

Meeting of Ardrossan Community Council



Location: Stanley Primary School

Date: Thursday 31st March 2011 at 7pm.

Present:: Alex Blair, Mhairi Hodge Thomas Langan, Pat McNeil, Mervyn McNeil, Craig Perkins.

Apologies: Angelo Farro, David Hodge.

Councillors: Mr Hunter and Mr Gurney attended after prior engagement.

No Agenda as posts of Chair and Secretary empty following resignation of office bearers. Main aim of this meeting - to fill vacant posts and move Community Council forward.

General Discussion

AB voiced concerns over previous “unconstitutional” meetings. Assured by CP and MH that since last meeting guidelines and constitution for Community Council had been scrutinised and would be circulated amongst current members and to all future members. This should ensure that all meetings are run effectively and correctly.

MH asked if AB wanted the CC dissolved. AB felt this may be the way forward. General feeling was a quorum was present. MH proposed CP as Chair, seconded by MMc. TL proposed MH as secretary, seconded by MMcN. MH agreed temporary Sec until next meeting.

Minute Points

- 1 Increase Community Council Membership/Public Interest.

TL has heard adverts on West Sound encouraging public to attend community councils in South Ayrshire. AB is going to work on a strategy to increase awareness of CC using local media and hopefully this will bring people in.
- 2 Councillor Hunter and Gurney arrived. Councillor Hunter answered question by AB prior to meeting, the constitution does not address issue of office bearers’ resignation. Councillors appraised of posts.
- 3 Councillor Hunter reiterated he feels the local facilities should be kept in Council ownership, however if this is not to be the case there should be guarantees that the facilities be kept safe for the public.

4 TL mentioned that Kenny MacDougall's idea of a purpose built library on the Shell Mex site had been ideal, but IBURG had stated that the council needed to make this input. Soon to be empty building (community learning) straight across from library would be ideal. Civic Centre totally unsuitable as library facility.

5 TL asked if Fly Tipping had increased with Council charging for uplifts. Mr Hunter stated that the council statistics say there has not been an increase,

It would appear embankment at Hunter Avenue still being used for rubbish. Area also being neglected with grass cutting and general maintenance. Mr Hunter said he would follow this up. Loanhead Road being cared for, Hunter Ave not.

General conversation re Sustrans, good attendance at meeting ? outcome.

AB asked for information as to what is happening at Shell site decontamination. CP will arrange McNally Associates to prepare information on the decontamination process. Perhaps public interest in this will bring people to CC? Land at Shell will be signed off as clear by SEPA, onus of responsibility off of NAC after this. General discussion re cost of clearing of site, insurance for properties on flood plain.

Action Points

1 Increase Membership & Awareness AB to investigate radio advertising – West Sound and 3 Towns Radio, CP to pull advert together for paper and online advertising – Herald, S1 Ardrossan etc.

Each member should endeavour to bring along a possible new member for the next meeting,

2 CP to get some documentation from McNally Associates about how the Shell Mex site is getting cleaned.

3 All members to bring some targets to the table of suggestions which will improve Ardrossan.

Close and Thanks from the Chair.