

## Minutes of Coll Community Council (CCC) meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 19.30.

1. **Apologies:** Rob Wainwright (RW), Pat Graham (PG)

CCC present: Kenneth MacIntyre (KM); Peter Ings (PI); Dougie Brown (DB); Alex Maclean-Bristol (AMB); Doug Young (DY); Julian Senior (JS).

12 members of community

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of Previous meeting accepted.** Proposer PI, Seconder DB.
4. **Matters Arising:**

a) Roads

Randy Anderson has cut verges. Unlikely to be done again this summer (Randy from floor). Jetpatcher is currently here; PI mentioned the fact that he understood the half-marathon route was meant to be left unpatched until after the event. Randy was not aware of any such direction.

Comment was made that the passing places at Cnoc A'Bhadain are not actually passing places.

b) Planning

The main issue remains the lack of training from Argyll & Bute District Council (A&BDC). **\*Action: PG to chase\*** Comment from the floor that CCC should be pushing for it. AMB responded that CCC have been pushing for some time.

c) Scallop Dredgers/Razor-fishing

AMB hadn't put up notice as suggested from last meeting. **\*To be done\*** Question from the floor: How can they be recognised? KM responded that they would generally be around Breachachadh and Crossapol and be moving very slowly.

A report from Marine Scotland said that only 25 razor-fishing licences had been issued in Scotland and if possible, observers should try and get vessel registration numbers.

JS brought up the scallop-dredging issue. **\*RW to continue to chase for info\***

Question from the floor: The divers who were swimming with basking sharks: were they allowed to do so and wouldn't it disrupt the animals? Response that they do need a licence, but **\*AMB would ask Marine Scotland\***

d) Calmac

AMB has been chasing Calmac for 2 weeks but still no set in stone winter timetable. AMB read out e-mail from Finlay MacRae- hoping to get concrete info by end of week. Sill to get some details thrashed out with Barra. Complaint to be raised by community? **\*AMB to continue to press\***

Some discussion was raised re: weight restrictions, freight costs, island ticketing/spaces. **\*AMB to write to Transport Scotland and circulate draft beforehand\*** DB suggested basic necessities should be freight-free.

e) Middle Pier Toilets

Tom Murphy e-mailed on 27 July saying he would let AMB know what situation was. Nothing so far. **\*AMB to chase\***

f) Community Housing

Not strictly speaking a CCC issue- Development Coll (DC) is managing the project. Seonaid Maclean-Bristol from the floor gave an update on progress. A notice is up in An Cridhe with all the latest details and the next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> August of the community housing group. A full update will be put on the notice board.

g) Refuse Collection

Weekly collections still in operation, Randy thought until September. PI suggested removing item from standing agenda and any future issues could be brought up in AOB. All agreed.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- None received as yet from RW. No movement.

**6. Village Hall/RecyColl.**

JS submitted report on update. Still no copy of lease- **AMB to chase**

**7. Scottish Islands Federation**

Nothing to report.

**8. Complaint Raised by Louis Romeo on Conflict of Interest and mobile phone mast.**

JS took over the Chair for this matter and made a proposal of how it should be dealt with. PI noted his unhappiness at the order of part of the procedure.

Mr Romeo: Main thrust is that AMB is making money on the mobile phone mast- he will take up a separate issue with RW on the same matter.

AMB made his position clear in response.

Discussion was then invited from the floor and the CCC. Mr Romeo chose to leave the meeting.

AMB was then asked to leave while the CCC deliberated.

There was an overwhelming consensus among the CCC that it felt it could not uphold the complaint. All CCC members were comfortable with this decision.

## **9. Village Parking**

Particularly outside the Manse seems to be an issue. Suggestion of a sign? DB- can we ask A&BDC for one? Randy can ask them and AMB will liaise with Randy.

\*If no joy, can CCC procure own "unofficial" sign?\*

## **10. Correspondence.**

PG, the secretary, was not present, so no correspondence.

## **11. Questions from the Floor**

Angus Kennedy wanted to raise three points.

- 1) In the minutes of the CCC meeting of February 2014, John Fraser was quoted as saying Angus Kennedy had been using inaccurate information with regard to the mobile phone mast. Angus said that he was quoting verbatim what he had been told by the Scottish Government- he wants this noted with reference to the February minutes.
- 2) Angus then submitted an e-mail for the CCCs attention. He wanted the CCC's opinion as to whether the contents of the e-mail were *prima facie* evidence of collusion. The matter was left to be discussed at a future meeting, together with point 3), which would be raised by Angus in future correspondence.

Julianna Nicholls from the floor asked the opinion of the CCC on the ability of the island's infrastructure to cope with the huge influx of visitors over the summer. KM suggested a leaflet on the ferry to explain some of the important factors about coming to Coll. DB suggested maybe bullet points could be printed on the rear of the Calmac boarding pass.

AMB said he could examine this option with Finlay MacRae.

The suggestion was put forward that the Scottish Islands Federation might be of use to get examples of how other islands have coped.

Randy Anderson from the floor asked if there had been any development in the Middle Pier Slipway project. There was no news, but the consensus was that if the project were to be up and running again, it would need someone to drive forward with it.

## **12. Any Other Business**

AMB brought up the fact that he would be away for the next two CCC meetings- he has checked with A&BDC and this is not a problem legally, but a sub-chair

would need to be elected to take his place. All CCC present were happy to continue on this basis.

Randy Anderson suggested that a thank you be minuted to Alex Maclean-Bristol for the donation of the land at a peppercorn rent for the site of the mobile phone mast.

### **13.Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Meeting ended 21.40.

Minutes by DY