

Minutes of Coll Community Council (CCC) meeting

Wednesday 14th January 2015, 19.30.

1. **Apologies:** Pat Graham

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

8 members of community

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of Previous meeting accepted.** Proposed and Seconded as proper.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a) Roads

Nothing raised

b) Planning

Planning training still not delivered by Argyll & Bute District Council. Pat Graham to keep up pressure as Secretary.

c) Scallop Dredgers/Razor-fishing

JS reported on a conversation he had with Paul Reynolds in Oban. Electrical razor clam fishing is totally illegal and permits have only been issued for hand-dived clams. There is current ongoing research into the electrical methods- the catch needs tested at point of sale, which illegal clam fishers cannot do.

JS- need to keep an eye on local communities taking ownership of their inshore waters.

d) Calmac

****Suggestion made for a thank you to be sent to Cal Mac and Hebridean Air Services for their support and efforts in recent bad weather****

Colin Kennedy from the floor suggested the community should make some noise about a potential breakwater. This is the next step in the evolution of the ferry service.

e) Middle Pier

KM read an e-mail from Argyll & Bute DC. The pier and buildings are being returned to their "superior" (the Stewart family). This is a real concern for the community and pier users- why has there been no consultation? Need to ask Jim

Smith or Martin Gorringe. ****AMB to contact Gorringe**** The council are treating the pier as “non-operational”, which is incorrect.

***DY to contact Mrs Stewart to see what her understanding of the situation is*.**

JS commented on the way the council have handled this situation, without reference to the Coll CC at any point. Note was made that even the local councillors were not privy to the discussions either.

f) Community Housing

No-one present from Development Coll or the Housing Committee.

g) Refuse Collection

Should be Saturday next. KM noted the failure of the council to empty the cardboard recycling bins. Not providing the service they should be. Weather has played a part in this.

h) Village Parking

No update

i) Relationships with other Bodies

Reminder for PG to contact Coll Community Fuel Supplies

5. Treasurer’s Report

PI has taken over Treasurer duties from RW. Village hall have requested an invoice from CCC for rental.

6. Village Hall/RecyColl.

****AMB to chase up George Seton for lease****

Nothing to add since last report. RW questioned when RecyColl were going to settle their half of the Solway Plastics collection bill. JS can’t get the information of how much actual payment amount is. Some discussion took place over the bale wrap machine- Randy Anderson has got it working and it needs to be used.

7. Scottish Islands Federation

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Four letters from Angus Kennedy were due to be discussed, but as Angus was not present, they were not brought up, in line with CCC decision not to discuss correspondence/complaints without all parties present.

Colin Kennedy from the floor raised the issue of his complaint of October 2013, which had not been previously dealt with, as all parties had not been present.

First complaint was read out and discussed. AMB read out e-mail he sent to Charles Repke, stating that this was the only CCC comment on the planning application in question.

Much discussion followed about the CCC's position on planning applications. The position has not changed as the training has not taken place and the CCC decided not to take any position on planning applications until properly trained to do so. The CCC therefore has no formal position on any application and as such, there was no complaint to answer.

9. Questions from the Floor

None

10. Any Other Business

Middle Pier toilets- the lights are on all the time. KM brought up the issue of dog fouling in the village and emphasised dog owners' responsibilities to picking it up. The amount has increased hugely in the last 12 months. Randy Anderson will investigate signs/bins.

11. Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th February 2015

Meeting ended 21.15

Minutes by DY