

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 1st October, 7pm at An Roth

Present: Billy McClymont, Jim Corbet, Andrena Duffin, Adrian Stephens, Nancy Somerville, John Maughan, Joe Reade, Fiona Brown, Sue Hawkes, Pam McColl.

In attendance: Councillor Devon, PC Grierson, Mairi Grieg (Salen Parents Council)

Apologies: Iain Campbell, Susan Campbell, Sarah Padley, Moira Westland, Josh Liddle, Moray Finch.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by A.D., seconded by F.B.

Police Report

PC Grierson reported that there had been 59 calls this month. Tobermory had 28 calls, one about an assault and several about speeding cars on the Torloisk road at night. 13 calls in the Craignure area, none of note. 9 calls in the Salen area, one serious fatal accident. In the Bunessan area there were 9 calls, one attempted theft on Iona.

B.M. said that the Community Council sent their condolences to the family of the cyclist and would like to thank the couple who helped at the scene also the emergency services did a magnificent job in difficult circumstances.

There have been complaints about vehicles speeding by the entrance to Glenforsa.

Salen Primary School development.

A&B Council have put forward plans for the redevelopment of Salen School to provide the statutory 1140 hours childcare which has to be in place by August 2020. Mairi Grieg reported on the worries of the parents that there had not been enough consultation and the whole process was being rushed through. Previously, on behalf of the community, MICT was developing plans for a complete new building which would have been able to provide some of the 1140 hours provision in addition to flexible, wraparound child care. However suitable funding could not be secured, and MICT will be consulting the community with the possibility of developing a scaled down option, this will not be in place by August 2020. The Council have chosen Salen School as the preferred location. M.G. said there were concerns that the timescale was too optimistic, plans were to go to the Planning Committee before Christmas, and the building to be completed by August. Two classrooms were to be added to the Community Hall so losing playground space and compromising the Community's use of the Hall. The Hall is a potential source of income as local events are held there.

Parking has always been an issue and no provision had been made for extra spaces. The 50 seater bus bringing children from Tobermory can cause an obstruction.

At a meeting with the Council Officer there was little time for questions, there was a need for more communication with the Council. M-J.D. offered to liaise with the Council and raise the concerns.

S.H. said other primary schools on the Island including Iona already could provide the 1140 hours, Salen was the final school.

Ambulance

A.D. reported that there had been several problems with ambulance waiting times recently. In one case it had taken 20 hours and the patient eventually had to be helicoptered off the Island. Another problem was with the Oban ambulance not able to get on the ferry and not able to meet the ferry to transport a patient. Also a patient from the Ross having been told she would get home on the Monday from Paisley had to wait 5 days for an ambulance so bed blocking in the hospital.

A discussion followed and F.B. said she would write expressing our concerns.

TRO enquiry

TRO 201 has been withdrawn and Mr Sneddon has offered a full apology.

A.S. said there was to be a meeting the following evening with Mr Sneddon and representatives from Iona and Mull CCs to ensure better communication with us in the future.

Traffic Management in Tobermory

M-J.D. reported that the committee had held a very positive meeting with Pippa Milne, A&B C. A site has been identified for a new carpark, on Council land. Better signage and a plan for the town had been put forward.

Councillor's report

M-J.D. said that lift problems at An Roth was causing problems but there was hope it would soon be sorted.

There had been a reshuffle in the Council. Cllr McCuish was no longer in charge of roads and Cllr Redman now in charge of Finance.

A tourist levy is now being considered and we should consult with other Islands for ideas.

AOB

There is still a problem with rubbish collection on the Ross. A letter had been received from a resident commenting that now the bins had gone from Uisken the beach and surrounds were much tidier! F.B. said there was a need for recycling bins on the Ross or preferably for the 6 monthly uplift of larger goods to be reinstated.

M.G. said that Tobermory Industrial Park was nearing completion and had been well subscribed. There was no chilled container as no 3 phase electricity. The park is to be named in remembrance of Andrew Nonhebel.

B.M. congratulated MICT on the erection of a much needed facility.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th November.