

Mull Community Council Meeting

5th July 2019, 7:30pm, An Roth

In Attendance: Billy McClymont (**B.M**), Fiona Brown (**F.B**), Andrena Duffin (**A.D**), Iain Campbell (**I.C**), Adrian Stephens (**A.S**), John Maughan (**J.M**), Susan Campbell (**S.C**), Pam MacColl (**P.M**), Josh Liddle (**J.L**), John Maughan (**J.M**), Lindsay MacDonald (**L.M**), Nancy Somerville (**N.S**), Joe Reade (**J.R**)

Present: Mary-Jean Devon (**M-J. D**) Moray Finch (**M.F**), Duncan Swinbanks (**D.S**), Sandy Lees (**S.L**)

Apologies: Moira Westland, Andrena Duffin, Jim Corbett, P.C Chalmers

Minutes Previous Meeting

Proposed: Pam MacColl

Seconded: Susan Campbell

Matters Arising

Dispute over SAS meeting minutes. **F.B** expressed concern that comments had been removed when the SAS report has been delivered at the previous Community Council meeting.

All weather sports facility – Sandy Lees

Designs for all weather sports facility are ready to be submitted to planning but waiting for Sports Scotland to come back with funding decision. A concession could be given to community clubs for planning costs, if it were the Community Council who applied on behalf of the rugby club. MCC happy to do so. **M-J. D** stated that although it was a major application, there was previously a building on the proposed site and so there are no planning objections from neighbours etc. **D.S** stated that there is no current all-weather sports facility on the island and no full-sized pitch for basketball, tennis, netball etc. The school and local clubs would benefit hugely as there is social pressure to participate in sport and indoor sports are currently booming. There has been broad representation from across the island. Garmony is a prime central location and the traditional site of sport on Mull. Project designed as a phased development to allow time for funding. It is designed as a traditional agricultural structure with timber cladding. The first phase will be the exterior shell to provide shelter. Application will be submitted to planning, a costing will then be given, after which funders will be approached. **M-J. D** suggested that an open night is held to showcase the plans to the community and glean feedback. All in favour of project.

Police Report – P.C Claire Chalmers

Total Calls – 61

North Mull

Total Calls: 18. Theft, Disorder, Assault. Crimes recorded: 4

Craignure and Surrounding

Total Calls: 13. Animals, Wildlife, Child Protection, RTA, Theft. Crimes Recorded: 3

Salen and Surrounding

Total Calls: 14. RTA, Theft. Crimes Recorded: 2

Ross of Mull and Iona

Total Calls:16. RTA, Theft, Animals, Concern for Person. Crimes Recorded: 0

Councillors Report – Mary-Jean Devon

Mull has applied to Town Centre Improvement to repair railings in Tobermory. £100K has been awarded. Oban Live announced that this would be its last year as there has not been enough investment in the field at Mossfield. £90K has been allocated for Rockfield but nothing has been allocated to Mossfield as it is not considered 'Town Centre'. Alex Livingstons retirement celebrations were extremely well attended. Alex has been invited to attend the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood.

TRO Meeting – Adrian Stevens

Meeting held at Corran Halls 12th June 2019. The community was very well represented by Mull Community Council, Iona Community Council, Ferry Committee, Tobermory Harbour association, MICT and members of the wider community. Despite this, the impact of parking charges on the island were not addressed. Petition has been sent to the Scottish Government's Public Petitions Committee. **A.S** applied for a freedom of information request to see manuscript, notes and minutes taken from the meeting. **M-J. D** stated that the Public Petitions committee will be instrumental in overturning this decision. Mull is now the only island with paid parking at its ferry ports. The next TRO must have an Island Impact Assessment in Place. The Crown Estate have still not been notified of the outcome.

Proposed Legal Action – Moray Finch

MICT concerned with process and outcome with regards to the TRO decision. Legal advice has been sought. Decided on Govan Law Centre as they have an impressive track record and they have funding to support cases like this. The first part of the process will be carried out free of charge. They will also write to A&B Council for assurance that the parking charges are going ahead. MICT have compiled a large dossier of information to present if A&B Council confirm plans to move ahead. Mull Community Council have been approached to ask for support. Mike Daily from Govan Law Centre will write to the Sheriff Court to apply for Protective Costs Order to ensure the community is protected if case is lost. The next step is to employ a team from Edinburgh Solicitors to push ahead at a cost of between £3-4K. **J.R** has set up funding page to help raise money for legal fees. If A&B Council have made the decision to go ahead with plans there is a 6-week period where it can't be challenged. MICT are holding off until 6 week period has passed.

Co-option

Co-option process has been carried out for Joe Reade.

Proposed Buyout of Craignure Pier – Joe Reade & Duncan Swinbanks

As a result of A&B Councils mismanagement and lack of investment, **J.R** and **D.S** propose a community buy out of Craignure Pier. The Land Reform Act could be used to force a sale. **J.R** said that it would be beneficial to the community to have control of an important and profitable asset. A community Group would need to be set up to lead the process. If successful, a Community Company would be set up to manage the project. Mull community Council is a great vehicle for pushing through the application. All in favour of putting Mull Community Council name behind application. M.F stated that the Scottish Government Land Office would be happy to give advice on how to put application through. D.S stated that the community would need to vote on the matter once the proposal is complete. M.F will discuss matter at the next MICT board meeting.

Any Other Business

Bins in Bunessan

Bins removed from Uisken which is a camping area. This is posing littering problem. M.C.C to write strongly to Community Services Department to ask for bins to be reinstated.

Planning Application - Loch Na Keil

Planning application submitted to extend Salmon farm at Loch Na Keil. **B.M** stated that list of planning applications will be published next week. If there are any objections the community will need to make representation to Mull Community Council

Date of Next Meeting

7th August 2019