

COLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT AN CRIDHE

1. Present: Alex MacLean-Bristol (Chair), Julian Senior (Treasurer), Pat Graham, Karen MacIntyre, Doug Young, Julianna Nicholls
Apologies: Terry Shirvington (Sec.), Rob Wainwright (Convenor), Tom Davis
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the Meeting on 10 July 2013 are to be amended by Alex MacLean-Bristol and sent to Coll Community Councillors in draft form for agreement at the next Meeting.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - a) Marine Harvest Fish Farm: AMB said there was nothing much to report at present. The Environmental Impact Assessment should be out before Christmas, after which CCC is to organise a public meeting on the island, to be followed a couple of weeks later by a vote based on the electoral roll.
 - b) Fuel Station (Rob Wainwright): Nothing to report, apart from still waiting to hear about the forthcoming AGM.
 - c) CCC Notice Board: AMB and RW to re-erect soon.
 - d) New Nurse: Gillian Rae now in post. AMB to ask Dr. O'Neill what cover we now have with regard to nursing specialities.
 - e) Relocation of Polling Station: Nothing resolved. Item to be removed from agenda.
 - f) Defibrillators: Julianna Nicholls had done a little research and had concluded that possibly about £4,000 would be needed to provide 2 defibrillators for the Island. The training of Islanders in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation was recommended as an important addition to the defibrillators. JN to speak to Dr. O'Neill regarding CCC organising courses (First Responder/CPR) and applying for funding, having ascertained what exactly we need. A small group to be found to take this forward.
 - g) Roads: Angus Kennedy reported that the East End road is "not too bad now, a big improvement". Nothing has been heard from Councillor Fred Hall who said he would report back to Argyll & Bute on the state of the road and copy in CCC .
 - h) Planning: AMB had had an email from David Love, A&B Planning Dept., to say he will send someone out to brief the new CCC as to what is expected of it regarding planning issues. Mary-Jean Devon to be contacted after the formation of the new CCC to give us advice on dealing with planning as a CC.
 - i) Protecting Coll Fisheries: RW. Julian Senior reported that a meeting with Marine Scotland on Tiree had been cancelled. Pat Graham has arranged for Marine Scotland to come to Coll on 10 October for a walk-in event (2 – 6 pm in An Cridhe) for information and the opportunity to give feed-back.
 - j) Cal/Mac Meeting regarding new Winter Ferry Timetable: AMB, PG and some other concerned Islanders are to attend a meeting on 12 September on Tiree . Coll Islanders decided at a Special Meeting that the Clansman was the unanimous choice of vessel, not

the Hebridean Isles. Also agreed was that we would like Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday ferries, preferably with a double call each time; the Friday sailing to be very early, and the Sunday one to be later in the morning. There was discussion concerning a 2009 survey which had resulted in the Clansman being on our route in the winter, being the vessel which was originally designed for and dedicated to this route. The belated and inadequate consultation was deplored; as of 11 Sept. Tiree has not yet been consulted. AMB and PG to report back and inform the Island ASAP.

5. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Notice of Poll (if election contested) on Thursday 10 October with issue of Postal Ballot Papers on Thursday 17 October, Election day on Thursday 31 October and Count of Votes on Friday 1 November.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT: See attached.
7. OLD VILLAGE HALL: Accounts not completed yet.
RECYCOLL: Still awaiting result of application for a grant from the Climate Challenge Fund. Also applying for a grant from A & B Council 3rd Sector Grants for half the cost of the the planning application fee (approx £500 in all). First annual rent paid. Making money by selling old clothes. Planning application to be made as soon as RecyColl has the funds.
8. SCOTTISH ISLANDS FEDERATION: The request from SIF for a Sustainable Energy Action Plan is to be handed on to the new CCC.
9. CORRESPONDENCE: None.
10. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: Huw Roberts asked about moves being made to explore changing the catchment area for high school education to include Tiree. AMB to talk to the parents involved in the proposals, which refer to Coll/Tiree school catchment areas, medical practices and the possibility of a Coll community boat. This item to be put on the agenda for the next CCC meeting for information.
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
 - V) PUBLIC TOILETS: The proposal by A&B Council to close the toilets at the Middle Pier has not yet been discussed by the Area Committee as no consultation with CCC has taken place. Tom Murphy is supposed to have consulted but has not yet let AMB know what consultation is required. AMB to email Roddy McCuish and Fred Hall.
 - W) CAMPER VAN SEWAGE: It was reported that there have been instances of camper vans discharging sewage outwith the approved facilities which are at The Camp Site at the Garden House.
 - X) MOBILE PHONES: RW was approached some months ago as CCC representative regarding a mobile phone mast. AMB has been doing some exploration on the subject on behalf of Development Coll, three possible sites being identified: Road side Lochs, Ben Hagh and Grishipol. Tony Oliver pointed out that even with a phone mast there would not be coverage for the whole island, and, as the Doctor and nurses need total coverage, the best thing would be to get a licence for them to use Airwaves (the police network).

Doug Young to approach Celine to suggest CCC strongly supports her application for this licence.

AMB to find out definitely whether or not the pilot scheme talked about in February has been dropped and what is happening about the latest project. A notice to go up with the information gleaned.

Concern was expressed that some members of the CC were pushing ahead with projects and not letting the community know what was happening.

Y) AFFORDABLE HOUSING: AMB reported that Jodi MacLeod of the Rural Housing Scotland met with CCC in August to discuss affordable housing, with the idea that the community provides land and the buildings come prefabricated on a lorry. A competition is being run to choose a design for a 2 bedroomed, low heating cost house for installation on a Hebridean Island for less than £100,000. Seanaid MacLean-Bristol is on the competition judging panel.

AMB suggested CCC meets with Development Coll and possibly the whole community to see the way forward; possibilities include going to the Community Land Fund to buy some land or making land available either at the Old Village Hall or at An Cridhe.

Doug Young to put up The Rural Housing Assoc. Document up on the noticeboard.

Z) JN was particularly concerned that CCC's name was being used without actually acting in consultation with CCC, eg the document AMB produced concerning the latest mobile mast project. She deplored the facts that some CCC members were acting off their own bat without a CCC mandate, that information was not being passed to CCC and the community for proper debate and that some CCC emails were unnecessarily rude and dismissive.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13 November 2012

Minutes by J. Nicholls