

Mull Community Council Meeting

10th May 2016, 7pm, An Roth, Craignure.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Steve Willis, Cameron Anson, Susan Campbell, David Pollard and Jane Stevens.

In Attendance: Acting Sergeant Jamie Toal, Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, Councillor Alastair MacDougal, Caroline Charrington, Caroline Wood and Jenny Reddaway.

Apologies: Ronnie Campbell, Jim Corbett, Joanne MacDougall and Rory Forrester.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- DP asked that the reference to the fire in the equipment at Garmony hydro scheme (AOB) be amended to read correctly, as follows: **SW advised that the turbine at Garmony was out of action due to a fire. The equipment in question belongs to SSE who are shipping a new part over.** Subject to JR correcting this, the Minutes were

Proposed – Steve Willis

2nd – Susan Campbell

MATTERS ARISING

- **SW** enquired about the possibility of having the mobile library van at the Ross. **AM** advised that the lease was finished and the van would be returned to the owners.
- **DP** asked when the abandoned car would be removed. **MJD** advised that she and **AM** had taken this on and **AM** would be removing the vehicle.
- **DP** had spoken to Island Castaways regarding having some library space but the response was negative.

MILAG

- **CW** and **CC** advised that MILAG had decided not to go for a judicial review on the basis that the legal team were not strong enough and the financial risk was too great. **CW** said that MILAG had been trying to preserve the situation and the group did not feel they had the mandate to negotiate as they had not asked this of the community. Both **CC** and **CW** expressed their great gratitude for the island wide support they had received. **CC** advised that they had approached MICT for library space but could understand that this might cause confusion between library books and books that MICT sell to help fund projects. **BM** told **CC** and **CW** that their position was very understandable and congratulated MILAG on their enthusiastic and passionate campaign and the reasons for them not proceeding further were very understandable.
- **MJD** reminded those present that the library at Tobermory High School would be open every day after school except Friday and that the Council had promised to bring

books over and move them around every three months in other parts of the island when locations have been identified. **FB** pointed out that around 11,000 books had been loaned on Mull last year and the key thing was to get books out.

- **SW** asked what locations had been identified. **CA** said that the Columba Centre was a possible location if the development plan for the Ross could progress and **FB** advised that Pennyghael Stores would be happy to provide space, failing that then Pennyghael Hall.
- **SW** said that we needed clarification of the number of locations and the budget involved. **CW** reported that from their discussions with the head of service some £24,000 or £25,000.
- **MJD** reported that Dunoon had decided that they were going to fight to retain their librarian.

POLICE REPORT 13 April – 10 May 2016 – Sgt **JAM**ie Toal

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>For period 13/04/2016 – 10/05/2016 Total number of incidents recorded = 43</p> <p>Crimes / Incidents of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> • 29 incidents recorded, of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Assault One male arrested, Custody to court. (Linked to Music Festival) • Breach of the peace. One male arrested and reported. (Linked to Music Festival) • Breach of the peace. One female arrested and ASBO ticket issued. (Linked to Music Festival) • Theft, one juvenile given police warning. • Assault. One male charged and reported. • <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> • 6 incidents recorded, no incidents of note.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> • 7 incidents recorded, incidents of note. • Theft from business. Enquiries ongoing. • <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> • 5 incidents recorded, no incidents of note.
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	Ongoing Community Consultation campaign

Other:

- **JT** had investigated the cost of horse and rider signs; these were between £600 and £800 each. He would look at areas most popular, such as Killiechronan, and asked

Community Councillors for input; **FB** advised that there was a pony club at Bunessan. **SW** advised he had looked at Third Sector funding but at the present time monies could not be used for road signs though this would change in the future. **MJD** suggested that the Pony Club could apply for a grant on Health and Safety grounds; the contact is Laura MacDonald. **MJD** also suggested contacting the Roads Dept at the Council given the importance of the Riding for the Disabled Scheme.

- Music Festival. **JS** asked about the car parking issues in Ledaig. **JT** advised that the Police had had to deal with the situation as they saw it. A debrief with all agencies had still to take place. **SW** praised the Co-op's response regarding the removal of Buckfast.
- Traffic. **SC** had received complaints from parents about vehicle drivers ignoring the 20mph signs around Lochdon school. **JT** was aware of speeding problems in Salen, Tobermory and Craignure and advised that the speed gun has been away for checking and calibrating. **JT** gave assurance that the Police would be out continually over the summer. **BM** remarked that the volume of traffic has increased considerably. **CA** asked if there were any plans to monitor the congestion on the Ross of Mull with **AM** reporting three camper vans pulled into a passing place and traffic was unable to pass. **JT** reported that there were no plans at present but the Police would come down as often as possible. The Police were getting information from Calmac and their own statistics and a report on the impact of RET and the Craignure situation would be prepared. **FB** reported damage to the Torrains Bridge. **JS** reported the problem of cars parking in passing places and the occupants going off walking thus making it impossible to speak to them whilst **BM** had noted that if one stops, others generally follow suit. **MJD** reported having seen a campervan in the Fishnish forestry.
- Snowfall – 28th April **JT** had spoken with the head teacher at Tobermory High over concerns for pupils given the state of the roads leaving the school temporarily isolated. **MJD** advised that the Council was on the verge of implementing the emergency plan. The schools had been informed and the pupil buddy system was to be implemented. **MJD** also advised that the problems had been exacerbated by the arrival of a cruise ship whose passengers had boarded five coaches for various island destinations.
- Police secondments. **JT** was monitoring secondments.

WILD MULL MEETING (DP)

- **DP** reported that there had been a round table discussion of parties interested in securing the future of biodiversity of Mull and the islands and protecting, restoring and improving the environment. The meeting had been open to all and **JS** attended in her Otter group role. The marine environment was of particular concern with the decline in seabirds like puffins and the amount of tiny plastic beads (nurdles) and nylon rope strands found on beaches; bracken and rhododendron were also mentioned. **JS** felt it was very good in raising wildlife issues but didn't feel that they had the support to go ahead with a project. Asked by **BM** if there would be a written report, **DP** advised this would depend on the organising group. **MJD** considered that wildlife watching was becoming too commercialised and that the people of Mull and

Iona had been 98% against national park status. **BM** was not in favour of over-regulation and **CA** also expressed his misgivings.

ROAD PROBLEMS – Dervaig/Salen (DP)

- **DP** reported that all the potholes on the Dervaig – Salen road had been filled. **MJD** advised that the jet patch machine had arrived as scheduled in May and would be on the island for six weeks.

HEALTH SERVICE/SAS (BM/FB)

- **BM** reported that, following recent developments with the Review Group, he and **FB** with the support of **MJD**, had sought advice from Cleland Sneddon and Cllr Dick Walsh on governance advice regarding challenging procedures. **BM** praised their professionalism. It was anticipated that, at the meeting the following day, the issues would be handed down to the locality group, the member of which for Mull is **FB**. **BM** considered that the Locality group, which does not comprise decision-makers, would need to be expanded.
- **BM** reported that some 25 individuals had attended the Community Engagement meeting on Iona and **MJD** said 85 attended the meeting in Bunnassan. **BM** advised that residents on Iona and the Ross had given a vote of no confidence in the ambulance service (not the individuals providing the service).
- **CA** cited two situations where the system had failed and felt that message “999 every time” should be spread out (999 calls are logged).
- **CA** expressed his thanks to **BM** and **FB** for all their help and hard work, a sentiment to which other Community Councillors concurred.

SCREENING AT PENNYGOWN CEMETERY UPDATE (SW)

- **SW** advised that he had contacted Moray Finch regarding funding for hedging along the roadside; MF had contacted Jan Dunlop and there is a scheme to provide hedging. **SW** to contact Derek Crook.
- **BM** asked about maintenance of the hedge and **SW** thought that this could be done when the grass is cut.

CRAIGNURE FACELIFT (SC)

- **SC** advised that the gardens at Craignure needed a facelift and funding might be available through the Tesco bags of help scheme; Tobermory playgroup received £8,000 through this scheme. The proposal was to improve the path making it more suitable for those with prams and the disabled; provide chairs and benches; signage and to place the station memorial in the garden. Norman Hickson has been consulted about the design.
- **SC** advised that Chris James as owner of the land would be consulted on the proposals.
- **SW** reminded those present that the Millennium Group had suggested that there might be a sensory garden.
- **SC** believed it would be accepted by the Tesco scheme.
- **SW** would assist **SC** in preparing the forms and reported that he’d mentioned the proposal at the MICT meeting the previous evening and it was thought to be an excellent idea.

UPDATES (SW)

- Roadsigns – as discussed under matters arising.
- Website – **SW** advised that there was an issue with uploading documents. **SW** asked if the Community Council would be willing to pay the webmaster to put the Minutes on the web site?
- **BM** suggested that £120 a year be allocated to this; this was agreed.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Alastair MacDougall

- **AM** had received information on plans for the re-surfacing of Fionnphort's free car park; a consultation meeting was planned later in the year.
- **AM** had been told that there were no plans for resurfacing outside the Craignure toilets and a new sign was to be put in place for Bunessan car park.
- **AM** reported that the lining machine had not yet arrived; it should be doing Craignure car park on Thursday. **BM** had been asked by a resident if the disabled bays in Ledaig car park could not be painted in the same way as Craignure as the paved ones do not stand out as well. **AM** said he would act on this.
- **AM** advised that the Fionnphort to Fidden road had been re-surfaced.

Mary-Jean Devon

- **MJD** had received a complaint that all the disabled spaces in Tobermory were occupied by illegally parked camper vans. Complaints had also been made about some of the bouncing at venues. **JS** observed that music festivals like those in Shetland were held in village halls, not pubs.
- Schools expenditure had been announced. Bunessan will receive £100,000 for the roof; Iona will get £425,000 for an extension to the early years facility and Tobermory £25,000 for an electrical update.
- An extra bin is now in place at Fionnphort.
- **MJD** had consulted over the white goods uplift with mixed results. **FB** pointed out that the previous uplifts had ceased when the funding ran out and that any future service would be chargeable.
- **MJD** had been approached by a disabled person who requires crutches to walk and has now had his mobility car taken away. The gentleman's Doctor and a clinician are going to write a letter of support for him and **BM** would write a similar letter on behalf of the Community Council
- **MJD** raised the problem of availability of radiographers, following a recent incident when a patient was left for over a day before seeing a radiographer. The present arrangement means a radiographer is available from 9am to 1 pm Mondays to Fridays and on call from 1 pm to 5 pm on those same days; there is no out of hours or weekend provision.
- NW Mull forest crofts. The deadline of 3rd July for the removal of unauthorised developments has been served on those concerned.
- **MJD** had been advised on huge potholes on the road between Kinloch and Killiechronan.

- **MJD** had received notification from the organisers of the Mull Cyclo sportive event that over 200 entrants would be arriving on Saturday 4th June. The event will run on Sunday 5th June with the 87 mile route entrants leaving Baliscate in Tobermory at 8am, with those attempting the 44 miles loop leaving at 9.30am.
- **MJD** had attended the opening of the Aros Coastal Path at the Tobermory Harbour Association building on 7th May.
- **MJD** had attended an evening at Bowman Court and was suggesting that some structure be put in place for the events; she encouraged all to visit if they could.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **SW** advised that some progress was being made on the Tobermory Lighthouse path with MICT applying for funding. The various landowners involved need to be consulted and some big money was involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14th June at 7.00pm, An Roth.

The meeting closed at 21.52 hours.