

# North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes for North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 1st March, 2016 at 7:30 pm at Crinan Hotel:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Ross Ryan, Catherine MacLennan, Ailsa Raeburn, John Marsden, Chris Perring, Gordon Doughty, Bill Halliday, Councillor Dougie Philand, Andy Grant, Graham Walker and Kate Walker.

1. Welcome. Iain welcomed those assembled

1. Apologies: Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, Sue Hillman, Chris Purslow, Kirsten Logue and Peter Burrell.

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting: These were approved.

1. Matters arising/ correspondence: None.

1. Local Housing Strategy: Bill Halliday, Housing Manager A&BC.: Bill gave an interesting talk on A&BC obligations regarding housing. These include the provision of affordable housing. A role fulfilled by ACHA since 2006. The council sets housing basic standards and for energy efficiency. A new 5 year plan is about to be introduced, and the Housing Department would welcome feedback

. [Bill also attached a link to a new round of Rural Housing Fund grants:

. The Housing Department are governed by the Single Outcome Agreement as it relates to encouraging population growth. They have an emphasis on lifelong houses and sustainable communities. One of the biggest issues they

face is affordability of housing as it relates to the relatively low wages available in A&B. There is quite a long waiting list for affordable housing, and this can lead to homelessness. Bill asked us to consider what the perceived need is for housing in the NKCC area. (See attachment for a copy of Bill's presentation.)

1. Planning issues (if any): None.

1. Road issues. The condition of the road in Crinan was raised. The Moss road was also raised. CM said the Achnamara road was in a poor state, and that people in Achnamara were looking forward to the resurfacing promised for this year. [Dougie Philand has raised these issues with the council.] Gordon Doughty suggested that the best way to get results was to contact Julian Green of the Roads Department on 01546 604 892.

1. Tayvallich Public Toilets. These have been damaged by a fallen tree and the roof is leaking. It had been thought that all toilets faced closure, but they have been reprieved. [Dougie Philand has since raised this issue with the relevant department].

1. A Cruach Infinis Windfarm. A response has been received from Infinis rejecting any claim from NKCC for community benefit from A Cruach. It was agreed that this should be followed up.

1. IR asked for an update on MAi (the Mid-Argyll initiative). AW stated that not much had transpired since the last NKCC meeting. IR had thought that MAi was considering community benefit funds, but AW stated that this had never been the case. MAi was only ever considering the potential for community ownership. There is great potential to benefit Mid-Argyll through MAiPlan (strategic goals and ideas) and MAiFund (the

management of funds from community investment for MAiPlan.)

1. Date and venue of next meeting: the next meeting is to be held at Achnamara Village Hall on May 24th, 2016 at 7:30pm.