

# Tiree Community Council

<b>Date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016
<b>Time</b>	8.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	An Talla
<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors Present:</b> Ian Gillies, John Holliday, Rhoda Meek, Rosemary Omand, Paul Le Roux <b>Trust Staff Present:</b> Shari MacKinnon 5 Members of the Public

## 1. Welcome and apologies.

- JH welcomed all present to the Community Council meeting. Apologies were received from John MacAskill and Iona Campbell.

## 2. Declaration of Conflict of interest

- None to declare.

## 3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- Another meeting has been scheduled with BT to discuss the timescale for the fibre rollout. It is suspected that this will not take place now until end of June/July.
- BT has applied to Argyll and Bute Council for the decommissioning of certain phone boxes on the island. The outcome of this project is expected to be September. Investigation is still ongoing on this project there has been no final decision as yet whether the Community Council will take it forward.

## 4. Council Office

- The publishing of planned office closures and holidays was brought to the attention of Mhairi Renton, A&BC who agreed with the Council's submission and has offered to advertise any such planned closures. Last minute closures are currently being displayed at the Island Centre.

## 5. Report on Meeting with TCDT

- The minutes of this meeting are still to be circulated. **TCDT to action**
- The topics which were discussed are as follows: Hynish, Broadband and Phones, Charrette, Community Land Ownership, Harbours, Westray Trip and Phone Boxes.

## 6. Sgudal

- It was agreed to speak to Donna at the Trust to discuss a possible bi monthly clean-up of each township. **JH to action.**

## 7. Changes to Pre-5 Education

- The Community Council have been alerted by a member of the public that feedback from the pilot Gaelic emersion project has been received. It is now believed that the Pre-5 unit will return to a bi-lingual centre. As yet it is unsure when this change will come into effect.
- It was agreed to ask Argyll and Bute Council for the outcomes and report from the initial pilot programme. **PLR to action.**

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- It was noted that the minutes available to the public should contain this information.

### 8. School

- It was noted that the Parent Teacher Council and pupils of Tiree High School have created a video in an attempt to encourage applications for staff vacancies. This was agreed as an extremely effective and worthwhile initiative.

### 9. Transport

- A letter has been received from CalMac in response to the cancellation protocol enquiry made last month. The response states that there is no written protocol for the cancellation of a sailing, the decision to cancel a sailing is made by the Master. It is believed by CalMac that customers prefer to know of a cancellation as early as possible. It was agreed to take this information to the Ferry Users Group and also to ask CalMac for further points of clarification. **IG to action.**
- It was noted that after an informal chat with a local ferry captain that there are additional variables to consider such as tidal conditions, wave height, swell and wind direction, not simply wind speed.
- It was suggested that we ask CalMac to ensure that passenger compensation policy is more easily accessible and request that the reason for cancellation is published on the website along with the change in status, e.g. swell or wind direction.
- It was decided to contact Flybe/Loganair to contest the lack of variations to the Barra Summer timetable in comparison to the Tiree timetable. **JMC to action C/fwd.**

### 10. Proposed Chapel of Rest

- Tiree Community Council has been made aware that Baugh Church is an option for a chapel of rest.
- A visit has taken place to the old met office to investigate suitability, as yet there is no update available.
- This matter will be carried forward to the August TCC meeting to enable further input from the Vice Convenor.

### 11. Flag

- It was noted that 82% of those who voted, voted in favour of having a flag for Tiree
- The next stage of this process will be to set up a Flag Commission of people who will create guidelines, hold a competition, short list the entries and then hold a public vote for the final design.
- If the flag becomes registered there will be legal guidelines to follow.
- It was noted that the final design would have to be open to copyright.
- It was suggested by a member of the public Tiree should also have a Tartan, it was agreed that the Flag Commission could also investigate this.

### 12. RBS opening Hours

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- RBS customers have received a letter notifying them that the Scarinish Branch of RBS will be seeing a reduction in operating hours in August. It was noted that in this letter it stated that the cash machine service would remain the same.
- It was agreed that TCC request that cash-line facilities be provided at RBS Scarinish .  
***IG to action.***

### 13. Report of A' Bhuain

- It was agreed to write a letter of congratulations to the A' Bhuain Committee on the success of the event. ***IG to action***

### 14. AOCB

- It was agreed to publicise a survey regarding the new library opening hours. It was agreed to invite someone to the next meeting to discuss this. ***PLR to action***
- It was agreed to make a request to Argyll & Bute Council Chief Executive that when officers are on the island that TCC be informed. ***IG to action.***
- The Emergency response planning meeting was held this month, and PLR attended this meeting and reported back to the Council. No further action required.
- A letter has been received from a member of the public residing in Pier View. It was noted that there is concern over the rising price of heating in the houses. It was agreed to write to West Highland Housing Association to express this concern.
- It was noted that the new factor of Argyll Estates is Hugh Nicol. In recent conversation it was mentioned that Argyll Estates would welcome more collaboration with the TCC. It was suggested to hold a public introductory meeting.

***There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.15pm, the date of the next meeting will be the 6<sup>th</sup> August.***