

# North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Achnamara Village Hall:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Heather Williams, Grant Lees, Catherine MacLennan, Councillor Sandy Taylor, Councillor Dougie Philand, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, Kerrie Grant, Gordon Green, Arlene Green, Fergie Anderson, Ann Anderson, Steve Benham, Graham Walker, Kate Walker.

1. Welcome: The Convener welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Councillor Donald MacMillan, Ross Ryan, Chris Purslow, Sue Hillman, John Grafton, Sergeant Iain MacNicol, John McArthur, Jane McArthur, Richard Stein, Andy Grant.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting; These were approved.
4. Police Report:
  - i) There were no incidents in Tayvallich.
  - ii) An anonymous report of a man going to drive from Crinan Hotel under the influence of alcohol led Police to attend. The driver passed a breath test. No offences.
  - iii) A report of a vehicle causing an obstruction at Bellanoch Garage led Police to attend. The owner was contacted and the car was moved.
  - iv) A report of a fire near Kilmichael of Inverlussa was, in fact, controlled burning.
  - v) 5 quad bikes were stolen from the Campbeltown area overnight 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April.

vi) Telephone and email scams are still prevalent.

5. The future plans of MacPool: Kerrie Grant: MACPool are redeveloping, and are seeking the support of Community Councils in the catchment area.

- i) The pool has been open for 23 years and is in need of improvements. The Lochgilphead development plan recognises the importance of the pool and the need for more indoor facilities.
- ii) MACPool are proposing to add a community café, soft play and improved changing spaces which are more accessible to everyone. Funding is in place to purchase the adjacent buildings.
- iii) In order to obtain further funding they need community feedback; please complete the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACPool](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACPool) . The pool need to raise a further million pounds to achieve their goals, and community support will greatly assist. They have 200 responses and need to have 500.
- iv) They aim to start work next year, with all funding applications submitted by November.
- v) Riverside Rascals will stay as a tenant, but the CAB is seeking new premises. No impact should be felt in the Riverside Café at the petrol station. It has a different demographic.
- vi) It is hoped the new facilities will make all Mid-Argyll more accessible with the new changing facilities. It should become a community health hub and as a base for the Tri Club and Jog Scotland etc. Unfortunately there is no funding to add another 5m to the pool length which would make it more suitable for competitions.
- vii) Arlene Green kindly offered that she was intending to open her garden to the public in an Open Garden Scheme. Any receipts would go half to MACPool and half to a Tayvallich group. NKCC agreed to help administer this.

- viii) NKCC unanimously agreed to support MACPool's development plans
6. Achnamara School: Argyll and Bute Council have been consulting on the future of Ashfield School in Achnamara.
- i) Achnamara Village Hall Committee support Option B of a continued mothballing of the building over the Council's preferred Option D of full closure and disposal of the property.
  - ii) AVHC feel that the school could be integral to attaining the Council's own goals for community well-being and development. AVCH have contributed ideas for further savings ideas to the council in their response to the consultation.
  - iii) Achnamara Church closed this month. The only public buildings remaining are the Hall and the School. A Consultants' Report, based on public survey, is imminent. AVHC hope to make use of the Scottish Land Fund to develop a sustainable future for the village. The community are not yet ready to take on the School building.
  - iv) NKCC agreed to adopt the AVHC response to the consultation as its position. It was agreed that NKCC would respond in its role as statutory consultee and attach the AVHC report. The report is attached with these minutes.
7. Matters arising/ correspondence: Mission Blue Hope Spots have agreed to accept the Coastal Communities Network application for an Argyll Coast and Islands Hope Spot. The area will cover 791 km<sup>2</sup>. This should help with sustainable management of these waters.
8. Planning issues: Sandy Taylor noted that A&BC are working on the local development plan. If communities have a view they can express this now, rather than waiting until a draft has

appeared. This may be of particular interest to AVHC and their redevelopment plans.

9. Knapdale North Opportunity Trust: No developments.

10. Parking: Bus shelter/stop in Tayvallich.....:

- i) The bus stop is being moved to Carsaig Road end. There is still no consensus on the location of a potential bus shelter.
- ii) ii) Some drivers have taken advantage of the long term spaces for Jura folk at Tayvallich Hall.
- iii) New line painting at the Tayvallich Shop carpark is imminent.

11. Road issues: Achnamara Road is to benefit from £98,000 of improvement by overlay in places between Dunrostan to Gartnagrenach.

12. Crinan Canal: The management of the Canal are to attend the November NKCC meeting in Crinan. Please submit questions.

13. Date and venue of next meeting. Tayvallich Hall August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 730pm.