

Mull Community Council Meeting

3rd September 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**), Jim Corbett (**J.C**), Nancy Somerville (**N.S**), Norman Hickson (**N.H**)

Present:

Seonaidh MacKenzie

Apologies:

Susan Campbell, Josh Liddle, Moira Westland, Pam MacColl, Lindsay MacDonald, Moray Finch, PC Claire Chalmers

MATTERS ARISING

All-weather sports facility

B.M received a letter from one of the residents at Garmony stating that contrary to what was reported at the last Community Council meeting, objections and concerns had been sent in from all residents at Garmony with regards to the proposed all-weather sports facility. **B.M** reported that as plans for the facility have not yet been submitted, the opportunity for official objections has not arisen.

***Post meeting note:** There has not always been a building at the site on Garmony, but it is an historic sports site for the island.

Rubbish Collection

A.D reported that extra bins had been installed at Bunesan but that the council have since confiscated them. **J.C** made comment about the amount of rubbish building up at Craignure.

B.M reported that there have been issues regarding the uplifting of commercial bins. Recycling has not been collected on time, forcing recycling into general waste. The general waste is then not being collected on time. **A.D** will raise the issue with Iain Elwis before writing to Argyll and Bute Council.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed: A.S

Seconded: J.C

POLICE REPORT

***Waiting for police report**

Parking on the Eas Brae, forcing pedestrians from the pavement on to the road continues to be an issue. **N.H** reported that irresponsible parking maintains to be an issue in Craignure.

A.D reported that a meeting to discuss parking as well as traffic management as a whole in Tobermory has been arranged with Argyll & Bute Council in September. **A.S** requested that any meetings with Argyll and Bute Council be recorded to ensure that there is no manipulation of what is being reported. **A.D** will ensure that the meeting is properly minuted.

TRO

A.S reported that the community of Mull and Iona has been given an apology from Cleland Sneddon since A&BC's decision to charge parking at lifeline ferry ports has been overturned as a result of the entire community and the various working groups within, working together to reverse their decision.

B.M stated that the council's original decision to enforce parking charges is a prime example of the council not listening to the communities they represent, and elected members turning their backs on Mull and Iona.

MICT currently has the money which was crowd funded to pay fees to the legal team representing the community and are looking into refunding money to those who donated.

PLASTIC FREE MULL

N.S reported that after a slow start, the Plastic Free Mull initiative is doing very well. They are holding monthly meetings, mainly advertised through social media. They have been involved in 2 beach cleans and are working closely with MICT, MESS and Mull Otter Group. The group is now registered with grassroots movement 'Surfers Against Sewage'. The next meeting on 16th September will host a representative from 'Plastic free Fiji' movement.

J.C reported that the boxes he has installed on roadsides at Lochbuie have been a success and that campers, locals and visitors are using them to deposit recycling and litter. He is emptying them once a month.

N.S further reported that MESS are currently looking into getting funding to produce a processing plant for plastic recycling on Mull. **F.B** reported that there are piles of plastic piping which have been washed up on the shores of Carsaig but that accessing them to remove them would be difficult. **N.S** will investigate the matter.

HEALTH

F.B reported that Lorn Medical Practice, the successful candidate for running the health service on Mull has been extremely positive in their approach. They have asked the community what they need and have listened very carefully to what the community have said in response. The next step is the official hand-over of the practice. **I.C** reported that a

representative from Lorn Medical Centre have agreed to join the meeting with PPG next month. **F.B** also reported that the SAS are working very positively with the community.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

All in agreement that Norman Hickson and Marie Robertson are to be co-opted on to the community council

A.D reported that Lindsay MacDonald has stepped down from her position. **B.M** requested that a letter of thanks is written to Lindsay for her contribution to the Community Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic Management Meeting

A.D reported that there is a traffic management meeting in Tobermory on 13th September 2019 in Tobermory.

Community Planning meeting

A.D reported that the last community planning meeting was very positive and that the various representatives seemed to listen carefully to what the community said. Housing and transport were high in the list of concern. There is an online questionnaire for the community to fill out. The closing date for this is 27th September 2019.

South West Mull

F.B reported that residents in Buessan would like to purchase the land outside the health centre, to convert into a community garden. **B.M** to send **F.B** contact details for NHS estates.

Community Marquee

J.C reported that Buessan Show Committee would like to purchase the community marquee. After 2 years of no lets, it is a good opportunity to let go of the marquee and the responsibility that comes with it. **J.C** stated that the dance floor is also in storage and that he will offer it to Buessan Show as well. All in agreement.

B.M offered a vote of thanks to **J.C** for undertaking the task of maintaining and letting the marquee over the years.

Land Reform

J.M enquired as to whether the new land reform act could help force the sale of neglected properties on the island. All agreed that further investigation into the matter is required.

Concern from member of public

A.D received a letter of concern for trees behind their property on Mainstreet Tobermory which are potentially causing risk. **A.D** contacted Forestry commission on matter but they

no longer own the land. It is up to the individual property owner to find out ownership of land and act from there.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1st October 2019