

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2017.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Steve Willis, Jim Corbett, David Pollard and Cameron Anson.

In attendance: Cllr Mary-Jean Devon, David Hooker, Seonadh MacKenzie, Jenny Reddaway.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jane Stevens, Rory Forrester, Willie Hume, Allan Cameron, Joanne MacDougall and Susan Campbell.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (JULY) MEETING

These were proposed by SW and seconded by CA.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

POLICE REPORT 08/08/17 – 11/09/17 – T/PS Jamie Toal

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	For period 08/08/17 – 11/09/17 Total number of incidents recorded = 66 Crimes / Incidents of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> Noise complaint Multiple concern for persons Various road traffic matters• <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> Concern for person Disturbance between persons• <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> Concern for persons
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	<p>x2 Drug seizures (Reports sent to Fiscal)</p> <p>Various road traffic matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> <p>Concern for persons</p> <p>Various road traffic matters</p> <p>Search and rescue</p>
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from member of the public to raise concerns regards ‘sight lines’ not being cut / maintained on sections of roadway (particularly around area of Inverlussa) – Update: Malcolm Cullen (Argyll & Bute council) made aware.
Incidents of note or crime trends	<p>Divisional priorities remain as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Protection - Serious Crime & Terrorism - Violence, Disorder & Antisocial behaviour - Road Policing
Forthcoming events	None

Other:

If anyone wishes to report anything to Police Scotland please contact 101. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

DP advised that a speed check in Salen had been requested. JC thought that the sign was a good idea and BM considered a sign and check in Craignure was necessary, especially between the ferry slip and the Java turn.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY/ALLOCATION OF ARCHIVES

BM thanked SW for the amazing amount of effort SW had put into the post of Secretary. SW advised it had come about after being both Chairman and doing the secretarial work. SW advised that it was an interesting job involving a little and often approach except when major items come up or when there is a long agenda. DP was asked to have a go at the task. This was proposed by FB and seconded by CA.

DP was concerned that he would have insufficient space for the archives. It was unclear as to the period of time archives needed to be retained and this needed to be ascertained before any pruning takes place. CA suggested that it might be worth looking at funding for a librarian/archivist who could put them online. CA volunteered to investigate this possibility and would let DP know. DP asked SW for his list of contacts; SW advised that many of these had been lost when his computer broke down recently but he would let DP have those he has.

MJD thanked SW for his years of dedication to the Community Council and BM thanked SW again with all present wishing him the very best.

APPOINTMENT OF MICT DIRECTOR/WATERFALL FUND TRUSTEE

SW advised that being a Director of MICT offered very good insight and the opportunity to have a say. Some very big projects are taking place/being discussed at present: ground source heat pumps; Ardura woodland; the Industrial Park at Tobermory and childcare. The post offers an excellent opportunity to feed in what the community say. With regard to the Waterfall Fund, SW said this was also a very interesting post. It was agreed that representation for both posts would be discussed at the next meeting.

ROAD ISSUES

SW reported that he had heard from a resident about the cutting of verges (some not yet done); drainage problems at Pennygown and potholes. Stuart MacGregor's contact details were provided.

MJD advised that Cllr Roddy McCuish was the policy lead on roads for the Mull area and he would come over to the island if requested.

FB reported the problem of lorries cutting the edge of the roads and BM pointed out that the Craignure to Lochdon section needed the verges re-instating as visitors did not know where the passing places are located. FB advised that she had witnessed a car un-hitch the caravan it was towing and leave it in a passing place whilst the vehicle and occupants drove off. FB had reported it to the Police on 101; she subsequently was contacted by the Police who had gone out but the caravan had gone. In response to DP's question as to whether the Police have powers to deal with the situation Fiona described, it was confirmed that they do when the situation was dangerous. It was suggested that the Community Council should come back to this.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

MJD advised that she was continuing to receive letters from residents concerned about the use of neonicotinoids and the potential for pollution of their water supplies. BM accepted these residents' concerns and probably everyone wished the EU would ban them but there has been considerable reassurance from professionals and strict guidelines are in place. SW pointed out that anyone with concerns can contact Environmental Health to have their water tested. CA advised that SWMID has an obligation to the community and very useful information was disseminated at the recent meeting.

MJD reported that she, Mike Russell and the H&SC Partnership had come up with a solution for Glen Iosal and residents had been reassured. The plan was to give 25 hours of home care into Glen Iosal. However, there was a very great shortage of home carers and a number of islanders have been told that they cannot get a care package at this time and 15 beds are currently being blocked. FB also pointed out that islanders have to go off island for care. DP suggested that the Community Council write to the H&SC Board about the lack of home carers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JC had learned that Dr Ward had resigned, but his wife has not done so at present. Community Councillors were advised that a Doctor had been recruited starting on 27th November for a fixed term of six months. All wished Dr Ward all the very best and thanked him for his input.

DP raised the question of whether the Community Council revert to the previous situation with no August meeting. BM suggested that this be deferred until the new year and JC considered that it would best be discussed when the majority of Community Councillors were present.

JC advised that he'd been approached on a number of issues in the Lochdon area. The first of these concerned the point where the road from Craignure where it narrows to single track and the suggestion was that the road edge should have a white line to emphasize the narrowing. BM considered that the spot required a priority sign (double to single) with the single track taking priority. MJD noted this. The second issue concerned a big drop-off at the side by the roadside at the Lochdon telephone exchange and the third concerned the amount of rubbish being left by caravans. There was a query as to whether the Lochdon post box was closed. JC would check this as there is a requirement for communities to be notified before a closure. It was also reported that the sewage outfall opposite the houses had collapsed; this was a matter for Scottish Water.

CA, referring to the Lochdon housing development, advised that there was a meeting with the West Highland Housing Association's consultants on 18th September to discuss the programme. CA and MF have been putting pressure on the developers. CA

confirmed that the development would be a mix of shared equity and social rent properties. BM considered that a start date was needed. It was noted that the home application form can only be done online and the form is difficult to complete. MJD suggested that the Community Council write to Lesley MacInnes, Chief Executive of the West Highland Housing Association to point out that some people are unable to complete the form.

CA expressed concerns about the movements of vehicles and pedestrians in Fionnphort, particularly pedestrians having to cross the road to access footpaths; representatives from A&BC did not consider this a problem, given low speeds. It was also noted that the ticket machines do not take the new £1 coins, though machines should be able to accept the new coins from w/c 11th September. Additionally the free car park is a shambles. CA was awaiting a response from Cleland Sneddon. CA was of the mind to try out new powers given under the Community Empowerment Act.

FB advised that there was an online questionnaire on the Giga+ Argyll site and asked anyone who has registered with the scheme to respond as as many responses as possible were wanted. Responses would be confidential. It was confirmed that previously de-scoped post codes have been re-scoped.

MJD advised that she was disappointed in the Islands Bill consultation on 25th August. Nine MSPS were present with around 12 from Mull and Iona. MJD would have liked to see more representation of young people with families and school children but the timing of the meeting (1 – 4pm) precluded this.

BM noted that Celtic Sea's application had been granted. MJD advised that it was difficult to stop this as the clean-up issues could not be taken into consideration. She did offer assurances that the new development would be monitored. DH advised that there was still much work to be done by Celtic Sea to clear up at Loch Spelve.

DH advised that he had been approached to have a telecommunications mast in Ardura as part of the new Emergency Services Network. He was inclined to agree but wanted to include the condition that other networks could install their equipment on the mast to alleviate communications problems.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2017 AT 7PM.