

# Tiree Community Council

<b>Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Time</b>	7.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	An Talla
<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors Present:</b> William Angus MacLean, Ian Gillies and Robert Trythall <b>Trust Staff Present:</b> Louise Reid <b>Public – 23</b>

## 1. Welcome and apologies

- William Angus MacLean chaired the meeting and welcomed all present. John Holliday, Alison Clark, Roddy McCuish and Jim Lynch

## 2. Conflict of Interest

- **IG** declared a possible conflict of interest in any discussion relating to Scottish Natural Heritage

## 3. Correspondence

- It was noted that there is a meeting taking place regarding future budget allocation and possible budget cuts for Argyll and Bute Council, with Tiree Services being taken into consideration. The date of this is to be confirmed. At present the Community Council cannot have any input, however it was agreed to follow the progress of any discussions relating to Tiree Council Services.
- It was noted that the HIE Land at Pier View has once again become available. HIE has send letters to groups on Tiree gauging any on island interest in the ground.
- It was noted that due to RET travel to and from Coll and Tiree were price matched, although there was a notable difference in distance, this has now been reviewed and the pricing structure for Coll has been amended with no changes made to Tiree costs.
- It was noted that there is no official map showing defibrillators available to the public. It was suggested that a map could be created in conjunction with Discover Tiree, Argyll and Bute Council, Emergency Services etc. It was agreed to pursue this. **RT to action.**
- It was noted that a survey was sent out to Pier View residents regarding heating costs and general state of repair of the properties. No response has been received. It was agreed this item would not be carried forward.

## 4. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- There being no other matters arising the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by **RT** and seconded by **IG**.

## 5. Tiree High School

- It was noted that Graham Wilks has now left the position of Headteacher at Tiree High School, Peter Bain, Headteacher of Oban High School has now taken on the post. The PTA recently met with representatives from the Argyll and Bute Council education department, and then held a public meeting with Parents.
- The chair welcomed Will Wright to the meeting. **WW** gave a brief overview of what was discussed at both meetings, the main points are as follows:
  - It was noted that all staff and parents have been informed via letter that Graham Wilks will not be continuing as Head Teacher for Tiree High School

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- It was noted that Staff are feeling somewhat excluded from communications.
  - Aine Cooney has been promoted to the position of Senior Depute Head, this post is common in other School across Scotland, and will involve the management of day to day operations.
  - A Principal Teacher of Guidance position will also be introduced, this will be a full time- acting position and non- teaching to be reviewed at the end of March 2019. The Principal Primary Teacher post will be re-advertised as a full time permanent post with teaching 4.5 days and 0.5 days PT. It was noted that these posts will allow for senior management to focus on the actions from the strategic review and not daily operational issues.
  - It was noted that these posts will first be advertised internally and if there are no suitable applicants they will be opened externally.
  - Peter Bain - Headteacher of Oban High School, will be taking on the Headteacher Role within Tiree High School to assist with the implementation of actions from the School Review. This arrangement will commence on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and will be reviewed in March 2019.
  - This model will allow for a high level of collaboration between Tiree and Oban High School and will bring potential benefits for both pupils and teachers, including the sharing of resources and more opportunity for personal development.
  - It was noted that a curriculum review is mentioned in the action plan, and the collaboration will have a positive impact to the wider range of expertise being more readily available.
  - Peter Bain stated that he would intend to visit THS once a week, with additional visits when possible, and a whole week on Tiree in January. He outlined his current use of technology to assist in running OHS remotely, and would intend doing the same at THS.
  - It was noted that **Louise Conner, Peter Bain, Roddy McCuish, Douglas Hendry, Yvonne McNeilly and Alison MacDonald.** will be visiting Tiree on 12<sup>th</sup> December to discuss any issues or concerns staff and parents may have. Staff will be met with first and then a public meeting will take place at 1230-1330hrs
  - Peter Bain will also visit prior to this on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to meet with staff and pupils.
  - The agreed arrangement will be reviewed in March 2019. This model was chosen to allow the swift completion of actions following the strategic review.
  - The Parent Council asked about future commitment to providing a HT on Tiree after this interim period. This would be reviewed at the end of March and no further commitment would be given at this stage.
  - Parent council representatives requested that staff and parents are kept informed about plans for the school, and are included as much as possible in the planning and consultation process. It was noted that there was significant concern about the timescale and the communication of these changes. During the visit on the 12<sup>th</sup>Dec representatives from the authority will meet with staff, pupils and parents and there will be opportunity to raise any concerns.
- Thanks were given to Will Wright for his attendance.
  - TCC noted that they would be willing to assist where required and where possible.

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- It was suggested that a member of the Community Council attend the public meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. This was agreed
- It was also agreed that TCC would stay informed on the matter, and if any issues arise be willing to step in where appropriate.
- It was noted that parents have not received a copy of the report taken from the School review recently carried out. It was agreed to address this at the public meeting. ***RT to action.***
- A number of comments were received from the public and are as follows:
  - Parents are very disappointed with the low level of communication from the education department on this matter.
  - It is felt that complaints and concerns are not being properly acknowledged at a high level. Complaints being sent to senior members of the council are being ignored and no action being taken.
  - It was suggested that the issue is not purely with leadership, but throughout the whole education system.
  - Those who are the Head of a Department are struggling to manage their own departments due to daily operational issues. Hopefully the Principal Teacher of Guidance role will solve this.

### 6. Transport Issues

- A letter has been sent to Loganair regarding disabled access to flights, as yet there has been no response received.
- It was noted that consultation for the CalMac winter timetable is now open, with the closing date for suggestions being 12<sup>th</sup> December. Any proposal must be cost neutral and have no negative impact on any other community. It was suggested that the timetable is accepted as is until CalMac have access to new vessels and more flexibility within the fleet, after which the community may request an alternative winter timetable of sailings on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All present agreed.
- It was noted that that due to the change in government the Minister for Islands and Transport have now been split, with Paul Wheelhouse now serving as Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands and Michael Matheson appointed as Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity. It was suggested to make introductions to both by form of letter. ***RT to action.***

### 7. Transport Forum

- It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the Tiree Transport Forum are scheduled to be reviewed.

### 8. Linkspan

- It was noted that CMAL held a public meeting and gave a presentation regarding the proposed works to the Linkspan.

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- As yet it is unsure how CalMac will operate whilst the Linkspan is out of order. Communications between CalMac and CMAL are good with a dedicated team in place.
- The timetable of works is weather permitting.

### 9. Public Toilets

- Correspondence is ongoing with the Social Enterprise Network in Argyll and Bute. After all information is collated and advice sought, investigation into a suitable Community Group to take ownership and responsibility for the Public Toilets can begin. It was suggested that the budget currently allocated to the cleaning and maintenance of the toilets should be transferred with the asset to make it a viable asset transfer.
- It is unsure if the waste disposal site is owned by the council or who funded it. It was agreed to find this out. **TCC to action.**

### 10. Marine Litter

- Two letters have been received regarding Marine Litter on the Islands Beaches, it was suggested that there are a number of funders and organisations which can promote the importance of keeping the beaches clear.
- It was noted that this year is also the Year of Coast and Waters
- **Stephanie Cope** was welcomed to the meeting to discuss beach litter and what people can do to tackle it.
- It was noted that there is no real mechanism for recycling big items of beach waste and it can be difficult to get such items off the shoreline.
- Initiatives were discussed to be taken forward for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

### 11. Islands Bill

- A Sub-Group has been looking at introducing the Islands Bill to communities and organisations.
- Its conclusion will be forwarded to Argyll and Bute Council (**RT**)
- It is thought that Argyll and Bute Council are going to appoint an officer to further introduce the Islands Bill. RT will continue to follow

### 12. Kelp Harvesting

- It was noted that the TCDT meeting with Marine Biopolymers has been deferred.

### 13. AOCB

- A member of the public noted that they are having issues with BT, in that the timescales for installations are somewhat unrealistic. It was agreed to chase this up. **TCC to action.**

### 14. DONM

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

***There being no other business the meeting was closed 9.30pm.***