

MINUTE OF ISLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
7th November 2012 - ICCI

ICC Members Present:	Glenmore Roberts-Chair	GR
	Alice Stewart - Secretary	AS
	Islay McEachern	IM
	David Boyd	DB
	John McGillivray	JMcG
	Hamish Campbell	HC
	Ina Glover	IG
	Alastair Redman	AR
Health Sub-Group	Catriona Bell	CB
Ferry Users Group	Jack Fleming	JF
	Paul Graham	PG
Argyll & Bute Council:	David Ferrier	DF
Apologies:	Geunda Young, Roberta MacNeill, Cllr Robin Currie, Cllr Anne Horn	
Police	PC Robert McEachern	PC M

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Welcome – Glen Roberts welcomed all attendees and stated that the agenda would be re-jigged because SSER were running late and we would start with the police report.

1. Police Report – GR welcomed PC Robert McEachern and congratulated him on his first appearance at an ICC meeting. PC M reported that it had been a busy month with several complaints having been made for inconsiderate driving mainly in Bowmore. These were young drivers driving too fast through the village sometimes late into the night with loud exhausts. In relation to this two drivers have been warned under the ASB(S) Scotland Act, which would be in place for 12 months with the premise that if further altercations were reported, the Police would have the power to confiscate the vehicles in question. There were also 2 Drink Driving arrests with a further 2 going to court during the month. One still to be sentenced but the other given a 5 year ban and community service. There had also been 7 complaints about cows on the road at various areas around the Island, including the Strand and the Port Ellen area. Farmers concerned had been given advice from the Police and work is being undertaken to address the issues at a number of farms. A car in Port Ellen was reported missing and later found nearby by Police with accident damage. 1 Person has been charged and convicted with a number of offences in relation to the incident. There have also been several reports made of abandoned vehicles and the

GR	<p>local authority would be placing notifications on the vehicles prior to removal. Complaints have also been received about high school children using the bus shelters in which to eat their lunch that is inconveniencing service users. Police have been to the high school to discuss this with the children and the situation will be monitored.</p> <p>Glen Roberts, Chair, thanked PC McEachern for his report.</p> <p>2. Members Present and Apologies – GR noted apologies from Geunda Young, Roberta MacNeill, Robin Currie and Anne Horn.</p> <p>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – These were confirmed to be a true record of the meeting held on 1st October 2012 and were proposed by GR and seconded by IG.</p> <p>4. Matters outstanding</p>
IG GR AS	<p>A. Signage at Bridgend – GR raised the matter of the signage still to be concluded at Bridgend. DF hopes to include Pedestrians on the Road signage either side of the village but would like it noted that there are no budget funds available for specific appropriate signage to be procured at this moment, with this being a temporary arrangement. Permission from Islay Estates might have to be sought to site the signage. GR/AS to report this to Mrs Urquhart to this effect.</p> <p>5. AGM – Under advice from HC, this has been rescheduled for Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.00 pm, Bowmore Service Point. A separate agenda to be drawn. Advert to be put in the Ileach.</p> <p>6. SSER – GR welcomed Charley Rattan, Kirstanne McDowall and Robert East from the group and thanked them for returning to provide an update on the progress of the project. The presentation remained the same as previously, however another round of public exhibitions would be widely advertised and are scheduled for Spring 2013. Updates since July meeting were as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSER are continuing to work on the grid offer with various sites being looked at include – Hunterston, Kilmarnock South and Inverkip. • The site surveys are still ongoing, however the Marine Mammals survey is now complete. The onshore Geese survey continues, and SSER hope to have this to completion in the next few days. • The planning permission for the Met Mast on Orsay has been submitted and once a map scaling issue is resolved, hopefully will be approved shortly. • Stakeholder engagement is ongoing with SNH, RSPB Marine Scotland, ICC, IET and others. • There will be a Fisheries stakeholder meeting next Monday. • There will be a Socio Economic study undertaken to ascertain the project benefits for the local community drawing on the ARC report. The report indicated for example that two turbines could equate to 1 full time operations and maintenance job.

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- The 'Rochdale Envelope' is still being worked on. Various technical aspects are being reviewed; everything from the type of turbine, to quantity, placement and the best/worst case scenarios.
- SSER agreed to liaise with the ICC Renewables Sub Group to enable them to report on all of the renewable projects currently planned for Islay. Four ICC members have been co-opted to the group – GY, AR, HC and IG. The sub group would hope to have a brief report ready for the next meeting and would call on Mr Philip Maxwell from IET to act as advisor. Rules of engagement are to be issued and agreed. GY would notify GR as to when the first sitting of the group would take place.

Questions taken:

HC asked the question as to how confident SSER were in the ability of their technology to stand up to such a hostile environment.

Charley Rattan responded that there were models currently in operation off the West Coast and in the North Sea that are being studied for durability. Against this, the cubic rule of wind meant that the same adverse conditions may mean a higher yield. There will be further engineering reviews to assess suitability, but no doubt it will be a challenge.

HC asked if the maintenance/engineering positions referred to in the ARC report ie 1 worker required for every 2/3 turbines, would be based on Islay since, if Islay residents have to put up with the impact of the array, then its only right that the Islay community should have some benefit.

Charlie Rattan stated that these details had not yet been decided, but agreed to take on board a request from ICC to keep this point in mind when coming to any decisions on this matter.

AR asked if SSER intend to do a second test for shipping during a busier period.

Robert East responded by demonstrating that the benchmark was indeed for 2 surveys of 2 weeks during summer and winter and that only 1 survey was complete at this time. SSER's marine consultants would be carrying out the second survey at an appropriate time.

GR thanked the team for their presentation and input.

7. Islay Community Ferry – GR welcomed Jack Fleming and Paul Graham from the Islay Marketing Group and Islay Ferry Users Group and asked what they had calculated their level of response had been to the prospect of an Islay Community Ferry. JF stated that there had been 40 in attendance at the recent local meeting and that 39 had voted for and 1 had abstained. GR stated that it was he who had abstained because he felt that as a community councillor, support from the community had not been fully ascertained at this stage. AR indicated that the majority of people he had spoken to were in support; IG had a different response with the overall feeling that more information was required before people would feel confident enough to fully offer support. HC was of the same opinion that the proposal was in need of solid documentation with facts and figures and a full referendum of Islay residents would be required before ICC could fully represent the community's views in this matter. IG had a request for the group to publish its business plan and PG stated that the group had not the resources to produce a

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AS	<p>business plan at this stage. IG felt that this would be crucial for Islay residents to make an informed decision and requested that the group try and pull some documents together. JF will use Survey Monkey to try and get more input from the Islay community and stated that the response to date had been modest but sat at 80% for and 20% against. It was agreed unanimously that ICC would first have to seek clarification from Calmac that the statements made by the group that Islay would probably lose its 2-boat service in three years time were correct.</p> <p>A discussion then followed regarding the future of the second ferry (Hebridean Isles) and in particular the fact that her certification expires in around 3-years time. PG stated that the certification can be extended but that it would be expensive. ICC members took the general view that until we knew what Cal-Mac intended to do regarding the second boat then it was difficult to take a view on the community ferry project. It was decided to arrange a meeting with Martin Dorchester and his Cal-Mac colleagues to clarify its position. PG then commented that if Cal-Mac were to commit to maintaining a second boat on the Islay run then the community ferry group would withdraw.</p> <p>8. Health Group Update – IM said that most of the update was available in the recent edition of the Ilead, but to summarise, CHP had agreed that 6 doctors would be needed to cover Islay health care and out-of-hours commitments. There was also the Independent Review due to start in 2013 which would take 9 months and would cover all services. HC cautioned ICC to be wary of this as he suspected that although they have given ground for the 6 doctors, they would use this opportunity to chip away at the Islay provision. The IT systems are to be upgraded soon and the CHP, Doctors and sub-group will continue to have 6 weekly meetings. There would be funding in place for a further 3-months to allow the employment of the additional staff required to cover out-of-hours. CB asked that ICC make contact directly with John McAlpine who sits on the NHS Highland board to establish exactly what he intends to do to represent Islay’s interests. AS to contact him. AS also said that he has been invited to all meetings to date but had failed to attend. DB also stated that MSP Mary Scanlon had also been for a visit to Islay Hospital and seemed to be interested. She had also guaranteed cross-party support on Health issues. ICC also thanks Mike Russell MSP for the work and support he had put in to date.</p> <p>9. AOB – GR opened the floor for AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DB presented a recruitment document from CarrGomm who are looking to recruit in the area, however HC pointed out that the hourly rate was poor and questioned if the right kind of people would be recruited for such an essential service as care in the community with such a low rate of pay ii. AS had received plans for an private golf course on Jura but it was felt that this was outside ICC’s remit and agreed that objections should not be lodged iii. IG raised the Diageo consultation and asked what stage it was now at as the outcomes of the initial report were relevant to the Renewables sub group and other issues such as affordable housing. GR stated that he would get in touch and
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DF	<p>see if it could be restarted in partnership with ICC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">iv. AR raised the matter of the WRI annual donation of a handrail for the brae at Portnahaven from Shore St to the post office to DF. DF to chase up the quotationv. ICC members to study the proposed Community Emergency Plan document and get back with any comments or proposals <p>The next meeting and will be held on</p> <p>Monday 3rd December 2012 7.30pm at Bowmore Service Point</p> <p>AGM rearranged for Monday 3rd December at 7.00pm Bowmore Service Point</p>
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