

DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT ADCC MEETING ON 18 MARCH

ARISAIG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Arisaig District and Community Council
Monday 19 Feb 2024 at 7.30pm
Held in person and as a Zoom meeting

1. **Present in person:** I Macniven, G MacDonald, S Kingswood, V Stuart-Orchard, A Whittaker, Angus MacDonald (Councillor)
Present on-line: Kendra Turnbull (part)
Apologies: Liz Saggars (Councillor), H Waterston
2. IM welcomed AW to the board
3. **Minutes** of meeting held on 22nd Jan 2024 were approved. Discussion followed about how to make minutes available to the Community in a timely fashion. It was agreed that, following on-line comment by board members), minutes should be distributed with a heading 'DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT ADCC MEETING'.
4. **Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**
 - **Heritage Trail Project:** Kendra Turnbull of the Heritage Trail Project explained the project's drive to create 10 audio trails around Lochaber. A pilot has been running in Ardgour and £1,000 funding is likely to be available to communities to create their own trails. ACT has expressed interest in this so it was agreed that this would be followed up with them in April once funding is confirmed.
 - **Local Heat & Energy Strategy:** It was agreed that this was a matter for ACT
5. **New Board Members:** There are currently 7 members on the ADCC board. It was agreed that no new members should be actively sought at this time. However, anyone seeking to join the board would be welcome as there is still one place available.
6. **Bank** – Transfer of signatories progressing slowly. It is hoped that use of on-line banking will make banking simpler and faster!
7. **Christmas Lights** – following lengthy discussion it was decided that various lighting options and their cost implications would be looked into before any decisions can be made for the best way forward.
8. **Arisaig's Got Talent** – update to be sought from MM and to find out what help is needed for the event
9. **Swing Park:** AM advised that Highland Council has a large budget for Playparks and whilst monies for 2024 may have been allocated, there should still be funds for 2025. AM advised that if he is emailed with a brief summary of why Arisaig should be considered for funding he will forward to the appropriate Highland Council contact.
10. **Mackintosh Centre:** IM advised that Kate Forbes has organised a meeting on 3 April 2024 with senior NHS Highland Health Board officials, Friends of the Mac and Community Council

representatives to stress to them just how vital the Mackintosh Centre is for the area and to find out what NHS Highland plans really are both for it and for social care moving forward

- 11. 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. Next steps are to follow up with new Bereavement Services contact at Highland Council to try to move things forward. Journalist looking to interview someone from board about burials in the area to be contacted.
- 12. Local Phone Book Update:** Awaiting response from Westword on how ADCC may be able to help with production of new local phone book
- 13. 40 mph sign at Back of Keppoch:** Awaiting response from Roads Operations Dept to our question about validity of 40mph sign along the Back of Keppoch road and whether it could be removed.
- 14. 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 as some key services (eg Swimming Pool, Mackintosh Centre and Schools) are shared between the 3 Community Council areas. ACT would have a key role to play in creation of a Local Place Plan and local action groups such as the Road to the Isles Facilities Group should also be consulted.
- 15. ADCC Website:** New website is now in place at www.arisaigcc.org.uk and members of the board can be reached at info@arisaigcc.org.uk
- 16. Reports:**
 - Treasurer:** Bank balance stands at £1,717.88 with payments in since last meeting being £617.54 from GoFundMe for Fireworks and £40 from Bank of Scotland in compensation for inadequate service. Upcoming payment out for Zurich Insurance of £155.13
 - Police:** Nothing of note
- 17. Planning:** Nothing of note
- 18. AOCB:**
 - Meeting discussed re-introducing joint meetings with ACT as there are several projects which might require input from both ADCC and ACT. This would also clarify roles of the 2 bodies. It was suggested that management of Gower Trust be brought back to ADCC. To be investigated
 - Meeting commented it might be good to reinstate regular meetings with ACT as there are several issues that concern both ACT and ADCC
 - £50 Donation to David Johnston's retirement fund was approved.
 - the meeting about the potential community purchase of Arisaig's Church of Scotland in the Church Hall on Wed 13 March at 10.30 am was highlighted and all encouraged to attend
 - **Scottish Water Survey** – to be completed
- 19. Date of Next Meeting:** 18th March 2024 in Astley Hall and online at 7.30pm