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| **Date** | 9th June 2021 |
| **Time** | 1930hrs |
| **Venue** | Zoom Video Conference |
| **Present** | **Councillors Present: John Holliday, Phyl Meyer, Alison Clark, John Patience Gerard McGoogan, Iona Campbell and Stewart Carr.**  **Minute Taker:** Louise Reid  **Argyll and Bute Councillors: Mary Jean Devon** |

1. **Welcome and apologies.**

* The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting apologies were received from **LR.**

1. **Conflict of Interest**

* **None**

1. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

* The previous minutes are now available on the Community Council Website.
* It was agreed to clarify if Discover Tiree will pay for the re-print of the large driving on Tiree’s roads posters. ***AC to action.***
* It was noted that interviews for the dentist position have taken place, however it cannot be confirmed if an appointment has been made yet. There are currently two dentists on Mull. **MJD** agreed to support Tiree Community Council on this and made reference to the Child Smile programme whereby every child is entitled to dental treatment.
* Issues with the pavements in Crossapol are ongoing, **PM** has submitted a report and pictures to the Roads Department of Argyll and Bute Council on 12th May, there has been no response yet. **MJD** agreed to take this forward. ***MJD to action.***
* It was agreed that **SC** would be the main contact for the Pier improvement works going forward.
* There is currently an open repair with BT for the Phone Box at Baugh, the door has now been removed.
* **GMG** and **MJD** are continuing to put pressure on West Highland Housing regarding heating in Pier View, it was noted that an architect will arrive on the island to carry out some housing assessments.
* There being no other matters arising, the minutes and proposed changes were approved, proposed by **PM,** and seconded by **GMG.**

1. **Correspondence**

* A query was raised regarding private road on the island that a member of the public believed should be made accessible. **PM** investigated this to confirm it was a private road and referred the member of the public to the Argyll and Bute Council contact for access issues.
* Updates have been received regarding consultations, there is one ongoing regarding Local Place Plans, a community view on what their communities should look like, taking into consideration such things as the local development plan etc. **PM** suggested that Tiree Community Council submit a response to this. It was noted that this consultation will not have an impact on the draft planning policy currently being formed by the Community Council. It was agreed by all present that a response should be given. ***PM to action.***
* A letter has been received from Coll Community Council, regarding a ferry form for the Argyll Islands. It was agreed to discuss this later in the meeting.
* TCB have now installed new fencing in the Community Garden Area, it has been confirmed that £2400 has been awarded to the project. A lease is being investigated with the hope for the Garden to open on 1st July 2021.
* A letter has been received from Cathy Shaw regarding the environment, a climate change conference is scheduled to be held in Glasgow at the end of the year, it was suggested that the Community Council in partnership with other Scottish Islands make representation to highlight the challenges faced by islands with regards to climate change. Councillor Robin Currie is leading on Environmental issues, for Argyll and Bute Council and noted as a useful contact along with the Scottish Islands Federation. Dynamic Coast have also written a report on Tiree, which is currently under review by the Scottish Government, the report focuses on costal erosion of Tiree caused by environmental factors. There is also a group called Time for Change Argyll in discussions regarding the upcoming climate change conference.
* A letter has been received from the Isle of Iona regarding the Consultation on Schools Restructuring expected to begin on 10th June. There has been no representation from Tiree High School yet. Argyll and Bute Committee Services will be discussing this matter in upcoming meetings, with the focus on responsibilities and powers being devolved to headteachers and schools working in clusters made up of schools in different areas, like the current arrangement between Tiree and Oban which was initially expected to be temporary.
* Argyll and Bute Educational Climate Summit is schedule to take place in October.
* Tiree Community Council have requested that the proposed fuel station in Crossapol have a Gaelic name, this is being progressed by Tiree Community Development Trust. It is hoped that a competition will take place amongst the School Children to name the pumps, and a wider competition in the community to name the station itself.
* A letter has been received from Jenni Minto MSP, regarding representation of Tiree at various meetings, it was agreed to invite Jenni to Tiree to see the island, meet with local groups and gain an understanding of the issues faced by the community.
* A letter has been received regarding concerns over consultations carried out by SEPA in relation to fish farms, many MSP’s and Community Councils have been written to regarding this, suggesting that consultations are taking place without adequate deadlines and alternative options to take part. It was agreed to pass this onto **MJD. *PM to action.***

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1. **Consultation on Planning Policy and Extension of Consultation Period**

* Apologies were given for the delay in the process.
* It is proposed that the consultation period will be extended with a public meeting being held on 16th of June and the opportunity to comment will be made available until Wednesday 23rd June. This new timetable will allow for discussion of the consultation results and perpetration of any proposed amendments in time for the next public meeting.
* **SC** suggested that the views of the community are discussed at a full public meeting with a single item agenda and not as part of a general business meeting. **SC** proposed that a full meeting take place in public to discuss the planning policy.
* **It was proposed that a planning consultation meeting will take place on 16th June, followed by a public meeting to discuss the results and any proposed changes to the final draft of the planning policy on 23rd June. The majority of the council were in favour of this motion, and it was passed.**
* **SC proposed that a further single item agenda meeting to vote on the final draft planning policy take place in public in July. This was seconded by JP. A vote took place, three councillors were in favour of this motion and two against, meaning the motion passed.**

1. **Transport Update**

* It was noted that CalMac have supported the community well over the past month, during issues with fuel supply.
* The Argyll, Lochaber, Skye, and Small Isles Ferry Group have met to discuss transport issues. It was noted that there was various MSP’s and stakeholders in attendance. Discussion included issues with the refit process recently carried out, the island connectivity plan (which will look at route usage, journey times etc.), replacement ferries, ferry allocation for Mull routes, the proposed catamaran arrangement to ease the network and the new ticketing system, which will allow for concession tickets to be purchased online. Sustainability and decarbonisation of transport was also discussed, it was suggested that this may have an impact on Tiree in the future with regards to sailing frequency in the winter.
* Angus Campbell currently represents Coll, Mull, and Tiree on The CalMac Communities Board as chairperson, it was noted that there are three vacancies on the board and that there is an opportunity for members of the community to put themselves forward. **MJD** reinforced the importance of island representation on the board. Agreed to publicise the vacancies. ***PM******to action.***
* Timetable reviews of the summer timetable is currently ongoing with feedback due by 16th June. The community were encouraged to put forward suggestions. A suggestion was made about sailings from Tiree including a stop at Mull.
* Progress is ongoing with the Tiree Transport Form re-instatement; however, the future form is yet to be finalised. Discussion is ongoing regarding this.
* Loganair are making an upcoming announcement regarding sustainability.
* It was noted that there are no issues with livestock sales and moving stock via ferries at the moment.

1. **AOCB**

* It was mentioned that visibility is poor at the crossroads in Cornaig due to overgrown grass. It was agreed to investigate when it is due to be cut. ***JH to action.***
* Best wishes were given to those involved in a recent traffic accident.
* **GMG** is progressing connectivity improvement ideas on the island.
* Thanks were given to **AC** for contributions over the years.

***12.* Date of Next Meeting**

* The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.

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

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| **ACTION** | **BY WHOM** | **BY WHEN** |
| Take forward issues with Crossapol Pavements | MJD | Next Meeting |
| Respond to local place plan consultation | PM | Next Meeting |
| Circulate SEPA correspondence | PM | Next Meeting |
| Publicise CalMac Community Board vacancies | PM | Next Meeting |
| Investigate roadside grass cutting | JH | Next Meeting |