

## Tiree Community Council

Date

6th September 2017

Time

7.30pm

Venue

An Talla

Present

Councillors Present: John MacCaskill, John Holliday, Jessie Gray, Aisling Milne, Rosemary Omand

Trust Staff Present: Shari MacKinnon

Public: 12

### 1. Welcome and apologies.

- The Chair welcomed all present, apologies were received from RM and IG.

### 2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

#### • Mobile Phones

■ It was agreed to investigate the effect the rise in consequence for using mobile phones while driving has had. ST to action C/fwd.

#### • Beach Hut

■ It was noted that planning for the beach hut at Balevullin has been approved.

■ Several comments were received from the public and are as follows:

> There were only five representations made during the appeal process, all were in support of the application.

> Tiree Community Council did not put in a representation.

> This does raise some concerns for the outcome of future planning applications in the area. Even if these applications are refused, the appeal outcome could still see the planning application being approved eventually.

■ JH confirmed the Tiree Community Council Planning Policy states that the Community Council will only get involved if there is an overwhelming concern within the community.

#### • Land at Pier View

■ A representative from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) was invited to the meeting, however no one was available. A phone conversation took place to confirm the way in which land bids were awarded. It was confirmed that all bids are scored with a points system measuring community benefit.

■ It was noted that no purchase has been made as yet, with a year being allowed to solidify the proposal.

■ A number of comments were received from the public and are as follows:

> Was this handled following the correct process?

> Is the cost of the land in the public domain?

> It was suggested by a member of the public that Tiree Community Council should keep and interest in this.

#### • Bins

■ It was noted that the bins outside the landfill site entrance were to be reinstated, however this was not done.

■ A number of comments were received from the public and are as follows:

> A number of holiday home bins have been seen to be overflowing over the Summer season.

> Even when recycling where possible, the frequency that the bins get emptied is not appropriate.

- Would it be possible for Discover Tiree to inform holiday home owners that if they registered as a business, payment could be made to have uplifts on a weekly basis.
- It was commented that the dump should have more suitable opening times.
- A request was made for the Tiree site to have the same opening hours as Oban, this request was declined.
  - It was agreed to chase up the previous request to have the bins reinstated at the dump road end. IG to action
- There being no other matters arising the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by JG and seconded by AM.

### 3. Correspondence

- N/A.

### 4. Tiree Community Council Elections, co-options and forward planning

- Tiree Community Council will hold the Elections in May 2018 to coincide with the rest of the Elections.
- It was noted that JMC has resigned from his position on Tiree Community Council Board, but will remain co-opted for one year.
- The Community Council are looking for interested parties to join the board in May 2018.

### 5. CMAL Pier-Head Proposals

- It was confirmed that CMAL own the carpark, loading bays, pier office and the pier structure.
- The area is scheduled to be refitted over the next four years.
- An engineer has visited the area and the proposed plans have been published in An Tirisdeach.
- It was agreed to write to CalMac with the suggestions of the community. IG to action
- The following items are included in the proposed developments:
  - Removal of the grass area adjacent to car waiting lanes
  - A dedicated area for buses which will not affect the 'in and out' areas of the current carpark.
  - Management of the Carpark to be carried out by CalMac, areas to be managed include abandoned cars etc.
- A number of comments were received from the public and are as follows:
  - There needs to be some signage included to advise people that cars cannot remain in the carpark over an agreed length of time.
  - A member of the public agreed to forward on documents relating to the subject.
  - It was noted that there is a crack on the pier that the Tiree staff are monitoring. It was noted that this is not a concern for the engineer at the time being.

### 6. Tiree - Glasgow Air Service, implications following removal of security

- It was noted that there has not been much representation to the Airport regarding the removal of the security.
- It was noted that IG has passed comments to High Level Ministers and will give an update at the next meeting. IG to action.
- The Saab aircraft is only allowed to fly to Tiree in certain scenarios. Capacity is tied when the Tiree route is restricted to the Twin Otter.
- It was suggested that commercial pressure be put on Loganair regarding capacity as it is known that there is a demand on flights during the busy season.

### 7. Scottish Government, meetings during July/August, update.

- A number of meetings took place during July and August with Scottish Government officials, such as Leslie Evans and Humza Yousaf.
- The main points discussed were Milton Harbours Development, Broadband and Local Councillors for Tiree and Coll.

- There is a group of island representatives that meet regularly to discuss island issues, it is believed that there is no representation from Tiree and no invitation from Argyll and Bute Council to attend.
- A number of comments were received from the public and are as follows:
  - It is believed that Coll are reasonably happy with the current situation, however it would be useful for Tiree Community Council to meet with Coll Community Council to discuss.
  - It is appalling that Argyll and Bute Council are not attending these meetings with representation for Tiree. Can it be suggested that a representative from Tiree attends these meetings to ensure the voice of the community is being heard.
- It was agreed to write to Robin Currie regarding representation at the islands committee meeting and suggest he visits Tiree. IG to action.

#### 8. Transportation Updates

- It was noted that the Tiree Transport Forum are trying to get the Barra sailing returned to a Thursday. At present there are two late sailings in consecutive days.
- It was noted that the Winter timetable for 2017 has recently been published.
- There is a slight concern for the 2018 Summer timetable regarding the possibility of the Barra sailing remaining on a Wednesday. It was noted that Humza Yousaf has taken this on board and will consult other communities.
- A number of comments were then received from the public and are as follows:
  - People are coming into MacLennan Motors to complain about the lack of publications regarding the bus service on the Island. JMC to chase up publications of timetables.
  - It was suggested that more posters be displayed on the boat etc. informing visitors how to use the single-track roads.
  - It was suggested that the Highway code for cyclists is not suitable for Tiree and that the posters and leaflets are inaccurate. It was suggested that this item be discussed at length over the winter in preparation for the next season.

#### 9. Public Library

- It was noted that the public library is still not open.
- It was suggested that the delay in opening is due to ICT issues in connecting to the library service of council.
- There was some concern that the library has been closed for a year, suggesting that people might be used to not having it.
- It was agreed to write and ask for an update as to when it will be open. IG to action.

#### 10. Tiree Flag

- The process is ongoing, the Lord Lion would like to come to Tiree and judge the competition.
- It is proposed that the competition will run in January/February 2018 with the judging hoped to take place in March.

#### 11. RBS Bank ATM

- It is unsure if the evidence of need has been collated. RM to action
- A complaint has been received from a visitor to the island. The only negative to their visit was the difficulty to get cash out as the post office machine was also down at the time of visit.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00PM  
The date of the next meeting is 4th October.