

Mull Community Council Draft Meeting Minutes 06th December 2023

Attendees

Community Council

Billy McClymont Angus Williams

Hannah Poulton John Maughan
Mary-Jean Devon Joe Reade
Cameron MacLean Tracy Mayo
Sandy Munro Margo Wilkie

Councillors

Amanda Hampsey

Guests

Moray Finch
Richard Crozier
Gordon Milne

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Jim Lynch
- Jo Prior
- Mark Aston
- Andrew Kain
- Willie Hume
- Rupert Ormond
- Daisy Williams

Members not in attendance

- Allan MacLean

Minutes of Meeting

2. Declarations of Interest

- None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- The minutes were approved with the two proposed amendments:
- Firstly, under Infrastructure, Point 7 viii:
 - The charging point in Ledaig Car Park is a like for like replacement. There were issues with the decommission process and the new installation. This has now been resolved but the charging point installation is not yet complete.

- With regards to the installation of additional charging points across the island, MICT is investigating installation of several overnight charging points with dynamic load balancing to work within the current distribution network capacity. There are possible solutions but these need to be investigated.
- Secondly under Any Other Business, Mull Campus, Point 10:
 - No options were given to consider so we do not know which communities will be affected and how this may affect current options/rights.
- . Proposed – Margo Wilkie, Seconded – Hannah Poulton

4. Police Report October and November 2023

- There was no police attendance at the meeting.
- The police reports were submitted for information.
- October had 59 calls for service and November had 46 calls for service.
- Crimes reported were mainly road traffic, fraud, firearms, and persons related.

Police Data October and November 2023

<i>Police Data</i>	<i>October 2023</i>		<i>November 2023</i>	
	<i>Calls</i>	<i>Crimes</i>	<i>Calls</i>	<i>Crimes</i>
Mull North	31	9	20	0
Craignure and Area	6	1	11	0
Salen and Area	14	1	9	1
Ross of Mull and Iona	8	1	6	0

5. Rally Update

- Gordon Milne and Richard Crozier attended to provide an update on the proposal for Mull Rally, 11th-13th October 2024.
- The headline changes are:
 - Reduction in road closure times.
 - Move back to Friday night darkness stage.
 - A possible change to the Shakedown route.
 - A change to include Bunessan and Ardtun in the rally route.
 - Gribun rocks remain off limits, but a new element just west of Gribun will be included.
 - Inclusion of Calgary into the final stage through to Tobermory.
- The formal consultation process will start this week for the proposed routes, with feedback required by 9th January 2024 to enable the Rally Team to apply to Motorsport UK for the event organizing permit by 11th January 2024. Details will be published in the Mull Help and Information Facebook group this week and the next Round and About. This will be an iterative process to firm up details. Any feedback should be provided to consult@mullrally.org.
- The Community Council were asked for their feedback prior to the rally organising team starting their formal consultation with Argyll and Bute Council and the Police in March 2024.
- Tracy Mayo passed on thanks to the rally organisers for their support in raising donations for the Tobermory High School minibus.

6. Matters Arising

(i) Breadalbane Street

- The site meeting to review the wall / road conditions was postponed and a new date is being planned.

7. Sustainability

(i) Education – Tracy Mayo

- No Updates this month

(ii) Ferries, Transport & Travel – Joe Reade

- CalMac
 - The Ferry Committee AGM was held on 5th December 2023.
 - Robbie Drummond was in attendance from Calmac. Key issues discussed were:
 - Ease to get in touch with local ports.
 - Livestock bookings.
 - Public transport connections and the 10 minute check in deadline.
 - Ferry disruptions resulting in longing single ferry services with ad hoc timetables at short notice.
 - Scott Reid and Jim Smith from Argyll and Bute Council attended. Key issues discussed were:
 - Craignure Passenger Access System – Due to go out to tender in early 2024.
 - Craignure Pier – New date is now anticipated to be 2032, 8 years away.
 - Iona Breakwater – Due to start next year, complete 2025.
 - Fionnphort – Work due to start in 2025.
 - A meeting was held with CMAL as part of an ongoing enquiry into the ferry procurement process. This is to try and ensure that Mull gets the right vessel to provide the right service with the Isle of Mull Ferry replacement.

(iii) Energy, Climate and Environment

- No Updates this month

(iv) Housing

- No updates this month

(v) Tourism

- No updates this month

vi) Health and Social Care

- Bowman Court
 - Apologies were received from Caroline Cherry who was called away prior to the meeting. She is happy to join a future meeting.
 - The Terms of Reference for the short life working group have been amended to cover whether Bowman Court could be re-purposed to provide social and nursing care. The resultant feasibility study currently has a soft deadline of end March 2024 to decide on whether this is a possibility.
 - Care home regulations and legislation for this may mean that this is not feasible.
 - Funding aspects need to be addressed as affordable housing supply programme provided the initial funding for housing. This would require an asset transfer to the Health and Social Care Partnership or to the Community and this would require a change of governance.
 - There are two community nursing vacancies (one B6 and one B7). that remain unfilled and a new approach to advertising is being considered. The council members asked whether a generic video, that could be re-used, was used to show how great a place Mull is to live on rather than on the job itself. Clarification was sought on the application of the island allowance as this does not seem to be being applied consistently.
Action: Councillor Amanda Hampsey to review this with the operational management team
 - Bowman Court is staffed by two people day and night. Staff do leave the building to provide support within the community. The Council members felt that this left residents in Bowman Court at risk.

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vii) Community Council Engagement

- Democracy Matters
 - The first phase of Democracy Matters asked communities to explore what kind of decisions they wanted greater control and influence over. The second phase asks them to focus on what decision-making powers might look like, and how potential new decision-making bodies might work.
 - Several Community Councillors have attended sessions on this, including a “deep dive session” at An Roth with other local groups which was hosted by DTAS (Development Trusts Scotland).
 - Consultation is time onerous, we are resource poor and as a Community Council we are juggling a lot of critical local issues. It was agreed to determine if and how this could be progressed and by whom and to report back asap.
Action: John Maughan, Tracy Mayo and Margo Wilkie, along with Jo Prior, will agree the actions necessary and take this forward on behalf of the community.
- e-mail and Correspondence
 - It was agreed that Margo Wilkie would be the Community Council email and correspondence lead.
Action: Margo Wilkie to speak to Jo Prior and to set up the appropriate email accounts
- Zoom or Teams
 - The Community Council are attempting to reduce costs by replacing Zoom with Teams, which is a third of the cost.
 - The reviews of the capabilities of Zoom versus Teams are still ongoing. There remains to be a concern that you cannot do a Facebook Livestream directly from Teams and this requires further investigation. There are a significant number of residents that use the Facebook link both at the actual meeting and after the meeting.
 - It was agreed to continue with Zoom whilst the investigations into the capabilities of Teams for livestreaming are completed.

viii) Infrastructure

- The planned site meeting to discuss Ledaig Car Park, Baliscate, Bunesan Pavement and Pennyghael Speed Limit was postponed, and a new date is being planned.
- Craignure Bayview Garage
 - Craignure Bay Community Group have given notice, as part of their community consultation, that they are looking for another site for expansion of Bayview Garage.
 - A new site would provide for an MOT test centre, garage workshop and storage, providing both recruitment and apprenticeship opportunities. As part of this, discussions have been held with MICT regarding them purchasing a site that could then be leased out to the garage and other businesses.
 - The land that has been identified is outside of the local development plan and MICT have written to councillors to see if planning would be in favour of this development.
 - The Community Council recommended making an appointment with Tim Williams to discuss the plans directly.
 - The Community Council were happy for Billy McClymont to continue to work with MICT and the Craignure Bay Community Group to progress these plans.
- War Memorial for Dervaig.
 - A request has been made to place a new war memorial outside of the church to recognise those villagers who lost their lives in World War I and World War II. There

is a plaque inside the church, but it was felt there should be a memorial for the village.

Action: Mary-Jean Devon to take forward with the Memorial Committee (Councillor Jim Lynch and Elaine Robertson).

8. Argyll and Bute Council Issues

(i) Councillors' Reports

- UK Government are providing £20million to the Highland Council specifically for the Corran Ferry infrastructure works.
- With regards to Mull Campus, there is a meeting with the Scottish Government next week to move this forward. It is hoped that a report will be provided to the February Community Council meeting. Concerns were raised by the Community Council with respect to the timing of the Consultation happening during the Summer Season.
- Councillor Amanda Hampsey is visiting Tobermory High School and meeting with the Head and Teachers on Thursday 8th December 2023.
- Councillor Amanda Hampsey is happy to attend PTA meetings. Tracy Mayo highlighted where all of the PTA information is available and provided an open invitation to Councillor Amanda Hampsey.
- Mary-Jean Devon thanked Councillor Amanda Hampsey for the decision of the area committee to award £33,000 to the Tobermory Play Park.

9. Public Questions

- None raised

10. Any Other Business

Gaelic Road Signs

- Please could members send John Maughan photographs of the island road signs so that the Gaelic spellings can be double checked and updates provided to Councillor Willie Hume.

Next Meeting

- 10th January 2024, 19:00 at An Roth, via Zoom and Livestreamed

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