

ISLE OF COLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL PRIVATE MEETING HELD

4TH MARCH 2015

In attendance :- Alex Maclean Bristol, Rob Wainwright, Pat Graham, Peter Ings
Dougie Brown, Kenny MacIntyre, Julian Senior

Apologies: - Doug Young

Declared interest was registered by Kenny MacIntyre, and it was agreed that as no decisions could be made that He should remain at the meeting.

This meeting was arranged because there had been several rumours regarding the future of the Middle Pier in Arinagour. Great concern was expressed by a majority of the councillors and it was felt that better than e-mails a private meeting was the better option than waiting to the April full Council meeting, and would be more open to public scrutiny. The meeting was also called so we could establish the ownership.

A third party had approached both Argyll and Bute Council and the Trustees of the Coll Estate in a view to taking over or purchase of the land, building and pier. This was considered by many of the councillors as detrimental to the village and island as it was a great asset to many islanders who were using the pier for their business, visitors, yachties, A & B Council, C.Mal and boat owners. The Public Toilets and Water Stand Point are also on the property.

Alex had written to Argyll and Bute Council asking for information and the status of any communications regarding the pier and had received a reply which was somewhat misleading, and so it was agreed that Alex would write again to the council giving the reasons why the council should not make any considerations or decisions unless the Coll Community Council were properly consulted. The letter would also include a complaint about the lack of good management of the property. It was noted that in any event any disposal of the property would have to go through a public tender system.

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