

Tiree Community Council

Date

3rd May 2017

Time

7.30pm

Venue

An Talla

Present

Councillors Present: John MacCaskill, John Holliday, Ian Gillies, Jessie Gray, Rhoda Meek, Aisling Milne, Rosemary Omand

Trust Staff Present: Shari MacKinnon

Public: 4

1. Welcome and apologies.

- The Chair welcomed all present, apologies were received from DC.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- Argyll and Bute Council have published a survey regarding the Governance and Law support that Community Councils receive from the Council. The general view was satisfactory. It was agreed to draft a response and circulate for approval before submitting. IG to action-c/fwd.
- An enquiry regarding the repairs needing done on the Kilkenneth Chapel site has been sent to Historic Scotland who have commissioned a report.
- It was noted that the next Transport meeting is scheduled to take place in early June, it was agreed to invite the Ranger.
- It was agreed to gauge opinion on the website regarding the recent cash line machine for Tiree enquiry. RM to set up survey-c/fwd.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by IG and seconded by JMC.

3. Correspondence

- Loganair

■ After a recent enquiry from a member of public regarding unaccompanied children on flights, a response from Loganair has been received.

■ It was identified that there is no option for the new policy to be amended. This is due to past cases of staff being left in charge of children for a long period, such as if a flight is delayed or cancelled.

■ A separate issue has been raised with the Community Council, since the security has been removed. All passengers get off the plane in Glasgow, and wait outside the plane and are then escorted through the airport as a group to the baggage area, even in bad weather. In some cases there are disabled passengers waiting for wheelchairs in the rain etc.

■ A complaint has been raised with Loganair and if an adequate response is not received then a complaint will be raised with Transport Scotland.

- CalMac - Access

■ A letter was previously received regarding disabled access on sailings to and from Tiree.

■ This issue was carried to the Ferries Users Group. It was noted that Robert Morrison - Operations Manager will take this to the Disability Officer to find a solution.

■ It was also agreed to investigate if there is a Sick Bay on board the vessels. JH to action.

- Pier View

■ It was noted that the HIE land adjacent to Pier View is still available, meaning no offer made has been accepted.

- Police Scotland

- The police report for the month of April identified eight incidents and one case of anti-social behaviour brought to the Prosecutor Fiscal.

- Fergus Ewing

- Mike Russell previously requested that Fergus Ewing attend a meeting with Tiree Community Council. A response has been received and it transpires that Fergus Ewing did not have a plan to visit Tiree.

- Other

- As agreed at the previous meeting a letter was sent to the Crown Estate regarding the recent consultation carried out and possible benefits for Tiree. As yet no response has been given.

- A letter has been written to Roddy McCuish regarding the issues identified at the previous meeting, the issues were as follows:

- > Waste uplift over the Summer period

- > Scarinish Public Toilets

- > Confirmation of tidy up of Pier View Area

4. Tiree High School Head Teacher

- Graham Wilks, the Head Teacher of Tiree High School attended the meeting and gave a general update regarding Tiree High School. The main points were as follows:

- Aine Cooney has been in position as Deputy Head teacher since January, with Sarah Le Roux covering the position until then.

- It was noted that there is not enough management staff in the school. Meetings are ongoing with the management committee and enquires are being made regarding the possibility of another Principal Teacher.

- After consultation and the creation of a working group, the Pre-5 began working off the following schedule.

- It was noted that there is a pilot starting after the summer whereby childcare entitlement will increase from 600 hours to 1140 hours.

- August to January- Running English Classes but promoting Gaelic language. At present the unit is currently providing English classes in the morning and Gaelic in the afternoons.

- It is the hope that the Pre-5 unit will be moved into the primary area to improve security, along with this there will also be a new security door placed in the primary area and in the secondary area. This would also resolve the security issue with the public library. There is also potential that the Library will be moved to the Pre-5 building. The finer details of this plan are yet to be worked out as the library is now no longer classified as a school library but as a public one.

- It was noted that all library concerns should be directed to Pat McCann of Argyll and Bute Council.

- There are currently 60 primary pupils and this is expected to increase to 67.

- A brief summary of upcoming School Trips was given, this includes a trip to Amsterdam.

- A new project called 'ClassDojo' has begun and is working well. The software allows teachers to communicate with parents using an instant message type platform and it also allows files to be uploaded and shared amongst the parent community.

- Music Tech and Drama have been added to the curriculum this year.

- Over £10,000 has been fundraised towards school trips this year.

- Thanks were given to the Head teacher for attending the meeting and chatting to the public.

5. CMAL

- There has been an ongoing issue at the Pier with parking in the carpark, this issue was first highlighted in 2015.

- The tender for improvement works was scheduled to be issued in April, however this is yet to be done. An update was guaranteed to be ready by May, however is still pending. There is also concern over the state of the pier in general.
- It was also expected that there would be some publication of the issue, however nothing has been done. Tiree Community Council are still keen to have some input in the matter.
- It was agreed to invite representatives from CMAL to a public meeting. IG to action.

6. Transport/Ferries Update

- Tiree Transport forum have received a draft winter timetable, it was noted that there are no changes to report. This will be discussed and commented on at the next Tiree Transport Forum Meeting to which Robert Morrison from CalMac will be invited.
- There are a number of issues being discussed in the community regarding transport and these will be discussed at the next Tiree Transport Forum meeting and there will be feedback to the Community Council.
- There is a meeting of the Ferry Users Group taking place on 30th May but there are no representatives from Tiree able to attend. This meeting is regarding the Ferry Service Document review.
- Calmac are gathering feedback to produce a draft Summer Timetable. Feedback from Tiree Transport Forum will include that a Thursday Barra sailing would be preferred as opposed to the current Wednesday sailing schedule with a potential later time. IG/JMC to respond.
- A Ferry Users Group meeting took place. Audit Scotland were present and the Ferries Review was discussed. It was noted that Tiree were not included in the consultation. A response from Audit Scotland is pending. The vessel replacement and deployment plan was discussed. It was noted that the main areas of growth are Islay, the Uig triangle and Mull. It is unsure what route the MV Hebrides will operate on but it was confirmed she will work out of Oban.
- It was noted that there are some inconsistencies with RET on the Mull route compared with the Tiree route with huge price difference per mile. Tiree Transport Forum are currently investigating this.
- It was noted that there is a new forecast provider expected soon to ensure a fully informed and accurate decision is being made when cancelling/delaying sailings.
- A member of the public suggested that if the Hebrides were to be cascaded to the Barra run, the Barra/Tiree link could be affected.

A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of putting AOCB on the meeting agendas, feedback will be given at the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.50PM, the date of the next meeting is to be decided.

POINTS FOR ACTION

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| 1. Investigate the Sick Bay on the Clansman. | JH |
| 2. Representatives from CMAL to be invited to a public meeting. | IG |
| 3. Lobby Calmac for change on Summer timetable | IG/JMC |

