

## MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 5th February 2020, at 7pm at An Roth

**Present:** Billy McClymont ( B.M ), Fiona Brown ( F.B). Pam MacColl ( P.M), Iain Campbell ( I.C), John Maughan (J.M), Norman Hickson ( N.H), Sue Hawkes (S.H), Adrian Stevens (A.S)

**In Attendance:** Moray Finch (M.F), P.C Chalmers, Alan Cameron ( A.C), Kirsty Renton (K.R)

**Apologies:** Joe Reade, Jim Corbett, Sarah Padley, Susan Campbell, Marie Robertson, Cllr. Devon

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved.

**A.S.** asked the item referring to the TRO to be changed to the following:

**B.M.** enquired about the outcome of the TRO enquiry and asked if it could all be put behind us. **A.S.** said so far there was no sign of change or recognition from A&B Council of their error in basing the TRO on a Community Participation Request about pedestrian safety at Fionnphort . The terms of reference and membership of the internal review had been rejected by our Island groups. **B.M.** said that it was so wrong that the CPR had been used against us. **F.B.** stressed that we need the Islands Bill to ensure the right of free lifeline car parks such as Craignure and Fionnphort .**I.C. asked for clarification of the MCC's position regarding the relationship with A&B C and expressed reservations about non-cooperation .. A.S** said the MCC had no alternative but to work with A&BC and we should try to move forward with caution and in good faith. It was agreed to write to Pippa Milne, the newly appointed CEO, to ask her to meet with us in the near future.

### P.C CHALMERS, POLICE REPORT

Total Calls 54

**Mull North**, 27 Calls, 0 of note, 0 Crimes recorded. **Craignure and Surrounding**, 8 calls, 0 of note, 0 crimes recorded. **Salen and Surrounding**, 16 calls, 0 of note, 0 crimes recorded. **Ross of Mull and Iona**, 3 calls, 0 of note, 0 crimes recorded.

### ALAN CAMERON, RALLY ORGANISING TEAM: CONSULTAION

**A.C** joined the meeting to make a presentation about the 2020 Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally. The event will be going ahead as planned. Motorsport UK have new legislation in place regarding closed road events. Event organisers must consult with the local community and leaflets containing event information must be circulated in July every year. A.C requested that any questions or concerns be raised at the meeting so he could answer them directly.

**A.C** stated that the route will be the same as last year with the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> day. There will be a 'Shake Down' on the Thursday at Ardtun. This addition has been approved by Motorsport UK, Police Scotland and Argyll & Bute Council. **S.H** asked if the road would be closed. **A.C** replied yes as it is part of the main event. The road will be closed between approximately 12pm and 4pm.

Argyll and Bute Council have agreed to a grant of £21,000 from their events budget to go towards having an international driver compete in the event. This will hopefully increase community interest

and involvement. **M.F** asked if there will be the same 4G coverage of the event as in previous years. **A.C** answered yes. The same broadcasting team as previous years will cover this year's event. The large screen has also been funded by 'Events Scotland'. **S.H** expressed concern that road closure signs are not always taken down during the periods that roads are open. **A.C** will make sure that each 'Stage Commander' will stand signs down during these periods.

The presentation is available to the community by emailing [admin@mullrally.org](mailto:admin@mullrally.org) and the consultation is open until the 6th March 2020

## **MORAY FINCH MICT REPORT**

### **Ardura**

MICT are finalising long-term forest plan which focuses entirely on native broadleaf. No intention to crop. Isle of Mull Bird Club has provided flat pack bird boxes to Lochdonhead Primary School who will assemble them at a community cafe and will help put them up. The bird club may also help with baseline studies of various species including lichen and moss and bats. Need 200,000 seedlings to plant and so plans have been made to start a community tree nursery on land owned owned by Forestry and Land Scotland in Dervaig. A grant of £19,500 from the Scottish Land Fill Tax Community Fund has been secured to develop it. The ground will need to be cleared, a poly tunnel built and equipment bought.

### **Fionnphort – Creich Hall Path**

**The path from Creich Hall to the Pottie Road Enc has been started, due for completion by the end of April. The cost of this section is approximately £250,000.**

### **Nonhebel Park**

Industrial park is due to be opened. Waiting for building warrant to be signed. Of the 6 large building units, 5 have tenants waiting as do 4 of the 8 smaller units . 4 containers and 1 fenced compound have tenants waiting. A Scottish Government Politician will be invited to do the official opening. Andrew Nonhebel's mother will be invited to cut the ribbon.

### **Food Waste**

MICT are keen to keep the food waste initiative and community fridge going as a long term project.

### **Ulva Ferry**

Works at Ulva Ferry continue. The car park is being extended with the and also creation of 3 hard standings for motorhomes with electric hook-up and waste disposal. The highway will also be resurfaced.

### **Walkway at Lochdon**

14 houses at Lochdonhead don't have safe pedestrian access to school. The current pavement is separated from the new houses by a 30m stretch of grass verge. Argyll and Bute Council are doing design work to rectify this and MICT has secured SusTrans Funding to pay for the work

### **Affordable Housing**

MICT currently supporting Glengorm Estate to try to repurpose some of the farm steadings as affordable housing. After recent publicity MICT had feedback from Dervaig residents concerned about school rolls dropping. MICT recognises that there is need for intervention.

### **Calgary**

200m of Fence between the Machair and the beech has been destroyed by Storm Brendan. MICT currently arranging to have fence reinstated with finance from SNH. Working with Volunteers from Friends of Calgary Bay to take on management of the toilets. Argyll and Bute council have been helpful. FoCB have decided not to buy the toilets outright, but to instate a simple management agreement. £260 of paint and materials have been purchased to redecorate and money raised will go towards sanitary wear etc.

### **Defibrillators**

2 new defibrillators in area. One on Ulva and one on Erraid. Approximately 25 on island.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVIEW**

**A.D** stated that there is a strong need for new community councillors, particularly from the Ross of Mull. There is an up-coming by-election in Argyll which is a chance for co-opted members to be initiated long-term. The maximum term for co-opted members is 2 years. MCC currently has 4 co-opted members. Norman Hickson, Sue Hawkes, Marie Robertson and Joe Reade.

**B.M** is keen to stand down as chair. **B.M** asked **A.D** to step in. **A.D** happy to take post. All members in agreement. **S.H** nominated to be MICT representative.

### **A.O.B**

**A.D** wrote to Pippa Milne to congratulate her and invite her to meeting.

V.E day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. A.D has been contacted by 'Poppy Scotland' and would like the community to hold an event.

Batiste from Torosay Farm attended meeting to discuss the safe moving of cows along the main road at Torosay on a daily basis. P.C Chalmers advised that safety is the priority and that high-vis jackets, signs and lights are used to protect pedestrians and traffic. Members signposted to guidelines on NFU website.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020