

Minutes of the Coll Community Council (CCC) meeting

Wednesday 11th February 2015

PRESENT: Rob Wainwright (RW), Julian Senior (JS), Peter Ings (PI), Kenneth MacIntyre (KM).

In the absence of the Convenor RW Took the chair.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Pat Graham, Alex Maclean-Bristol, Dougie Brown, Doug Young.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** KM Declared an Interest in Item 4e Middle Pier.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE CCC MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JANUARY:** Proposed, seconded and agreed as proper.

4a ROADS: None

4b PLANNING: JS stated that David Love, area planning officer, advised that most Community Councils reserve the right to comment on planning application and that A&B welcome such comments. RW stated that should a considerable majority of the Community feel that the CCC should take a stance on a particular planning application the current minuted position on planning applications could be changed prior to any discussion on a specific application.

JS raised concerns regarding planning applications only being available at the Post Office where there was not sufficient space for them to be viewed properly. It was agreed that we should ascertain whether this would have financial implications for the Post Office.

ACTION: JS TO CONTACT A&B TO SEE IF THE SITE COULD BE CHANGED OR IF THE CCC COULD PURCHASE A FURTHER COPY FOR DISPLAY AT ANOTHER VENUE.

4c SCALLOP DREDGERS/RAZOR FISHING: JS has confirmed with Marine Scotland that Electrical Fishing is illegal. RW advised that in order to protect the area around Coll there were two options, a Several Order which in Coll's case would not apply, or a Regulatory Order which would be complex and expensive and would need to be approved by the Scottish Parliament.

4d CALMAC: KM asked why, when disruption notices are posted, does the comment 'especially Coll' frequently appear. It was pointed out that a decision to sail or berth was down to the Captain.

ACTION: RW TO EMAIL FINLAY.

4e MIDDLE PIER AND TOILETS: As no response had been received from either A&B or Mrs Stewart. This item to be carried forward to await responses.

4f COMMUNITY HOUSING: The chairperson of Development Coll (DC) reported that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily and asked that the community should complete and return as soon as possible the housing questionnaire. It was also confirmed that it was proposed that DC would buy the land with a grant from the Scottish Land Fund and pass it over ACHA who would build, own and manage the social housing. It was also confirmed that DC had no intention to get involved with either the ownership or management of any social housing.

4g REFUSE COLLECTION: It was agreed that A&B, and its staff, had worked hard to alleviate the problems caused by ferry disruption.

ACTION; PI to contact Derek Crooks, Nangy and Randy to thank them and to ask if it would be possible to post notices on the visitcoll website when revised collections are to take place.

4h VILLAGE PARKING: It was felt that 'No Parking' signs as discussed at previous were no longer required.

ACTION: It was agreed that this item should be removed from the agenda.

4g RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BODIES: No reports.

5 TREASURERS REPORT: PI reported that the grant from A&B had now been received and that no monies had been expended since the last meeting.

6 VILLAGE HALL/RECYCOLL: JS reported that £2,500 had been spent to prevent water engress through the floor and that a further £2,500 was to be spent upgrading the electrics. He also reported that further efforts were being made to make the building watertight. RW confirmed that funds were available to cover the legal fees on the lease. JS reported that costings were being prepared to provide four parking places and that the planned units to be sublet could not be done until car parking had been provided. He also reported that the current funding ends in March and that further funding opportunities were being explored.

7 SCOTTISH ISLAND FEDERATION: PI questioned whether we were still members as no request for an annual subscription had been received.

8 CORRESPONDENCE; PI read a letter from John Wheeler-James regarding the building of a breakwater to shelter the CALMAC pier and hopefully allow vessels to dock in more adverse weather conditions. It was agreed, 3 for 1 abstention, that the Chairperson of DC would draft a letter from DC and the CCC to CMAL, in liaison with AMB asking if they would be prepared to undertake a feasibility study. The six members of the Community present all agreed with this proposal.

9 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

A member of the public asked if the CCC or DC had submitted a response to the draft consultation on Scottish Land Reform. It was accepted that the Island had not made any representation and that the closing date had now passed.

ACTION: It was agreed that RW would make contact with SGRPID in Oban on Croft Creation and what Crofts there are on Coll.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A member of the public advised that Rob Thorburn from BT had advised them that it was proposed to bring Fibre Optic Broadband (24mg) to the Island by the end of 2016 and that this would involve a line of sight connection from Mull to a new exchange with a green cabinet in the village and three further cabinets located throughout the island. It was pointed out that three cabinets may not be sufficient to cover the whole Island bearing in mind there limited range.

RW advised that he would speak to Fiona Kennedy asking if she wished the CCC to continue with the letters of complaint received from Angus.

It was reported that due to ferry disruption the defibulator training had been postponed until April. It was noted the three were to be provided and that RW would liaise with experts to discuss the locations.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50.