

**MINUTE OF ISLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
10th March 2014 – Service Point, Bowmore**

ICC Members Present:	Glen Roberts - <i>Chair</i>	GR
	John McGillivray	CG
	Islay McEachern	IM
	Roberta MacNeill	RM
	Geunda Young	GY
	Liz Redman	LR
	Alastair Redman	AR
 Argyll & Bute Council:	 David Ferrier – Roads Department	 DF
 Public:	 Mr Gordon Currie, Ms Flora McLean - IET, Mr Gary Parker - SPR, Alan Logan, Manager – Bruichladdich Distillery, Andrew Turtle and Paul Hogarth (Consultants)	
 Apologies:	 Catherine Gilchrist, Sergeant Cammy Rae, Councillor Robin Currie, Ina Glover and William McFarlane	

Action

1. **Welcome** – Glen Roberts opened the meeting and noted apologies from Cllr Robin Currie, Catherine Gilchrist, Ina Glover, William McFarlane and Police Sergeant Cammy Rae.
2. **Minutes of the ICC meeting of 10th February 2014** - The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record and adoption was proposed by AR and seconded by LR.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i **Renewables Sub-group – additional member sought** – AR reported that Stuart Graham from Power4Islay had agreed to attend meetings whenever possible
 - ii **Port Wemyss Notice Board** – Following the intervention of Argyll and Bute Planning department, GR had forwarded all correspondence to Mr Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Mr Angus Gilmour, Director of Planning. A&BC will now deal with this matter
 - iii **Port Ellen Bus Shelter** – DF awaits public feedback on the proposal to move the bus shelter to outside the Royal Bank building. Gordon Currie confirmed that most members of the community agreed that this would be a suitable site
4. **Scottish Power Renewables** – Mr Gary Parker, Principal Project Manager was in attendance to give an update on the Sound of Islay Tidal Project. SPR confirmed that if local contractors can demonstrate the appropriate capabilities, there may well be opportunities arising during the construction

process. GR expressed concern about the negative effect that the construction phase may have on the Islay roads. Mr Parker confirmed apart from a short stretch of adopted road at the entry to the sub-station site, most of the access is on Dunlossit Estate land. GR proposed that SPR could become involved in training programmes aimed at local youngsters. Mr Parker noted that SPR currently does contribute to educational programmes in connection with onshore developments and in addition, he reminded the attendees that the Sol tidal project is a demonstration site which requires proving, rather than a commercial one. The project timeline is as follows:

Project Milestones	Timeline
Development work and FID	Q2-3 2014
Onshore Civil Works	2015-2016
Offshore Works (Cables)	2015-2016
Device Installations x 8	Q2 2016 – Q1 2017
First Export	Q3 2016
Full Export	Q1 2017

GR thanked Mr Parker for his presentation.

5. Bruichladdich Distillery – Proposed New Warehouse

Mr Logan thanked ICC for the opportunity to attend the meeting and present Bruichladdich Distillery’s plans for a new warehouse (7 buildings over a period of 25-years, on a 10-hectare plot) to be sited at Octofad. This has come about as production is scheduled to increase which will require greater storage space if the whisky is to be kept on the island to mature, rather than being stored on the mainland. Bruichladdich has retained the services of a landscape architect who has been appointed to mitigate the visual impact of this development. In 2014, Bruichladdich will bottle 120,000 cases (each of 6 bottles), rising to 240,000 cases by 2020. Following local consultation, it is planned that the planning application will be submitted by 7th June 2014.

Bruichladdich currently employs approximately 54 people and this is set to expand with the increased production. Bruichladdich remains committed to using local contractors. If the proposed warehouse cannot proceed, the distillery would become a simple production unit without any storage.

DF expressed concern about the effect increased traffic would have on the single track road beyond Port Charlotte and he noted that it would be the construction phase which would cause the most damage. In order to estimate the impact, DF requested knowledge of the tonnage likely to visit the site. The A847 is currently just about sustainable, but the worry would be that additional HGV traffic would put it at risk.

Bruichladdich are consulting with Calmac regarding ferry capacity and will be made aware of the business plan. ICC recommended that Bruichladdich Distillery should petition local county councillors with a view to achieving an increase in the roads budget for Islay.

There is a public meeting scheduled to take place on 17th March 2014 at Bruichladdich Hall 4pm – 8pm. Copies of the plans may be viewed at the

Service Point, Bowmore.

6. **Correspondence** – Nothing to report.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – JM reported that the balance at the bank on 11th March 2014 was £1,623.14.
8. **Planning** – LR noted that there was nothing of significance to report.
9. **Single Outcome Agreement** – A 'Question Time' session had been held with a video link to Tarbert in which LR had participated. The main issues arising were, repopulating rural areas, the lack of housing, lack of general infrastructure, poor broadband and lack of work/jobs with any decent prospects. It was noted that internet problems negatively affect new businesses. There was a wish expressed to re-establish apprenticeships and work experience. Fire and police services had reported difficulties with recruitment and as a result were having to use voluntary manpower. The SOA will publish a report towards the end of March 2014.
10. **Police Report – *This report was received post-meeting:*** During February, on Islay, Police Scotland dealt with close to 50 incidents. They ranged from dealing with road traffic collisions to investigating reports of vulnerable people. Following a disturbance in Bowmore a group of males were each issued with an Antisocial Behaviour Penalty Notice. One male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for being drunk and in charge of a vehicle. Another male has been reported for a Breach of the Peace. We are currently investigating a theft of builders' tools from Port Ellen and a vandalism to a vehicle in School Street, Bowmore.
11. **Healthcare Sub-Group update** – IM reported that Dr Pat McGrann was appointed as Co-chair of the Implementation Group, along with Ms Christina West of the CHP. The Communications Group intend to provide regular updates to ICC. The Healthcare Sub-group had written to CHP requesting that the tenure of any locum be of a reasonable length to ensure continuity for patients. The Healthcare Sub-group also wrote to the CHP requesting that an advertisement be posted in the British Medical Journal, both in the UK and externally, for two GPs.
12. **Islay & Jura Ferry Committee update** – The last meeting was held on 5th March at which Simon Richmond (Operations Manager) and Guy Dale-Smith (Head of Marine) were present. The new summer timetable has been printed and additional sailings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday have been organised, with two to Port Askaig and two to Port Ellen. On a Saturday, the ferry to Colonsay will continue to Oban, rather than berthing in Colonsay. Bus connections to ferries are still lacking and it was agreed that ICC would write to Transport Scotland and the Council in an attempt to remedy this.
13. **AOB** - None

The chair thanked the attendees and confirmed that the next meeting will be held on
Monday 7th April 2014 at 7pm – Service Point, Bowmore