

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL January 2020

There was no Community Council meeting this month as we are waiting for the results of various meetings later this month.

We have had a very busy year working together with our Chairman, Billy McClymont. With the help of Iona Community Council the threat of Parking Charges imposed by A&B Council (TRO 201) was removed. A big thank you must go to Shiona Ruhemann, ICC, and Adrian Stephens for all their hard work.

This time last year we were analysing the result of the STAG Report on the building of a new pier and infrastructure at Craignure. We held meetings all over the Island and the general opinion was that 1. We did not want large ferries as the roads cannot cope with a lot of traffic at one time. 2. It would be preferable to renew and increase the size of the present pier if possible. 3. A more frequent and reliable ferry service is needed.

The Council have set up the Craignure Marine Infrastructure Liaison Group which has representatives from the MCC and the Ferry Committee on it. Several meetings with A&B Council, Transport Scotland and CalMac have already taken place. The difficulty is trying to impress upon the Council the need to upgrade the condition and viability of the present pier and link span owing to their age. Thanks to Joe Reade for keeping the pressure on the Council.

Traffic Management in Tobermory is also progressing under a small committee chaired by Brian Swinbanks from the THA. There are plans for new signage, more double yellow lines and banning Campervans from the Main Street already in place. Hopefully by 2021 there will be a new car park on Council owned land at Beadoun.

Good news about the railings, after an intensive campaign and with the help of Councillor Devon a new low wall and railings are planned from the Fisherman's Pier to Macbraynes' pier. Again thanks to Brian Swinbanks and his committee for their hard work.

The new medical arrangements for the Island should be in place by June, thanks to the PPGs in each area for their work. Also thanks to Fiona Brown for her work in liaising with the SAS to keep a safe and reliable Ambulance service running.

The Community Council has regular meetings with MITC, SWMID and NWMWCD to offer help where needed.

There are Community Councillors on all the various smaller committees.

At the moment we are short of members as several are resigning after quite a few years on the Council. The Community Council plays an important part in Island life and development. We are the only statutory body and can make our voice heard by A&B Council and, when necessary, the Government. If you would like to volunteer please contact any member listed below. We especially need representatives from the Ross.

Police Report from December

This month there were a total of 47 calls. Tobermory had 32 calls, none of note and 8 crimes recorded. Craignure had 3 calls and no crimes. Salen had 6 calls, nothing of note and 4 crimes. The Ross of Mull had 6 call, none of note and 1 crime recorded.

Two separate incidents have been reported to police in recent weeks of domestic cats being wounded/fatally wounded by use of an air weapon or similar in the Rockfield Road area of Tobermory. Police Scotland are conducting enquiries into these incidents and urge anyone with information to contact police on 101 quoting incident 3885 of 7th January.

You can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Wednesday 5th February