

ARISAIG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Arisaig District and Community Council

Monday 22nd Jan 2024

7.30pm

Held in person and as a Zoom meeting

1. **Present in person:** I Macniven, G MacDonald, S Kingswood, V Stuart-Orchard, PC Leigh Brown
Present on-line: H Waterston, M Milligan, Liz Saggars (Councillor), Angus MacDonald (Councillor)
Apologies: No apologies
2. **Minutes** of meeting held on 20 Nov 2023 were approved
3. **Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**
 - **Heritage Trail Project:** project representative invited to join meeting to discuss how ADCC may be able to help, but heard nothing back.
 - **Local Heat & Energy Strategy:** project representative invited to join meeting to discuss how ADCC may be involved in this, but heard nothing back.
 - Swing Park:** AM advised that Highland Council has a large budget for Playparks in 24/25 and advised that David Lamont is the person to contact.
4. **New Board Members: Need** to check how many Co-opted Board Members ADCC can have, given that there are 5 elected members and one co-opted member already in place. If we are unable to appoint additional Board Members, it was suggested that Associate Members be appointed (these would still attend meetings, receive agendas and minutes, but not have voting rights)
5. **Key Dates for ADCC:** It was agreed that a timeline for planning for key events be put in place at next meeting, with sub-committees in place to manage each event and fund-raising as necessary. Events include:
 - **Fireworks**
 - Christmas Lights** – It was agreed that a Christmas Tree should be re-instated for the village this year. **AM** offered to provide this.
6. **Macintosh Centre:** Currently there are sufficient staff to re-open Daycare at the Mac – but this would have implications for Invernevis House. Community feeling is very strong that the Mac must reopen for Daycare asap, with a view to re-opening Residential care when staff are available.

The Friends of the Mac are suggesting a Public Meeting with HC and senior NHS representatives, as nothing seems to be progressing. AM highlighted his keen-ness to be involved.

- 7. Burial Ground:** There are currently no available lairs in Arisaig. Morar has 21 available – however, Arisaig folk want to be buried in Arisaig rather than Morar. The best option to extend the Arisaig Cemetery is currently part of the RC Church Croft.

NOTE: AT THIS POINT WI-FI FAILED. THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON DISCUSSED THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA AS OUTLINED BELOW

- 8. National Park:** Pros and Cons of a National Park were discussed. It was noted that the views of the community should be ascertained before any letter in support of, or against the proposals is put forward by ADCC. To be discussed at next meeting.
- 9. Local Phone Book Update:** PC Leigh Brown commented that the local phone book is very useful to the police. Need to check with Westword who is responsible for publishing this and whether ADCC can offer any support
- 10. 20 MPH Consultation: IM** to check date for responding to this.
Question was asked as to validity of 40mph sign along the Back of Keppoch road. Need to follow up with roads dept to see if it could be removed
- 11. Local Place Plan:** It was agreed that there should be a Local Place Plan for the area – but exact area needs to be defined for this. Board to be sent information about Local Place Plans for discussion at next meeting
- 12. ADCC Website:** it was agreed that the ADCC website should be updated.
- 13. Reports:**
 - Treasurer:**
SK is still waiting to be made a signatory for the bank account
MM to transfer £640 raised for fireworks into ADCC account
 - Police:** Nothing of note
- 14. Planning:** Nothing of note
- 15. AOCB:** It was suggested that minutes be approved online by Board within a week of the meeting so Minutes in Westword and on notice boards can be more up to date.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting:** Feb 19th in Astley Hall and online at 7.30pm