

Tiree Community Council

Date	7 th September 2016
Time	7.30pm
Venue	An Talla
Present	Councillors Present: John Holliday, Rosemary Omand, Paul Le Roux, Rhoda Meek Trust Staff Present: Shari MacKinnon 17 Members of the Public

1. Welcome and apologies.

- JH welcomed all present to the Community Council meeting.
- Apologies were received from Donnie Campbell, John MacCaskill and Ian Gillies.

2. Declaration of Conflict of interest

- RM declared a conflict of interest under item 8 of the agenda, Broadband update.

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- It is not known if the public are being notified of Council Office holiday closures, however there was an ad in An Tirisdeach recently to this effect.
- TCDT held a beach clean-up which was successful. This is to be repeated potentially on Crossapol Beach.
- It was noted **PLR** has scheduled a meeting with the Head teacher of Tiree High School to discuss pre-5 education. *PLR to give update at next meeting*
- Chapel of Rest - *c/fwd*.
- There has been no movement over the summer regarding the Tiree Flag however it will remain on the agenda.
- RBS are currently looking into the possibility of a cash machine for the island; however the investigation process is thought to be a lengthy one.
- A letter of thanks has been sent to the A' Bhuain committee for the success of the 2016 event.
- It was noted in an email from Pippa Milne that when Argyll & Bute Council officers come to Tiree there is usually too much on their agenda to allow them to meet with Tiree Community Council.
- It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Kate England for her long running service as Tiree's Librarian.
- It was noted an engineer has visited Pier View housing and is currently trying to resolve the heating issues.
- *There being no other matters arising the minutes were proposed by PLR and seconded by RM*

4. Correspondence

- A letter has been received to investigate the possibility of a wind turbine. It was agreed to forward this to TCDT.
- It was noted that the car park at the pier is always full; work is to be done to improve access however it is not thought to improve the space issue. A member of the public

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suggested white lines would probably help the situation. It was agreed to write to CMAL and request a meeting regarding the car park. *IG to action.*

- It was noted the Machair to access Salum Bay is not a designated parking area, and it has seen a heightened amount of usage this year. It was agreed to pass this onto the Ranger to check criteria.

5. Community Council September Elections

- The deadline for elections is approaching. There are currently three spaces on the Council, it was noted that **PLR and RM** must stand down as they are currently co-opted, both are eligible to stand for election.
- Thanks were given to Iona Campbell for her recent time on the Tiree Community Council Board as a co-opted student member.
- It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Iona and to try and get another representative from the school. (Action I.G.)

6. Recent Meeting With Argyll Estates Factor

- It was noted that the new Factor seems approachable and keen to help the community.
- There has been no firm decisions made regarding sand and gravel extractions, however erosion is an area for general concern.
- It was noted that the Factor is also willing to assist with the removal of car wrecks on the island, as well as piers and harbours, and vehicle access to sensitive areas.

7. Argyll and Bute Council Bin Collection

- The bin collection will move to every three weeks as of November.
- Facebook Survey results have been sent to Roddy MacCuish twice, and no response has been received. It was agreed to chase this up. *RM to action.*
- Timetables will be sent to all homes on the island.
- A number of comments were then received from the public:
 - C. The collections should be the other way around, with the green bin being emptied more frequently than the blue bin.
 - C. In the mainland, there is now a separate food waste bin, this is collected every week.
 - C. Second homes are not eligible for a second green bin.
 - C. This is not acceptable for the height of the season. Seagulls are going to be creating a lot of mess.
 - C. This will not mean less rubbish, it will just mean the rubbish will be all over the place!
 - C. Evidence would be useful to appeal this, as Tiree does have a lot of holiday homes which are full in the summer.

8. Broadband

- There are three active Fibre Optic cabinets on the island now.

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- There are some on the island who have successfully ordered and installed fibre optic, and other who are getting long term installation dates, a number of people are in correspondence with BT regarding the issues that they are having.
- Tiree Broadband is also now running off of a fibre connection, which is yet to reach its limit. Another line will be added and a network upgrade is currently being investigated.
- ***A number of comments were then received form the community***
 - C. The ordering system is having some issues, thought to be because there is no engineer on the island. A long date is given because BT does not know when the engineer will be here etc.**
 - C. BT might look into improving the service so exchange only lines can be enabled in the future.**

9. Phone Boxes

- Argyll and Bute Council have approved the application for the Community Council to take over the selected phone boxes.
- It is the hope to involve other community groups, a proposal will be given at the next meeting and funding will be investigated, all suggestions of what the community would like to see in the phone boxes are welcome. ***RM to action.***
- This means that the phone boxes that are not working can be removed if the community decide not to go ahead with this project. The old ones can be used to help repair the working ones.

10. Resuscitation Training

- It was noted that ***JH*** is going to investigate bringing someone over to Tiree to carry out resuscitation training.

11. Argyll and Bute Council Library Service

- At the moment it is possible to go in and look at the books but it is not possible to take them out. This is thought to be due to the need for the books to be catalogued before they can leave the library.
- It was noted that the room belongs to the education department. The public library service has no premises. The stock has also been cut in half with a lot being sent to charity shops.
- It was agreed to find out when the post will be advertised and to get clarification as to whether or not books can be taken out or not. ***RM to action.***
- ***A number of comments were then received from the public:***
 - C. The library budget could be given to the Tiree Community. This idea was suggested previously but has not been chased up.**
 - C. The school used to benefit from the library service, the new post will not provide this.**
 - C. Has a different location been considered for the public library?**

12. Transport

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- There have been a number of cancelled flights on Tiree; Loganair denies any favouritism among islands when the cancellations do take place.
- ***A number of comments were then received from the public:***
 - C. It is imperative that the Tiree representatives in the Ferry Users group keep pushing HITRANS to ensure the Clansman is used for Tiree.
 - C. A number of people couldn't get away due to changes to the Calmac timetable at TMF time, after writing to CalMac a response has been received and the person is happy. The changes to the ferry this year have also had an impact on the Island Tour.
 - C. The winter timetable does look better.
 - C. If the community want more sailings in the winter, this needs to be brought up with Transport Scotland. The 2012 ferry plan states that there should be additional sailings.

13. Marine Protected Areas- Consultation

- A consultation is being run by the Scottish Government regarding Marine Protected Areas. This consultation has two weeks remaining.
- It is proposed that Coll and Tiree will be a new protected area, which will protect the sea bed, this means there will be no nets or trawling allowed. This will not affect the creels.
- This has been advertised on Social Media.
- ***A number of comments were received from the community:***
 - C. There has not been many boats on the proposed protected area, it is important that the documents are read fully as we have not been sufficiently briefed to make a decision. NTA have written a five page response.
 - C. This is already having an effect. Some fishermen may already be concerned.

14. Invitation, Minister for the Islands to visit Tiree

- It was noted that there is a Minister for the Islands (Humza Yousaf). It was agreed to send an invitation to attend a meeting on Tiree. (Action I.G.)

15. AOCB

- A member of the public asked if anything was being done to allow Tiree to be a suitable place for refugees. It was requested by a member of the public to get some more information regarding refugees from Argyll & Bute Council.
- Quotes for the repair of Dr Buchannan's Monument are still being retrieved.
- A public presentation regarding the results of the recent Charrette will take place. It was suggested to encourage Ironside Farrar to present the findings. ***IG to action.***
- Members of the Community Council will be visiting Coll next week.
- It was noted that there has been some equipment removed from Crossapol play park due to it being broken, although the ground and equipment belongs to ACHA, TCB Ltd are responsible for the purchase of new equipment. It was noted that this is in hand and TCB Ltd are investigating new equipment.

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- Tiree Community Council will be organising the Memorial Service this year. It was suggested to move the service to the Sunday, but it was agreed to continue having it on the Saturday.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.00pm, the date of the next meeting will be the 5th October.