

**MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**7pm, An Roth, Craignure.**

**Present:** Billy McClymont; Fiona Brown; Rory Forrester; Susan Campbell; Cameron Anson; Willie Hume, Jane Stevens and David Pollard.

**Apologies:** Steve Willis; Allan Cameron; Joanne MacDougall, Jim Corbett and Moray Finch.

**In Attendance:** T/Sgt. Jamie Toal and Jenny Reddaway.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

These were proposed by RF and seconded by WH.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- WH asked about the situation with the Craignure recycling bins. BM advised that whilst Chris James had not said no to moving them to near the old pier, there was the matter of leasing the land and fencing the bins. BM suggested that the Community Council write to Derek Crook to have the bins permanently removed.

**POLICE REPORT- 09/05/2017 – 06/06/2017 T/PS Jamie Toal**

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| Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting | <p>For period 09/05/17 – 06/06/17 Total number of incidents recorded = 52</p> <p>Crimes / Incidents of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u><br/><br/>X1 Male arrested for disturbance<br/><br/>Vehicle obstructions at Erray Road, entrance to Tob High<br/><br/>X1 Male arrested for S.38 offence (causing fear and alarm). Being reported to fiscal.<br/><br/>Various road traffic matters</li><li>• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u><br/><br/>Search &amp; rescue of tourist stuck on hill (located safe and well)</li><li>• <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u><br/><br/>Various road traffic matters</li><li>• <u>LB34 – Buessan area:</u><br/><br/>Concern for kayakers (traced safe and</li></ul> |
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| Updates on any actions from previous meetings | None  |
| 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 behaviour</li> <li>- Road Policing</li> </ul> |
| Forthcoming events                            | None  |

- JT advised that the Police were working with Tobermory School to resolve the situation.
- JT advised that the road traffic matters involved inappropriate or dangerous driving, a hit and run (minor vehicle damage) and the sheer volume of traffic.
- BM asked if there had been any reports of problems with cyclists; JT said no. FB pointed out that cyclists were causing problems on the Ross of Mull with them ignoring passing places or wobbling about on the edge of roads. JT pointed out that although the rules of the road applied to all road users, cyclists often may not be aware of a following vehicle's presence due to wind noise. JT advised that the following vehicle should make the cyclist aware of their presence and it is okay to use the horn to do this; the cyclist should then move over when it is safe to do so. BM noted that cyclists tend not to stop if the land is flatter.
- FB praised the painting of the stones catching the load lorries.
- DP asked about reports of travellers at Fishnish taking over the picnic tables and preventing access to the hide and JS felt that they were quite intimidating. JT advised that there were two families involved and one left when the notice to quit was given. The second family are still there.
- WH advised that the car had been removed from Calgary.

#### **CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE.**

- FB felt that meetings should go back to the second Tuesday of the month as it was useful to have MJD's presence at meetings. There was a general consensus on this but Community Councillors were asked to provide a report for JR on issues they wanted to raise. CA suggested that all Ward 4 A&BC Councillors be asked to give reports. JR to advise Janna of the change.

### **LONG VEHICLE SIGNS/ TOBERMORY 30MPH SIGNS/KNOCK BRIDGE.**

- BM reported that SW had not had a reply to the request for long vehicle signs and asked that the Community Council write to elected Members to express its frustration at the lack of response.
- The Community Council also expressed its frustration that, having been told that the 30mph signs would be moved to before the exit of Struan Crescent during January, this had not happened. JS reported that, with more houses going up, the need to extend the 30mph limit was even more important.
- WH reported that the scaffolding at Knock Bridge had been taken away and it looked as though the work was on schedule with the same timetable for re-opening. WH felt that, in the long term and seeing land had been offered, a bailey style bridge should be considered.

### **PARKING PROBLEMS, BAYVIEW GARAGE, CRAIGNURE.**

- SC reported that there were a number of cars on the pavement and one on the yellow lines on both sides of the road at Bayview Garage. It was noted that the land was privately owned and BM advised that the situation was being monitored.

### **TIMBER TRANSPORT, TIRORAN.**

- FB pointed out that SWMID was in danger of losing a valuable community asset as the timber that at present cannot be shipped out was losing value. BM suggested that the Community Council should open communications between the Council and Tilhill and maybe convene a meeting. Tilhill and JST have done their best to find a solution and spent a considerable amount of money in doing so. FB felt the matter was urgent as the delay was wasting SWMID's money.

### **SALEN SURGERY MEETING.**

- RF reported that the date for the meeting about the future of Salen Surgery had changed to 14<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting would discuss whether a patient participation group would be formed but a key feature is to ensure that Salen people have a facility for prescriptions. It was advised that the Ross has a system whereby first responders are used to deliver prescriptions to homes and are signed for by the recipients.
- JS asked, if Salen Surgery moved, whether Salen people would be coming to Tobermory.
- DP asked if it would be worthwhile involving Keiron Green as a Councillor.
- FB advised that all the locality group could do is make recommendations to the Integrated Joint Board.
- Grave concern was expressed that a resident, born and bred on Mull, is in a care home on the mainland and there are no spaces on the island. BM pointed out that the flats in Bowman Court, which is not an official care home, are all full and consist of two bedrooms and a shared bathroom on A&BC leases. It was felt that A&BC should run Bowman Court as a care home, providing more beds.
- FB advised that the dentist is appointed on a year's contract and that the dental van has to go away for repairs; the latter will visit the Ross every six months.

### **CELTIC SEA PROPOSAL.**

- A document giving details had been circulated previously.
- JS advised that Celtic Sea were asking for support from the Community Council. Unfortunately, this is the same company who did not succeed with the mussel farm and when they abandoned it, left a considerable amount of pollution in the shape of floats and plastic pegs. Several messages had been received asking that the Community

Council does not give support and JS spoke of the objection of the Mull Otter Group as there are three resident females with cubs and two resident males. The proposal by Celtic Sea indicates that they would want to clear starfish and crabs (the latter are an initial food source for otter cubs).

- BM also reported that wrasse fishermen were not happy about the proposal.
- CA advised that SWMID would be looking for jobs and were working up a proposal for a seaweed farm with the Council and other groups. FB asked about the timetable as there were concerns that someone else might apply. BM suggested the Community Council write to advise that a community group was coming through with a sustainable proposal.

#### **A&BC SINGLE INVESTMENT PLAN/ SALEN BT PHONE BOX/COUNCILLORS' SPECIAL PROJECTS.**

- DP advised that the Single Investment Plan has been delivered in order to align future infrastructure investment with strategic economic priorities to help drive a change in economic activity in the area. DP explained that the following had been identified for Mull and Iona: the Iona breakwater; Fionnphort pier extension; Craignure pier upgrade; a second pier for large cruise liners; improvement of the A848 Salen to Tobermory road and a new bridge at Pennyghael. Also featured is a geothermal heat pump system at Iona Abbey to provide a district heat network with houses being updated to take them off-grid. The Access Project whereby storage heaters are linked to Garmony Hydro scheme to take up excess power generated that the Grid cannot take is also included.
- DP also reported that there was a proposal to buy the BT phone box in Salen for a £1 and fit it out to hold books which the Red Cross book store in the hut by Dunaros would rotate the books it contains.
- Referring to the suggestion by BM at the previous meeting that Community Councillors bring specific projects to progress, DP wished to raise public toilets and pier dues.

#### **TREE POLLARDING, TOBERMORY.**

- JS reported considerable concern in the community at the pollarding of the trees in Main Street and on Breadalbane Street, given that it was very late in the year to do so and also because of the Christmas lights display. WH advised that pollarding was necessary for the health of the trees, preventing damage from vehicles hitting the low canopy and also to prevent damage to the roadway from roots.

#### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

- No Councillors present.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- SC gave a report from the Ferry Committee;
- RET is seeing a further increase in traffic of around 10% on last year. The timetable has had some slight changes to it to assist in the traffic congestion at in Craignure at certain times.
- The Council's agent is in final discussions with the Landowner's agent regarding the extension of the marshalling area at Craignure and it looks positive. Some Japanese Knotweed needs to be removed.
- The winter timetable is likely to be as last year but the Ferry Committee is hopeful, subject to some survey work at Craignure, that there will be an "Island Friendly" timetable for the following winter. More conclusive answers should be available in July.
- Iona Slipway is being treated as a priority by A&BC and moving forward.
- "How to drive on single track roads" demos are being shown on the boats.
- Camper van leaflets are now being distributed at all three terminals, not just Oban as previously.

- The Ferry Committee is in discussion regarding the vessel replacement strategy and Neal Goldsmith has been involved in the consultation committee with other island representatives, the Minister of Transport and Transport Scotland to ascertain whether there is a loophole that means that there would be no need for tendering going forward (both Clyde and Northlink tenders have been put on hold which this is explored.)
- The discount fares for all commercial traffic are in its final stages. It was presented to the Minister who wanted some clarity and alternatives on some points as some isles suffer with cost due to distance. This information will be back with the Minister in September.
- The Ferry Committee had its AGM when Neal Goldsmith was asked to stay on as Chair and Elizabeth Ferguson as Vice-Chair. Resignations, leaving places on the Committee were received from Ronnie Campbell (MCC) and James MacGillvery (Agriculture). The A&BC representative also stood down through not being elected.
- SC advised of parking on both sides of the three lochs viewing lay-by; MICT to be informed.
- FB advised that the grass needed cutting at Suidhe Cemetery and BM said they had no-one to do this but the Council were recruiting. It was acknowledged that there was a big funeral on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month and efforts would be made to ensure the Cemetery was presentable.
- WH gave his apologies for the July meeting.
- DP gave praise to Scottish Water for repairing a water leak in the road in Salen within 48 hours.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 7pm.**