

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council Meeting held on the **17th November, 2015 at 7:30 pm** at The Tayvallich Inn:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie (Convener), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Peter Burrell (Finance), Catherine MacLennan, Ross Ryan, Councillor Dougie Philand, Andy Grant, Chris Perring, Libby Anderson, Sue Hillman, and Chris Purslow.

1. Welcome: IR welcomed those attending.
2. Apologies: Kim Ritchie, Ailsa Raeburn, Kirsten Logue, Donnie MacMillan, Liz Swann, Bernie Swann, Kathy Behr and Kerrien Grant.
3. The minutes of the meeting of 18th August were approved.
4. Matters arising: Kirsten Logue had asked that it be minuted that she would absent herself from any discussions of MAiFund as she is lead officer for HIE in this case.
5. Consultation:
 - i) Council Consultation on Spending: The consultation can be found at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture> . It was agreed that AW would arrange some hard copies for the key venues in each village. The consultation runs until the end of the year.
 - ii) MACPool are running a petition at <https://www.change.org/search?q=macpool> asking for support for their funding. The Citizen's Advice Bureau are

also looking for support regarding the removal 'of direct funding to advice agencies.'

- iii) A consultation is also running on the integration of health & social care services. Feedback is important here too, and can be offered at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/integration-health-and-social-care> .

6. There were no planning issues to discuss.

7. Roads and other issues:

- i) There are still issues with potholes on the loop road around Crinan, the urinal in the Crinan toilet was leaking, and the boiler was making a strange sound.
- ii) Achnamara residents reported that the street lights had failed to come back on after a recent power cut. There was also a report that there was a light on at Ashfield primary. As the school is now moth-balled, this was deemed a waste of money.
- iii) The moss road from Bellanoch was reported to be badly potholed.
- iv) Councillor Philand was to follow these issues up.

8. Establishment of a Community Trust:

- i) Peter Burrell is proceeding to register Knapdale North Opportunities Trust (KNOT). The board will initially comprise Iain Ritchie, Peter Burrell, Ailsa Raeburn, Andrew Wilson and Andy Grant.
- ii) Andrew Wilson reported on the progress of MAiFund and MAiPlan which are being developed to utilise Community

Investment opportunities in renewables in the Mid-Argyll area (and perhaps beyond). AW highlighted the distinction between ownership and benefit.

Things are progressing well, and lawyers have been appointed to help constitute the group. The MAiPlan consultations are proceeding well, and a good amount of feedback has been received, particularly from those at the High School.

9. The next meeting will be on 23rd February at 7:30pm at the Crinan Hotel (Coffee Shop?)