

Mull Community Council

13th December 2016, 7pm, An Roth, Craignure.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Juliet Vines, Jane Stevens, David Pollard, Steve Willis, Allan Cameron, Jim Corbett and Willie Hume.

In Attendance: T/Sgt Jamie Toal, Moray Finch and Jenny Reddaway.

Apologies: Rory Forrester, Ronnie Campbell, Cameron Anson, Joanne MacDougall and Cllrs Alastair MacDougall and Mary-Jean Devon.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed: SW

Seconded: FB

MATTERS ARISING

- DP advised that he had been unable to obtain the final report from the Island Communities meeting held on Seil. SW reported that he had received a reply from the Council to the Community Council's disappointment in the event; the reply expressed sorrow but contained no other information or anything about future action.

POLICE REPORT 09/11/2016 – 12/12/2016 – T/S Jamie Toal

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	For period 09/11/16 – 12/12/16 Total number of incidents recorded = 46 Crimes / Incidents of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- 29 Incidents recorded.- Online scam fraud (extending to overseas). Article placed in R&A to offer advice.- x3 vehicle wing mirrors broken. Suspects identified with positive line of enquiry.- Disturbance on Main St. Recorded Police Warnings issued to individuals concerned.• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 incidents recorded. None of any note. • <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 incidents recorded. None of any note. • <u>LB34 – Buessan area:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 incidents recorded. None of any note.
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trailer in a passing place near to the Kinloch Hotel. Trailer has now been moved by owner.
Incidents of note or crime trends	<p>Divisional priorities remain as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Protection - Serious Crime & Terrorism - Violence, Disorder & Antisocial behaviour - Road Policing
Forthcoming events	None

- JT to email MJD with regard to progress to relocate the 30mph limit beyond the Shillinghill housing exit. WH advised that if the 30mph signs at Tobermory are a certain distance from the nearest lighting pole, the signs do not have to be illuminated which will cut down on costs dramatically. WH also suggested that count down signs should be used to improved safety. JT noted that people should be travelling at 30mph when they reach the speed limit sign.
- SW had contacted Jim Smith.

ARGYLL & BUTE BUDGET

- DP advised that the Citizens' Panel has been asked to complete the questionnaire on the A&BC web page www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture It is very general but any

residents interested in the future of public services on Mull are strongly urged to complete it so the Council will have some idea of the island's priorities.

- MF advised that he's completed the online survey and realised how difficult it was for A&BC to make the necessary cuts to services. MF had used the text box to suggest ways of generating income and, for Mull, the obvious choice is that some of the Craignure pier dues (given the extra volume of use) could be ring-fenced for essential services and infrastructure on Mull.
- AC felt that the planning department required some attention, given some of their decisions and would like to see more consistency and was also disappointed, as were others, over the previous year's arrangements in the Chief Executive's department.
- FB felt that some savings could be made by not sending out letters to people paying their bills by Direct Debit.
- Concern was also expressed that there was a top down rather than bottom up approach and whilst staff cuts may be the simplest means of reducing the large wages bill, the Council needs to set an example.
- DP referred to the issue of Dervaig and Salen toilets. AC had not heard anything from Cllr McCuish or Tom Murphy. The Salen toilets were functioning fairly well but the volume is low but, if there was a problem in March, the Council will shut them. SW to write. DP asked about Dervaig toilets; MF advised that the situation there was different but SW to write a separate letter about them.

UPDATES

- WH advised funding for painting Tobermory railing is available but suggested waiting to do work in spring when weather will be a bit better. John MacLean has offered to supply paint free of charge which is very much appreciated but he cannot do the work due to long term commitments. It was suggested that people required to do community service could be tasked with the work but AC thought that this might represent a problem regarding supervision. BM suggested that businesses be invited to become sponsors of sections of railing. WH to do further investigate work.
- SW reported that the disabled bays at Craignure are to be repainted.
- FB reported that 24 poles for passing places had been replaced in the previous two weeks.
- BM reported that he and MF had met with the Chief Executive of the WHHA regarding the Lochdon housing development. Reassurance had been given that the first six houses to be built would be for rent with others (up to 14 maximum) being built in phase 2 with the potential for purchase. MF had written to many businesses looking for support for one year only but had only had a commitment for one tenancy for a key worker. Both BM and MF felt that the meeting had been positive and both MICT and the Community Council would write letters of support.

MULL AND IONA FERRY COMMITTEE (SW)

- SW had received a report from SC
- Summer timetable 2017 has been submitted and confirmation of the small changes proposed (i.e. to meet public transport better) is awaited.
- Winter timetable 2017/2018 – after a lot of work, MIFT have recommended timetable B which if the boat berthing at Craignure. Calmac have accepted this option and are now working on their part, including costs and feasibility. The outcome will not be known until March 2017.
- With regard to the Craignure marshalling area, A&BC are in discussion with the landowner to the north of the area and will look to acquiring the land and extending the marshalling area to assist and alleviate the on-going congestion.

- Craignure pier – A&BC are in the process of putting a short and long term plan for the Craignure berthing. The short term plan is to adapt the existing pier to suit overnight berthing of vessels up to and including 105m. The long term plan is not yet set and many variables are being looked into including the relocating of the pier (building a new one) to a different area of Craignure bay.
- BM queried if they need to survey the south side of the pier to see if dredging required
- JC considered that the car park situation needed reviewing. Questions were raised about the large amount of land taken up for bus lanes and looking at acquiring part of the north end of the dog walk area.
- Generally, it was felt that this was good news and we're heading in the right direction.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – No Councillors present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- SW advised that he, SC and locals were looking at proposals for the redevelopment of the waterfront gardens at Craignure, originally raised as part of the Centenary Project. Chris James was keen to progress on the gardens. It was agreed that whatever was done must be for the benefit of the community of Craignure as a whole.
- AC recalled that at one time there had been a proposal to fill in part of the bay. BM advised that this was when Glensanda had offered the material for the landfill free as well as delivery of the material and the machines and manpower to do the work. This was not an option nowadays.
- JC felt there was a need for more car parking; this led to discussion about improving the lorry park and recycling bins and to the cattle pens. JC pointed out that the pens are still used and the farmers would be reluctant to lose the facility. BM suggested that there was space to access the pens from the bus park or the front. JC to raise at the next NFU meeting.
- SW felt that Craignure needed to be looked at as a whole. BM said that the Community Council should be kept in the loop with regard to the plans for the marshalling area and additional car parking should be part of the overall discussions.
- BM and MF raised the subject of viewpoints reminding Councillors that in the original project for the 12 viewpoints the landowners were relied upon to keep the sites going. Unfortunately, as a result of litter and the lack of public toilets, at least one landowner feels that they cannot continue as at present. BM suggested that a carefully worded notice advising users of these sites that they are available courtesy of the landowners and all rubbish to be taken away.
- JC said that the island needed Council support to help it deal with the large numbers of camper vans. JC has a grassy area and put in an application for planning for cold running water and proper toilets but it was not recommended by planners. MF and BM to discuss.
- WH reported that he had received an email expressing concern about the neglected growth of trees and shrubs at the top of the cliff beyond the Tobermory War Memorial detracting from the beauty of the vista from the Memorial and affecting the beauty of the location.
- WH had also had representation about an overhanging tree on the corner of Breadalbane Street opposite the school affecting drivers' sightline. SW to write to the householder.
- The question of signs advising motorists that a road was unsuitable for camper vans arose. The following list was compiled: Grasspoint; Gorsten; Carsaig; Kintra; Burg road; Hill Road; Tiroran; Croig and Quinish. AC suggested circulating these roads to hire companies. SW to contact Jim Smith.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 10th January 2017 at 7pm.