

Minutes of Colonsay Community Council

Meeting held 8th October 2019 @6pm

Councillors Present: Keith Rutherford, David Hobhouse, Helen Mann, Liz McNicholl, Jane Howard, Richard Buttrick, Alex Howard.

Members of community present: Iain MacAllister (Island Champion), Donald MacNeill (Minute secretary)

Item	Discussion	Action/Decision
1. Apologies	Kevin Byrne,	
2. Minutes of last meeting	DMN suggested that when minutes are agreed and posted by Kevin on the website this should be noted, along with a link, on the community noticeboard on facebook. This was agreed.	DMN/Kevin.
3. Declarations of interest	To be declared as appropriate.	
4. Matters arising from previous minutes.	<p>The post of secretary has not been filled. Jane resigned at A.G.M. Jane agreed to be re-appointed as secretary with help from Richard.</p> <p>At a previous meeting there was concern that the Tuesday ferry does not connect with the Glasgow train; this was found to be incorrect. FERRY DOES CONNECT WITH TRAIN.</p>	

<p>5.Air Service</p>	<p>Richard stated that flights are booking up in advance due to only one flight per week. Colonsay loses out to people traveling to Islay.</p> <p>DMN explained that the airport staff were being offered different terms, all staff would now work for the council whereas previously fire cover was provided by Fire Scotland. This would result in four permanent members of staff covering all duties with a minimum of three present at any time. It was felt that, given the nature of Island life, few would be able to commit to such a strict rota.</p>	<p>DMN to circulate brief summary of proposed new system. Iain to lobby civil servants/transport Scotland.</p>
<p>6.Ferry Service</p>	<p>Calmac winter service will be the same as this (1918/19) year. Isle of Mull replacing Lord of the Isles on Mondays. This as a result of lobbying by CC. Due to Lord of the Isles timetabled commitments it was often unable to get in position to fulfill Colonsay schedule.</p> <p>Helen raised the fact that on at least one occasion the Clansman was re routed to serve another Island thus dispensing with a lifeline service and, in particular, impacting on the school-children and forcing them to miss schooling. This is also the case when the ferry is re-routed via Kennacraig which is rapidly becoming the default Calmac solution to schedule difficulties. This is seen as an unacceptable regular solution. JH has explained this to Calmac ferry group.</p> <p>Keith raised the problem of people getting soaked going from boat to pier-head, and wondered if it might be possible to have a minibus to convey passengers and luggage</p>	<p>Jane will raise ferry cancellations With ferry group. Calmac Community Board.</p>

<p>7. Recycling</p>	<p>It was suggested that the service point prepare a leaflet giving definitive advice on how to deal with their recycling. This could be sent round with the mail and copies held in the service point.</p>	<p>JH to write asking for bins at the quarry as people are dumping general waste there and contaminating the recycling. DMN will contact service point.</p>
<p>8. Community Fund.</p>	<p>Liz McNicholl reported on the last round of applications. There were two successful applications and one unsuccessful.</p>	
<p>9. Head Teacher and other public service vacancies.</p>	<p>Helen Mann, as representative of the parent council, reported that no appointment for head teacher had been made. Feedback from interview panel suggested that the candidates were not sufficiently experienced for the position. Present Head teacher will continue until December.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Schoolhouse was not fit for habitation.</p> <p>Our GPs, Dr Brooks and Dr Binnie, are retiring in March so a Patient Representative Committee has been formed to take part in the ongoing selection process. This consists of Jen MacNeill, Eileen Geekie, Grace Johnston and Helen Mann.</p>	<p>CC will contact council to ask them to bring house up to habitable standard.</p>
<p>10. Housing</p>	<p>Alex Howard declared an interest. Discussions are ongoing for affordable housing project in Scalasaig. This project is making progress.</p>	
<p>11. AOCB</p>	<p>Roads. Are deteriorating. Patch and fill (a process whereby a machine fills holes with loose chips and seals with tar) was helpful but job was not finished. More holes are appearing and it is essential that the job is finished before winter.</p>	<p>Jane will send letter.</p>

Next Meeting	Tuesday 12th Nov at 18:00	
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