

COLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT AN CRIDHE

Present: Rob Wainwright Vice-Convenor standing in for Convenor, Pat Graham Secretary, Julian Senior Treasurer, Dougie Brown, Kenny MacIntrye,
There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Alex Maclean Bristol Convenor, Peter Ings, Dong Young, Fred Hall A&B Area Councilor.
2. Declarations of Interest: It was noted that after consultation with the Legal Department of Argyll and Bute Council that Dougie and Kenny would be able to remain for items a. and h.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting. An e-mail had been received from Randy Anderson asking that on item 14 the wording be changed from 'had done away with the spare bins' to 'had done away with the spare bin lorry'
The minutes were then accepted moved by Julian Senior, Seconded by Pat Graham.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a. Marine Harvest. A letter had been received for Marine Harvest to say that the plans for the fish farm off Coll had been postponed due to technical and climatic conditions. It was agreed that this subject should now be taken off the agenda.
 - b. Fuel Station. A letter had been sent to the Fuel Company and Alison Fraser attended the Council Meeting to explain and up date to the community. It is hoped that an AGM would be held in the near future, but a plea for more members was requested. The company had put more focus on keeping it going but it was difficult with such a small group. Alison was thanked as it did clear the situation.
 - c. CCC Notice Board. Rob apologized for not getting the job done and stated it would be a priority.
 - d. Nurse. The Island Doctor Celine O'Neil gave an outline of the duties of the Nurse, in which 10 hours were done in the Medical Practice and 25 hours with the NHS under the supervision of the team leader based on Tiree. These hours were not enough as they had been cut back by the NHS Partnership in Oban who had made this decision without any consultation with the Practise or the Community. It was agreed that with the collaboration of the Doctor the Secretary would write to the Manager in Oban to express the island concerns.
 - e. Defibrillators. It was reported that a group of volunteers from the island were to take part in a sponsored cycle race in June for funds to obtain up to three machines. The machines would be the same as the ones already in use on the island so as to cut back on maintenance costs, and it would be easier for training purposes. It seemed sensible for the West End machine be sited at the airport because that was open to the public, but the sighting of the East End machine would have to be determined at a later date. Any donations can be given to Tom Davis or via : uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/NorthoftheFault
A letter had been received from Angus Kennedy in which He was disturbed about the lack of action by the Community Council. It was agreed that a suitable answer would be sent to Him by the Secretary.

- f. Roads. It was felt by all of the council that the quality of the roads on Coll was going backwards and a letter should be sent to A & B Council to that effect. It was also recommended that anyone sustaining damage to their vehicle should claim from A & B Council, as this seemed the only way to get the message over.
- g. Planning. A list of the Planning Applications was read out. The Secretary was asked to write to the A & B Council regarding the training of the Community Council.
- h. Protecting Coll's Fisheries. Doug Young was still looking into the legal side of a three mile limit for Coll. It was reported that a vessel from the Pelagic Fleet was trashing our bays which included the whole environment not just the fisheries. It was also stated that Tiree was getting the same problem. It was agreed that Rob and Kenny would follow this up.
- i. Calendonian MacBrayne Ferries. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the company and Highland Airways in regard to next years timetable. Rob agreed to arrange this. The subject of the Tiree Music Festival was also of some concern which too could be discussed.
- j. Toilets. Nothing at the middle pier seems to done to the public toilets and they are not up to standard and falling apart. There has been a complete lack of consultation, and the CCC had been bypassed, which Fred Hall stated would not happen. It was agreed that a letter should be send to Tom Murphy.
- k. Mobile Mast and Mobile Phone Coverage. A conversation ensued regarding the media coverage particularly the article written in The Scotsman Newspaper in which the Council Secretary was quoted by innuendo as speaking on behalf of the CCC. The Secretary stated that she had made it quite clear to the reporter that she was not speaking on behalf of the CCC. She also suggested that the council should have a Press Officer and recommended that either Kenny or Dougie who had no portfolio should take it on. Both declined. Alison Fraser questioned some of the quotes made and a discussion continued with several different points of view exchanged. John Fraser stated that certain points made by Angus Kennedy at the last meeting of the CCC were inaccurate. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Scottish Government regarding the lack of consultation on the matter. A vote was taken. Pat and Julian were for. Rob, Kenny and Dougie were against. It was therefore not carried.
- l. Community Housing. A letter from Development Coll had been received regarding the project they following with Rural Housing Scotland. They wish to acquire community land for this project, and as the only land in community ownership was the Old Village Hall they wondered if they could have the land. RecyColl who have the lease on the grounds had on the previous evening had a meeting regarding this request and were unable to assist DC. The CCC therefore will write to DC explaining this.
- m. Community Resilience. Confusion has arisen because two different departments of Argyll and Bute Council are working on this subject, which makes a duplication. One the CCC were asked to look into an emergency plan but secondly Carole Keally of the Civil Contingencies Unit had already been to the island to set up a meeting with varies of unknown people with the intent of making an Emergency Plan for Coll. Rob stated that He was one of the people invited to the meeting and apologized for not informing the council about it. A plan would be available to the island as soon as it is printed.

- n. Wind Energy Capacity of Coll. Julian had received a letter from Angus Gilmour about his complaint and stating that A & B Council had not made any decision on future wind energy for Argyll and Bute.
- o. Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) Bill. As the deadline for consultation was now closed there was nothing for the CCC to do.
- p. Letter of Complaint from Colin Kennedy. This subject had been carried over from the previous CCC meeting because neither parties were present. Mr Kennedy again was not present but it was decided to continue to discuss the complaint. It was agreed unanimously that as there was not enough evidence given by Mr Kennedy that no further action would be taken.
- q. Dark Skies. Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards nominations closed on the 31st January 2014 and after the secretary had sent out the information to all of the CCC she on behalf of the CCC has nominated The Dark Skies Group for an award.
- r. Refuse Collections. The calendar for collections on Coll is far out of date and the collections are not keeping to the timetable, it was agreed that Rob would contact Derek Crooks.
- s. News Letter. This subject has been dropped.
- t. Employment of a Clerk. Some discussion was made on this subject but it was decided to leave as status quo for the time being.
 - 5. Treasures Report. The report was excepted, and a cheque for £1500.00 was handed to the Treasurer from The Old Village Hall Funds. This amount is to be ring fenced in the CCC accounts for any emergencies of the Old Hall.
 - 6. Village Hall/RecyColl. Julian presented the report from RecyColl and it was noted that Stuart MacCracken had given permission for the Roadman (Randy) to use the A & B Council's digger on work behind the Old Village Hall to help with the drainage. It was agreed that this would be alright as long as the job left the site in a tidy and clean state. The plans which had been submitted to Planning Department were distributed. It was noted that the stage would remain intact as part of a storage workshop.
 - 7. Scottish Islands Federation. There was nothing to report.
 - 8. Correspondence.
 - a. NHS Pharmaceutical Services
 - b. Community Council Liaison/ Circulation of Customer Forum for Water
 - c. Community Council Survey
 - d. Fire Fighter for a Day Event
 - e. Scotland's Third National Planning Framework
 - f. Area Community Planning Partnership Events
 - g. Area Forum Events
 - h. TSC Training and Events
 - i. Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy
 - j. TSP / Police / Argyll Voluntary Action / Fire and Rescue Service / Argyll & Bute Public Consultation Survey 2014
 - k. The Grab Trust / Flotsam and Jetsam

9. Questions from the Floor.
 - a. Julianna Nicolls asked who in the council had changed the Polling Station from the School to An Cridhe, and was it policy. The answer was that the CCC had dropped this subject from the agenda in September, but the Secretary would write to Argyll & Bute to find out.
 - b. Julianna asked where the copy of the letter to the Big Lottery Fund appertaining to the change of use of the Old Village Hall was. A copy could not be retrieved and so it was asked if the Secretary write to the Big Lottery Fund to ask for a copy from their files.
 - c. Julianna ask for an update on the Notice Board for the CCC and Rob agreed to get it done. (Please see item 4c)
 - d. Julianna stated that there was an air of frustration on the island that the workings of Development Coll could not be aired properly, and therefore a lot of anti feeling and division was throughout. A general discussion continued in which many views were heard. George MaConnachie suggested that more people should be members and work from within, but others thought this was impossible because of past experiences. Rob was happy that people should have their views and they should be able to be open.
10. There was no further business. The meeting finished at 23.45 hrs.
11. Date of next meeting April 9th 2014