SWMID with regard to Bunessan toilets and from MICT in respect of Calgary Bay toilets. DP advised that he would write to get the form and suggested that Salen toilets should be on the list. AC pointed out that he had been in contact and had had meetings with various Council officials over the previous three years. AC advised that there were two issues with local

groups taking over the running of public toilets in that they had to be brought up to date with disabled access and facilities. Also, with regard to Salen toilets, they were limited with the septic tank capacity, something that could be alleviated to the treatment works adjacent to the toilets but for which work Scottish Water require £35,000. BM queried whether the Community Council should wait until A&BC decide that they wish to close the public toilets; although it was noted that the staff had been sent letters advising of closure. All present agreed that the public toilets should not be closed.

JC advised that there were several bad potholes on the Lochbuie road and, supported by SC, also advised that there was a dire need for grit dumps on the Ardura road. FB also reported that salt and grit dumps were urgently needed on the Carsaig route. SC advised that the Council had moved swiftly when a complaint was received from someone living on the Duart road who had been unable to get their vehicle out. DP was asked to write to A&BC.

Concern was expressed about missed refuse bin collections although it was acknowledged Mull now had a new bin lorry.

It was noted with regret that Rory Forrester had resigned from the Community Council and Community Councillors thanked Rory for his long service; DP was asked to write to Rory to express their thanks.

JS pointed out that the Community Councillors were quite low on numbers and it was agreed that DP should write to Melissa Stewart of A&BC and to R&A for the February issue regarding recruiting new members.

BM drew attention to an email received from Colin Morrison on behalf of the North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd. requesting a letter of support from the Community Council for the proposed Community Buy Out (CBO) of the Isle of Ulva. Community Councillors present discussed the CBO at some length and the decision was made not to support the CBO. DP was asked to communicate this decision.

MICT had asked for support for the purchase of Ardura forest from the Community Council. Community Councillors had some concerns about this and it was agreed to defer this decision to the next meeting pending further information. It was noted that MICT was holding two meetings on 11<sup>th</sup> January about this project; hopefully more information would be forthcoming from those.

With reference to requests for letters of support from the Community Council, concern was expressed that, as the only statutory body on the island, such requests should be made with detailed information to the Community Council.

DP raised the subject of the need for Community Council representatives on the MICT Board, the Waterfall Fund and now, with Rory Forrester's resignation, the Community Council's sub-group Ferry Committee. JC advised that he was the Community Council's representative on the Waterfall Fund but could not take on the MICT role.

JC advised that public funds for the restoration of the Dugald MacPhail monument had raised £1700 and with a donation from the Waterfall Fund of £900, the money raised

would not only cover all the essential repair work but also hopefully allow for interpretation work. JC advised that the work would be done in the spring of this year.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7PM.**