

Tiree Community Council

Date	5 th October
Time	7.30pm
Venue	An Talla
Present	Councillors Present: John Holliday, Rosemary Omand, Paul Le Roux, Rhoda Meek, John MacCaskill, Ian Gillies Trust Staff Present: Louise Reid 14 Members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies.

- JH welcomed all present to the Community Council meeting. No Apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Conflict of interest

- RM declared a conflict of interest under item 6 of the agenda **Island Comms.**
- PLR declared a conflict of interest under item 14 of the agenda **AOCB.**
- IG declared a conflict of interest under a section of item 5 on the agenda SPA's

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- PLR met with the newly appointed head teacher of Tiree High School for a general introductory chat.
- The draft lease for the proposed chapel of rest site at the old met office building has been given to TCDT for feedback.
- IG has received a response from CMAL regarding the issue with parking at the pier. The proposed works have now been delayed due to this year's CMAL budget. More extensive works are now scheduled to begin in early spring 2017. There has been no specific mention of additional car parking spaces but it was agreed to request that the Community Council be involved in the design process over this winter.
- The by-elections for Tiree Community Council will be taking place in November the closing date for nomination is 6th October 2016.
- There has been no response received as yet from the Tiree Medical Team regarding possible resuscitation training for the island.
- IG has written to Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport and the islands, a general response from the Minister's correspondence secretary has been received.
- After advertising for local quotes for work to be done on Dr Buchannan's Monument, there has been no interest. It was agreed to talk to the Trust regarding funding to go with the off island quote.
- It was agreed to ask Julian Farrar to present the charrette outputs to the community. **PLR to action**
- *There being no other matters arising, pending the partial amendment of item 12.2 Transport, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by RM and seconded by RMO.*

4. Correspondence

- A letter has been sent to the newly appointed head teacher of Tiree High School with regards to a new Youth Representative for the Community Council. The head teacher

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is pursuing this and has approached staff. There has been a couple of interested parties identified.

- It was agreed to write to the ranger for advice regarding access to Salum Beach and invite him to the next meeting. **RM to action.**
- Correspondence with the new Factor of Argyll Estates is ongoing; an introductory article was placed in An Tirisdeach by the Factor.

5. Community Council November Elections

- The deadline for elections is approaching - 6th October.
- 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.
- (Special Protection Areas) SPA consultation is now closed, there has been two opposing and one supporting response received from the community, all will be included in the community council's submission. It was noted that there is more information available on the community council website.

6. Island Communications

- A number of complaints have been received regarding poor Vodafone signal on the island. An engineer is expected to arrive on the island to repair the fault.
- It was also noted that after mast works on Coll, EE is now working on the island.
- There have been a number of people on the island experiencing issues with the ordering process for fibre broadband. It was suggesting that anyone experiencing these issues, contact IG.
- **A number of comments were received from the community:**
 - c) The engineer department has to be contacted directly to take up these issues, it is suggested that the issues are being caused because there is no resident BT engineer on the island.
 - c) Some people who are connected to FTC b/band are still experiencing low speeds.
 - c) As yet it is not known when Tiree Broadband will be opening the waiting list, funding is being investigated to improve the equipment and provide a better service.

7. Report on Meeting with Cllr McCuish

- A meeting took place with Cllr McCuish the main points are as follows:
 - Argyll and Bute Council Officials**
 - Cllr McCuish agreed to talk to the officials with regards to notifying the community council before they come to Tiree to allow time to arrange a short meeting.
 - Scrap Vehicles**
 - The van on Balephetrish has now been moved to private land, and the trailers at both Gott Bay and Buth a' Bhaile have now been moved.

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Bin Collection

- The proposed bin change is confirmed and will happen (general waste 3 weekly, recycling fortnightly)
- It was suggested to push for more bins outside the dump to be used outside opening hours, it was noted that this is subject to review in the next election.

War Memorial

- The first step in getting the railings replaced/repared is to contact a specific member of the council who can help with this process.
- Tiree Community Council will arrange the memorial service for November 12th.

Library

- It was suggested to write to Cllr McCuish directly regarding the confusion in opening hours.

Traffic Calming

- Jim Smith has been contacted regarding traffic calming at various points on the island, it was noted that such equipment would not be available until next Autumn.

8. Tiree Community Council Visit to Coll

- Tiree Community Council recently went on a day trip to Coll and met with various groups, Coll Community Council, An Chride and Development Coll. These meetings opened valuable line of communication between the islands.

9. Tiree Tots proposed indoor play area

- Emma Rossiter of Tiree Tots gave a brief overview of the indoor playpark proposal; the main points are as follows:
 - Tiree Tots recently held a public meeting regarding a dedicated youth centre for the island.
 - An approach has been made to TCDT regarding assistance finding funding etc.
 - The location and architecture of the building is yet to be decided however the overall idea has begun to develop.
- The current stage of the project is to gain support from the community as evidence is needed before TCDT can pursue funding. There has been a huge amount of support so far but it would be good to get support from the Community Council.
- A number of questions and comments were then received from the community and the councillors:

Q. Has the group considered looking at a facility to include a nursery, this could attract a different group of people to Tiree.

A. It is the hope that the Youth Worker would be placed in the centre to provide a number of different things.

C. Westray also has a dedicated Youth Centre. Suggested that be looked at.

C. Holiday makers would also benefit from this.

C. It was suggested that when carrying this project forward, to ensure that the facility can get maximum use to ensure that it is economically viable, this means

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the project could include a number of things, such as transport and facilities for the elderly.

- The Community Council agreed to support the project and a letter of support will be sent from the secretary to Emma of Tiree Tots. Curam should also be involved.

10. Transportation

- **Air Transport**

- The new PSO has been running now for 1 year. The two allocated flights per day have been needed 70% of the time. This will continue running daily Monday-Saturday until 2019.
- A meeting is due to take place with Tiree Transport Forum, Loganair and Transport Scotland to assess how the year has gone. It was noted that timetable variations will be raised at this meeting.
- Part funding has been secured for new runway lighting systems for Tiree Airport and if the remainder of the funding required for the new lights is secured in the next financial year the new lighting could be purchased as soon as April/May 2017.
- To use the cross runways at night would require even more expensive lighting, which at the moment there are no funds for.

- **Ferry Transport**

- IG presented the route statistics for the year as obtained from CalMac Ferries Ltd. There has been a solid increase in both cars and passengers this year with a slight decrease in commercial vehicles.
- The double Saturday sailing has worked well and remained busy over the season.
- It was noted that Martin Dorchester will resign as the managing director of CalMac in March 2017
- The Clansman has now been assigned to the triangle as it is the sister ship of the Hebrides, meaning the Lord of the Isles has now been assigned to the Tiree route. Representations around this re-positioning of MV Clansman have been lodged by Tiree Community Council with CalMac
- There have been a number of cancelled sailings over the past month, mainly due to bad weather, there will be an additional double sailing on Saturday 8th October.
- It was noted that the Wednesday summer sailing has to leave early due to operational reasons.
- It was also noted that phantom bookings have been cut down on.
- Coll community identified a potential issue with space being set aside for Barra passengers and that space not being filled, meaning that there are people on Coll unable to utilise the empty spaces.
- It was agreed IG and JMC would visit Coll to discuss the winter timetable. If changes to the timetable did take place it would affect Coll and Colonsey.

11. Argyll and Bute Council Library Service Update

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- A letter has been written to the head of library services.
- The post has been internally advertised with a closing date of 30th September.
- The books cannot be taken out of the library at the moment, but correspondence to resolve this are ongoing.
- There is no firm opening date for the library however it is hoped to open to the public by March 2017.

12. Phone Box project update

- Currently awaiting a timescale from BT as to when the project can begin.
- There has been a lot of feedback from the community, and various funding etc. that can be accessed for such as project, such as the Heartbeat Trust and SSE funding.
- The next step in the project will be to create a steering group which will oversee the project and report back to the community at meetings.
- It was noted that the phone boxes cannot be relocated.
- JH signed the contract for the community to take ownership of the phone boxes.

13. Tiree Flag update

- After recent consultation the community voted in favour of a Flag for Tiree.
- A letter has been written to various members of the community to request they supervise the project.
- It is suggested to contact JH if any members of the community would like to be on this group.

14. AOCB

Beach Hut

- There is a high level of publicity surrounding this topic on Tiree, and a public planning meeting is being held with the attendance of 16 councillors at the end of November. The Community council asked the public if they should be involved and take a stance. There were a number of questions and comments received from the public:
 - *Planning issues are difficult, the community council will represent the view of the community.*
 - *JH reminded the public of the Community Councils Planning Policy.*
 - *IG notes that that a member of the public cannot voice an opinion at the planning meeting if not done prior online. TCC can reflect an overwhelming view, however must find a democratic way to ascertain this view.*
 - *PLR suggested that the division in the community would be increased if a vote were to take place. There are personal aspects to consider. All information is not well circulated in the community making it difficult for some to make an informed decision.*
 - *People should have voted or commented when they had the chance to do so online, if the vote is 50/50 the community council could be put in an*

- awkward position and could be perceived as being biased. Regardless of the outcome the whole community will not be happy.*
- *Suggested to hold another form to give people a second chance to voice their opinions and send letters of support etc.*
 - *There are a number of supporters and opposers of island who will be affected by the decision. If these views are not represented the Community Council are not being full representative of all views.*
 - *A ballot would have been ideal at an earlier stage and be fully democratic, however it is too close to the decision time to carry this out effectively.*
 - *It could potentially open a can of worms to hold this ballot. The Community should be informed this meeting is taking place and let the process carry on.*
 - *This decision will set a precedent for future planning issues on Tiree.*
 - *It is important to ensure that the views of the community are gathered carefully and fully to have a genuine democratic stance.*
 - *If this item was on the agenda, more members of the community may have attended the meeting.*
 - *A ballot would be the best and most democratic way forward for the community council if a fair ballot can be produced with the given timescale.*
 - *It was suggested that if a ballot does take place it be carried out in the same way as electoral postal vote, with a unique number etc. Its unsure if younger people will be allowed to vote or not.*
 - *Ballots are open to manipulation.*
- TCC proposes to undertake a postal ballot of all registered voters on the Tiree electoral roll with reference to [planning refs], subject to confirmation from professional advise that it can be done fairly and within the proposed timescale.
 - Four members of the council votes in favor of this motion, (IG, JMA, RMO, RM) and one member voted against this motion(PLR) The motion was passed.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.15 the date of the next meeting will be the 2nd November.