

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
1st May 2019, 7.30, An Roth

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Andrena Duffin, Iain Campbell, Adrian Stephens, John Maughan, Jim Corbett.

In Attendance: Councillor Devon, PC Chalmers

Apologies: Susan Campbell, Nancy Somerville, Justin Liddle, Moira Westland, Pam MacColl, Lindsay MacDonald, Sarah Padley, Marie Robertson, Moray Finch

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April were proposed by John Maughan and seconded by Iain Campbell.

Matters arising: M-J.D. reported that the video regarding the recruitment of GPs was not completed. It was decided a token payment would be made to the High School pupil who had carried out the work.

A.S. Requested that it should be minuted in order to have a reference for the treasurer's account. B.M. reported that at the last meeting with A&B Council, Transport Scotland and the Ferry Committee it was agreed that another meeting should be called in the near future to include CalMac and CMAL.

M-J. D. said that the date was still to be decided but potential dates had been given.

Police Report: North Mull had 23 calls, none of note, 4 crimes recorded including assault, theft, fraud and Breach of the Peace. Craignure had 4 calls, none of note and no crimes. Salen had 3 calls, none of note and 2 crimes including theft and Breach of the Peace. The Ross of Mull & Iona had 13 calls, none of note, 3 crimes, including vandalism and Internet fraud.

Various road traffic calls, normal for this time of year with the increase of traffic on the Island. Nothing serious, thankfully. Some animal concern calls due to lambing season & on going joint working between Animal Health, A&B C and SSPCA.

The Mull Music Festival went without serious incident. There were 2 crimes recorded during the event, Sect 38 (Breach of the Peace) and a minor assault.

Forthcoming events : Cycle training at Bunessan Primary School in May & June

A school classroom event covering Wildlife Crime to be held at Bunessan Primary working with one of the Rangers.

Calls to report crimes should be to Police Scotland 101 or Crimestoppers 0800555111

Councillor's Report : M-J. D. said that there were over 100 Campervans parked in Ledaig carpark during the Mull Music Festival 2019. Fewer calls of concern had been received and on the whole it had passed with very few incidents. She thanked the Police for their good work over the weekend.

The Locality Planning Groups for the health service in A&B area have been reduced from 9 to 4.

The Mull members will now have to travel to Oban to attend.

She had attended a meeting in Tobermory regarding the 'Islands Bill', a positive meeting with Health and Housing discussed.

She reported that after 2 years of the pre 5 unit being built on Iona, works have still not been completed. A letter has been received from Iona Community Council stating concern regarding health and safety, particularly in the garden area.

M-J. D. informed the MCC that our local street sweeper, Alec Livingstone, is retiring on the 7th June after 39 years service. Alec has also served with the local Coastguards for more than 40 years and voluntarily winds the Town Clock. He has been awarded the BEM for his services. A ceilidh is being arranged for the day of his retirement in the Aros Hall. There is a form in the County Buildings where members of the public can show their appreciation. It was agreed that the MCC would give a donation towards his retirement. He has always kept the town so clean.

B.M. suggested residents should do more to maintain their area.

J.C. said that at Lochbuie they had put fish boxes along the beach with signs requesting tourists to lift litter and put it in the boxes, this had proved successful.

A vote of thanks to the staff of Tobermory Distillery who did a major clear up of Ledaig after the Music Festival was recorded.

Report on TRO meeting.

This had taken place in the Creich Hall, Bunessan and was attended by all 5 Councillors
M-J.D. said that the Councillors were there to listen but could not share any views as it was a quasi- judicial procedure.

F.B.stated that it was a positive meeting, Mull and Iona representatives had given a forceful presentation against the imposition of parking charges and it was to be hoped that the Council would take heed of the local Councillors views.

B.M. stated that there were still huge challenges to be addressed, the Council had not considered the many objections and no mention of an Island Impact Assessment had been forthcoming. None of the concerns put forward by the MCC in a letter to the minister had been answered.

There was a question as to whether the Crown Estates, the owners of the Solum of Ledaig car park, had been informed of the proposed charges.

A.D. said that a full report on the meeting had been put on the CC's Facebook page. The same report had been sent to the Council along with a longer account from the Iona Community Council.

M-J.D. advised that the Area Committee are meeting in the Corran Halls, Oban, on the 12th June to discuss the TRO. This is an open meeting and as many representatives as possible should attend from the 2 Islands.

Ambulance Service

F.B.reported that a meeting has been set up with the SAS on the 21st May at Craignure Hospital. The topics for discussion would be the location of the duty doctors and the paramedics also the future plans for the Island Ambulance Service.

Concerns were expressed that locums were not based at the hospital leaving staff in a vulnerable position.

I.C. volunteered, as chair of the Tobermory PPG, to contact Colin Willis, practice manager, to enquire as to the location of locums and paramedics. He also requested a copy of the minutes where it was stated that locums should be based at the Hospital.

A.O.B.

A.D. said the CC's Facebook page is now up and running.

Complaints had been received about the speed of wood lorries especially through Salen and Lochdon.

PC Chalmers responded that it was difficult without the presence of Traffic Officers but she would highlight the matter to the inspector.

A.D. Had received an invitation from Ellen Kane, who is doing a survey of walking and cycling routes on the Island, inviting us to a meeting in Oban. This had been declined because of distance.

M-J.D. stated that the community should take part in the online local 'Action Plan' survey.

F.B. was worried about the lack of affordable housing on the Ross and the difficulties of children having to leave the Island for High School.

It was decided to ask Morven Gibson, SWMID, to come to the next CC meeting.

M-J.D. stated that 18 families had registered interest in the new houses at Lochdon. There will be 14 houses, 8 of them available to rent.

I.C. asked if we could find out why the water supply had been cut off to Mary's Well in Tobermory. He has written to Scottish Water but awaits the answer.

J.M. said that the interpretive board for the Dugald MacPhail monument was being printed. The scanning had cost £20. A.S. will reimburse him and J.C. will provide the frame.

M-J.D. had received representation that there are now 40 dogs living in Java, Craignure and this is causing residents concern. It was agreed to contact the Council as to tenancy agreements with regards to keeping dogs.

B.M. commended our local team of Council workers for their efforts in maintaining the local cemeteries. It was suggested that the Waterfall fund could be contacted to see if they would pay for signage to Cill an Ailein, Aros.

Questions from members of the public.

How can we take advantage of the Islands Bill now that it has been ratified?

B.M. responded that an action plan will be put together, especially for the Ross, an area that is suffering from depopulation. We need to address issues of population, economy, development and education for the whole Island. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June.