

Tiree Community Council

Date	8 th May 2019
Time	7.30pm
Venue	An Talla
Present	Councillors Present: John Holliday, Alison Clark, Robert Trythall and John Patience Trust Staff Present: Louise Reid Public-7

1. Welcome and apologies.

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

2. Conflict of Interest

- None

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- The previous minutes were circulated and discussed.
- A meeting took place with Tiree Community Development Trust, the minutes will be made available.
- It was agreed to send Coll Community Council meeting minutes. **RT to action.**
- Concerns were raised at a previous meeting regarding the proposed changes to security at the home. A letter has been send to the locality manager and a response is awaited.
- A map of the drone exclusion zone over Tiree has now been made public.
- It was previously agreed to create a draft petition regarding the possible loss of Air Tender for the Oban Flight. **IG to action/C/FWD.**
- The Argyll and Islands group proposal is progressing and an update will be given at the next meeting. **JH to action.**
- There being no other matters arising the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by **JH** and seconded by **AC**.

4. Correspondence

- A Police Report from Police Scotland, it was noted that there have been 13 incidents reported since the last meeting, there were no crime trends or upcoming events to report.
- It was suggested at the last meeting that the Tiree Service Point be the main point of contact for the housing associations on the Island. It was noted that a formal request from TCC to Roddy McCuish must be sent in order to progress this.
- It was noted that Jennifer Nicholl from HIE will be leaving her current post.
- Payments for the website are now being undertaken by the Community Council.
- A letter has been received regarding Cycling on the island. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
- A member of the public raised some concern regarding the loss of the Oban flight and links to dental appointments. It was noted that an interim service has been put in place.
- It was agreed it would be of benefit to remain in communications with the Mull Ferry Users Group.
- The car park at the Pier Head is becoming increasingly crowded, and entrances and exits are not being kept clear. A member of the public suggested that a community initiative to paint the keep clear areas could take place. It was agreed to contact CMAL and enquire if there is anything they can do first. **RT to action.**

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- It was noted that finances have been secured to repair works to the old Pier as well as the Linkspan.
- The Argyll and Bute Social Care Partnership are looking for island representatives. A health and wellbeing event will be taking place on 9th May where representatives from various bodies will be available for drop in sessions.
- A report has now been produced regarding a survey of Community Councils in Argyll and Bute. The response was mostly positive, however the overall feeling is that Community Councils are not entirely representative of the community. This result is representative of the whole Council Area.
- It was noted that the Community Council receive planning notifications on a weekly basis, and Tiree specific ones are placed in An Tirisdeach.

5. Report of Meeting With Argyll and Bute Council and HIE.

- It was noted that HIE were unable to attend this meeting. The main points discussed are as follows:

Air Tender

- It was noted that an Interim Service has now been put in place, this is reduced and the Tiree to Oban Service will now only run on a Wednesday. There will be no break in the service. The reduced service will run until October, when the new PSO begins. It was noted that the Coll Scholar Flights will continue to run.

Islands Bill

- **AMD** gave a brief overview of the Islands Bill and a background into its creation. It was noted that some actions included in the Islands Bill are yet to be implemented, such as the Islands Plan. The Scottish Government are working with Strathclyde University to create Island Teams, these teams will visit islands and run consultations on the Islands Plan, which will then be fed directly into the final report which will be presented at parliament. The Scottish Islands Federation is working in conjunction with Strathclyde University to carry out the consultation evenings and will cover 95% of the Island populations. The consultation for Tiree will run on 26th June. Argyll and Bute Council and other local councils are awaiting guidance as to what the local authorities role in implementing the remaining actions of the Islands Bill will be. Discussions regarding designated councillors for the islands are also taking place.

6. CalMac Communities Board/Ferry Reliability Update

A report was produced and sent to the CalMac Communities Board regarding ferry reliability on the isle of Tiree. Other islands have also made similar submissions. It was agreed to place the Mull report on the website ***RT to action***.

It was noted that this is now an item on the CalMac Board Meeting Agenda.

The following was quoted from CalMac February Board Minutes

'R Drummond commented that there was increasing pressure from some communities on Masters to sail and that CalMac management would be seeking to mitigate this by increasing understanding with a series of presentations to Ferry Committees covering the training & quality requirements of Masters, the support network including communications and weather tools (with weather incident examples) and marine legislation. Masters would also be in attendance.

This information package would also be communicated to staff, the Community Board and the Minister'

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- It was noted that CalMac hope to hold consultation on the islands, it was agreed to invite Paul Wheelhouse and Robbie Drummond to attend on Tiree. **RT to action.**
- A discussion took place regarding the delay of the new vessels, it was noted that there are now government enquiries taking place regarding this delay. The below quote is also taken from the CalMac Board Minutes

'STRATEGIC ITEMS 2.1 MEETING WITH MINISTER 26 FEBRUARY 2019 The Board felt that they had had a positive meeting with P Wheelhouse, Minister for Transport. They agreed that it was important for CalMac to raise its profile with MSPs and consideration should be given to hosting a presentation. It was noted that CalMac offered a unique proposition for the communities across the network and could act as an economic enabler. It was noted that this topic had been discussed at the DML-Community Board joint meeting with DML agreeing to commission a piece of work. The Minister had noted the Board's concerns regarding conflicts of interest that the Minister & Transport Scotland had as both shareholder and contract holder and it had been agreed that this matter would be returned to. The Minister had agreed to meet the DML Board every six months. The Board discussed vessel replacement and deployment planning and noted that there was a monthly Network Infrastructure meeting, however there was no forum for discussing the future replacement strategy'

7. TCDT/TCC Joint Meeting

- A meeting took place with Tiree Community Development Trust. Both Parties updated on current projects.
- IT gave a brief update on Tiree Together, it was noted that this project is dormant, but it is useful for all groups on the island to communicate once or twice a year.

8. Phone Boxes

- JP gave an update on the phone box project. An ad has been placed in An Tirisdeach to try and encourage volunteers and phone box champions from various townships.
- It was noted that there has been some response and a full update will be given once the end of the advertising period has passed.
- It was also noted that some funds have been secured and investigations into other funding options are ongoing.
- Insurance is also being investigate for the volunteers undertaking the necessary works.
- It was agreed to put some information on the website **RT to action.**
- A meeting with TEAR is taking place on 13th May to discuss possible support.
- Thanks were given to JP for his update.

9. Scarinish Public Toilets

- After investigation it was found that the community council cannot take ownership of the Public Toilets, they can however rent the asset from Argyll and Bute Council until a suitable body for ownership is identified. This process has begun
- It was agreed to double check if there is signage on the chemical waste disposal site for campervans and put some in An Tirisdeach to reflect that the toilets are cleaned by volunteers.

10. Community Council Representation

- It was noted that permission to hold a Bi-election has been granted, there will be six places available on the council board.

11. AOCB

- It was noted that on a recent trip to Barra, JP came across a community group, whereby members of the community got together to plant and grow things, then sell

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them. It is thought this would work well on Tiree and be a good way to ease isolation etc. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. ***JP to action.***

There being no other business the meeting was closed; the date of the next meeting 19th June