

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2017.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Willie Hume, Jim Corbett, Allan Cameron, Joanne MacDougall, Susan Campbell, David Pollard, Jane Stevens and Cameron Anson.

In attendance: Cllr Mary-Jean Devon, PC Clare Chalmers, Calum MacLachlann, David Hooker, Seonadh MacKenzie, Jenny Reddaway.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rory Forrester and Cllr Jamie McGrigor.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (SEPTEMBER) MEETING

These were proposed by DP and seconded by FB.

MATTERS ARISING

BM raised the need to appoint a Community Councillor for the MICT Board and also for the Waterfall Fund; this was deferred until later in the meeting.

DP advised that he had written a letter concerning the problems being experienced by people wishing to apply for the Lochdon housing scheme.

POLICE REPORT 10/09/17 – 09/10/17 – PC Clare Chalmers

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	For period 10/9/17 – 9/10/17 Total number of incidents recorded = 47 crimes recorded = 6 Crimes / Incidents of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> 24 incidents 2 crime reports.• Theft by OLP• Theft of vehicle • <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> 10 incidents 1 crime report• Road Traffic (No insurance, 2 persons charged) • <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> 6 Incidents
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	<p>1 crime report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x breach of the peace (1 person charged) • <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> 7 incidents 2 Crime reports 1x breach of the peace (person not known) 3 Road Traffic offences (1 person charged)
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	
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	

POLICE REPORT 10/09/17 – 09/10/17 – PC Clare Chalmers

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	<p>For period 10/10/17 – 13/11/17 Total number of incidents recorded = 64</p> <p>Crimes / Incidents of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> 40 incidents 8 crime reports • 4 x Vandalisms (1 person detained and questioned – insufficient evidence to charge) • Breach of the peace, drugs, resist arrest, police assault, Licence (S) Act (fail to leave when asked) (1 person arrested and charged) • Assault, Breach of the peace, Licence (S) Act (fail to leave when asked) (1 person charged)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x theft • 1 x Assault (enquiries ongoing) • <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> 8 Incidents 2 Crime reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x drunk driving (1 person arrested and charged) • 1 x theft. • <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> 13 incidents 0 Crime reports • <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> 3 incidents 0 crime reports
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BM asked if the increase in the Tobermory area was related to the Rally. CC was unsure of this and pointed out that there had been a spate of unrest in Tobermory in the period following the Rally.

DP advised that he had asked for a speed check to be held in Salen at the previous meeting with the key times being when ferries come in. CC advised that the main issue with setting up the speed checks is the problem of getting two Officers over at the same time of day but she would raise the issue.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS (Calum MacLachlainn)

CML had requested the opportunity to advise Community Councillors on sites for development under Argyll & Bute Council's "call for sites" request in connection with updating the Local Plan.

Tobermory – beside MacGoghan’s. CML advised that this development would provide the THA with a retail outlet with a separate Class 1 retail outlet forming the rest of the ground floor of the building. Above would be three flats. Being next to the pub, these would not be residential but self-catering holiday lets. CML advised that, whilst A&BC felt the existing plans were acceptable, there was an issue with SEPA wanting the building to be higher because of flood risk. In response to BM’s query, there would be no dedicated parking for the flats. There was some discussion on the nature of the retail unit and, whilst it might be a food outlet, this was not considered an issue. BM offered a letter of support from the Community Council.

Pennyghael – CML advised that they were renewing the planning permission given some years ago which would include two affordable homes. The “call for sites” includes land closer to the road between the Pennyghael Hotel and the bridge to include a tourism enterprise. FB pointed out that there are jobs available but no housing in Pennyghael. CA advised that SWMID’s housing survey would appear at the end of the month and should provide the evidence that houses would be filled. MF supported CA’s comments about the need for social housing, pointing out that there were nine applicants for the two houses at Ulva Ferry. CML asked for support from the Community Council to the leisure enterprise application; following a show of hands, the Community Council agreed to support this.

Shillinghill, Tobermory - CML reported two “call to site” applications for this area. One is a small area of land adjacent to the already designated area north-east of the existing Shillinghill houses. This would allow for additional housing with a similar mix as the present development with a mixture of owned and rented properties. The second location is the area used as the Music Festival campsite. Being higher than the existing and proposed housing, this site was not favoured for housing and a leisure and tourism designation was proposed, possibly a campsite and/or a 20 bed hotel. CML had discussed the issue with Angus Williams regarding the camping possibility and there was no issue there. BM considered that both applications should be supported.

Dunaros, Salen – CML advised that the proposal at the Dunaros site was for six 3 bedroom house and four 2 bedroom houses which would be affordable and sold at value.

CML advised that there was no prioritisation on the developments. Responding to JM’s question about mixed housing development nearer the Ross, CML responded that this was not affordable at this time.

DP would write to the Council regarding support for the call to sites.

DEFIBRILLATOR (Moray Finch)

MF asked Community Councillors to note that MICT had added the fifteenth public access defibrillator at the former BT phone box at Gribun, which has been decommissioned to be able to host the defibrillator. The defibrillator, its cabinet and the installation of the cabinet has been paid for with a donation from Jacqui Farquhar from Ballymeanach (she was known as Jacqueline MacFadyen when she was brought up there as a child). MICT has “adopted” the phone box from BT through an arrangement with the Community Heartbeat Trust, a national charity that has agreement with BT for the

electricity supply to the phone box to remain connected so that the cabinet can be heated to protect the defibrillator. Each of the 15 defibrillators has a “guardian” who carries out a monthly check and then updates the online Scottish Ambulance Service database so that the emergency call handlers know it is functioning correctly, available for use and importantly its location, including a grid reference. The defibrillators require regular replacement of pads and batteries for which there is an ongoing cost of around £50 per year per defibrillator.

In addition to the one at Gribun, defibrillators can be located at:

Tobermory – Tobermory Harbour Association (Taigh Solais)

Dervaig – Post Office and Shop

Calgary – Calgary Arts Gallery

Ulva Ferry – Ulva Ferry Primary School

Salen – Spar Shop

Craignure – Calmac office

Lochbuie – Lochbuie Old Post Office

Tiroran – Tiroran House Hotel

Pennyghael – Pennyghael Community Hall

Bunessan – Bunessan Community Fire Station

Fionnphort – the Ferry Shop

Iona – Iona Village Waiting Room; Iona Community welcome centre/shop and the Iona Hostel.

MF asked Community Councillors to spread the word in their respective communities and advised they were looking for a host premises on Main Street.

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE (Moray Finch)

MF advised that MICT wished to apply for a share of the £6m Tourism Infrastructure Fund being launched by the Scottish Government in 2018. The £6m covers the whole of Scotland so Mull would be vying against the likes of Skye and the NC500 but MICT would be attempting to obtain funding for at least some of the 40 projects identified in the Mull & Iona Visitor Management Infrastructure Feasibility Study. New public toilets in remote areas were another option. MF asked if any Community Councillor would be interested in joining the group to forward this and DP volunteered.

MICT DIRECTOR/WATERFALL FUND TRUSTEE.

BM reminded Community Councillors that this had been deferred from the September meeting to a time when more Community Councillors were present. MF advised that the MICT Board had a majority of member Directors with representatives from Mull and Iona Community Councils. Steve Willis had been the Mull CC Board member and needed replacing. MF assured possible parties that the work was not boring as MICT had a great many projects ongoing and had had to increase the number of member Board members to help.

MF reported that Steve Willis had also been the Mull CC Trustee on the Waterfall Fund. This requires less time commitment with meetings three times a year for around a couple of hours. Other Trustees came from the professions. JC said he could not take on the position on the MICT Board but would volunteer for the Waterfall Fund Trusteeship. It was agreed to defer the MICT Board decision to give more time for consideration.

BUNESSAN TOILETS

FB reported concerns that Bunessan toilets might be closed as the lady who runs them had had this indicated to her by A&BC. CA reported that SWMID were thinking about it and would speak to others who have taken over toilets and asked if the closure of public toilets was part of A&BC's public consultation on budgets. MJD advised that there was a potential to lose over 30 of the Council's public toilets including Calgary. FB and MJD would try to find out the situation. It was noted that a major issue with Bunessan toilets have no disabled access. MF felt it was essential to be clear on the situation and object to and fight any closures. MJD said that she would attempt to find out the situation

NHS

It was announced that Dr Brian Prendergast had arrived on the island. Dr Prendergast was keen to improve the service in Tobermory, Salen and Craignure.

BM advised that the local client groups had been formed to make proposals on health issues to the IJB and not one of the suggestions put forward by Mull had been noted. These locality planning groups were destined to remain in place for another four years and BM was of the opinion that the island's need for Doctors and clinical and acute beds would continue to be ignored.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

MJD reported that Tobermory now had a new PPG (Patient Planning Group) and the main aims had been identified. These were equipment at the hospital (it was noted that four machines were the equivalent in cost of one air ambulance evacuation) and bed-blocking. 18 people had come forward to join the PPG. MJD and others considered it essential that community confidence in services was raised; MJD felt that none of the proposals identified by Mull had been put forward to the IJB.

MJD reported good news about the £1 on tickets to the islands with Hamza Yousaf working on it. The £1 levy would only be levied for the destination island to be visited and local residents would be exempt. MJD warned that this was not a fast process and will take at least a year to sort out. DP thanked MJD for her persistence. Asked about charging for cruise ships, it was noted that the THA are already charging a landing fee. MJD advised that, once the money was coming in a Board of Trustees would need to decide on how the money is spent.

MJD welcomed the proposed Winter 2018 ferry timetable, enabling people to work on the mainland and return home at night.

Arising from the discussion on ferries, JC advised that there was a need for priority space on the ferries for urgent referrals.

PARTICIPATION REQUESTS (legislation)

DP advised he had received the detail of community participation requests. CA advised that the request of the group concerning the Fionnphort Slip had been accepted by Argyll and Bute Council and a working group was to be formed to consider all aspects of traffic management, including pedestrians. There was potential for other requests in Craignure,

Tobermory, Calgary, Iona, the THA and the Ferry Committee and CA asked who should be involved. BM offered to cover Craignure and it was suggested that Brian Swinbanks might be involved for Tobermory and the THA and Morary Finch with regard to Calgary.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JC reported that Cameron Maxwell from the Forestry Commission was coming to the island the following day to discuss the situation with Phytophthora remora, ash and larch disease. JC has been asked to cut down more rhododendron (a carrier for Phytophthora), yet the whole situation regarding disposal for affected trees and shrubs is a shambles. DH advised that there are 109 different varieties of trees that can be affected by the disease. CA considered that they were not being consistent and agreed with JC and DH. JC advised that they had been to Mike Russell and Brendan O'Hara over the situation. Landowners are losing very considerable amounts of money as, if one is able to move the timber (and using roads is restricted), the only place for the wood to be taken is to Workington, with alternatives of the wood being locked or building a concrete base and cover for a sawmill.

DP raised the issue of the street lights in Craignure being out and BM advised they had been out for some time.

MJD mentioned that people will have noted that parts of Mull, Coll, Tiree and the Kintyre peninsula were proposed as a Marine National Park. Of five scheduled meetings, none of these were on the islands and MJD was pressing for meetings on the islands. She pointed out that there had been four consultations already over the past few years and local people did not want a marine park. Scepticism was expressed on how such rules within a marine park could be enforced and the potential for additional red tape.

JC confirmed that the next meeting was on 12th December, not 10th December as initially noted. SC expressed concern at the number of apologies that had happened in recent months and BM asked that anyone who was unable to attend should notify himself or David at the earliest opportunity.

AC asked about the number of Community Councillor vacancies were available. DP to check on numbers and report back; he would also draw up an article for Round & About to call for volunteers.

JS asked BM to change the banking signatories, following Steve Willis' departure.

BM had met with Sir Lachlan and he had reported that the road to Duart had been virtually destroyed. MJD agreed to try and find money to help with repairs before March.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2017 AT 7PM.

