

DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT ADCC MEETING ON 20 MAY

ARISAIG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Arisaig District and Community Council
Monday 15 April 2024 at 7.30pm
Held in person and as a Teams meeting

Present in person: I Macniven, G MacDonald, S Kingswood, A Whittaker, V Stuart-Orchard

Present on-line: Angus MacDonald (Councillor), Liz Saggars (Councillor), H Waterston, Megan Milligan

1. **Minutes** of meeting held on 18 March 2024 were approved.

2. **Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**

-Arisaig's Got Talent

Not going ahead for now. Committee agreed to try to come up with alternative fundraising ideas for May meeting

-Christmas Lights Update

The string of lights which were outside the hotel do work – but need to be shortened. It was agreed that these should be put back up and added to with up to 6 new column lights and a Christmas tree in the village. Column lights costs approx. £300 each with mountings. Need to contact agricultural show committee who kindly suggested they may be able to contribute money for new Christmas lights for the village.

-Bonfire Night

Financing options for Bonfire night were discussed and it was agreed that a fundraising event should be held to boost funds from last year. Concerns were raised re: ensuring all public liability requirements were met.

-Bank Update

Online banking approval still on-going.

-Local Area Phone Book:

Is in progress – but is difficult as many people no longer have landlines. No ADCC action required at the moment.

-Squirrel Signs

Awaiting possible funding source idea

-Newspaper Delivery Times

It has been confirmed that there will be no change to current newspaper delivery time at 7.30am

-Firefighter Meeting

There is to be a recruitment drive for new volunteer firefighters for the Mallaig/Morar/Arisaig area

-Swing Park:

Working with ACT on this to e-mail businesses to seek funding. Fundraising activities will also need to be planned to raise required sums. Need to follow up e-mail to HC seeking contribution to funding

Visit to local primary to discuss with children what equipment they would most like to see in an improved playpark is in planning stages.

3. Mackintosh Centre:

Recruitment drive underway. It was reported that there is little chance that the Macintosh Centre will reopen for residents as small residential homes are too expensive to run – and that the way forward is likely to be a 4 x 50-60 bed homes in Highland region, the closest being in Fort William.

There is still some hope that the Macintosh may re-open for daycare. Results of recruitment drive will be shared at a meeting on 29th May

4. Burial Ground:

Land required is owned by MacMillan Trust. David Lamont (HC) is to take this forward. Need to chase up.

5. Local Place Plan:

Meeting to discuss moving this forward to be held with Mallaig and Morar Community Councils, ACT and Road to the Isles Facilities Group on 16th April.

6. Meeting with Arisaig Community Trust: Still to establish time-frame for this.

7. Gower Trust approval requests: No new requests

8. Reports

-**Treasurer:** It was reported that there is £1,269.75 in the bank account, £617.54 is ring-fenced for Firework Display and associated expenses, having been raised for this purpose . £300 is ring-fenced for Secretarial Honorarium.

-**Police:** no report

9. Planning Applications: Nothing of concern

10. AOCB:

-WIFI failed early in the meeting and the meeting could only continue with the use of committee member's mobile data. Need to see if WIFI in the Hall can be made more reliable.

-**Church of Scotland Community Buyout:** a community consultation will have to be held if this is to go ahead

-**ADCC Chair,** Iain Macniven announced that he plans to step down as chair and from the ADCC in June. Need to ascertain how to appoint a new Chair. It is also important to seek new community council members. Approach to this to be discussed at next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 20 May 2024 in Astley Hall and online at 7.30pm

All meetings are open to local residents to attend. The meetings can be joined on Zoom or in person. Please contact the Secretary for joining details at info@arisaigcc.org.uk