**Minutes of Meeting of Jura Community Council Monday 18 May 2020**

Zoom meeting @ 7pm

**Present:** Andy McCallum (convener); Debs Bryce Boyle (secretary); Craig Rozga; Sheena Ferrand; Willie MacDonald, Scott Muir and Neil Gow (Treasurer), Denise Rozga, Cllr R Currie, Cllr A Horn

**Apologies:** none, full house.

**Declaration of interest:** Sheena declared an interest for item 5, Planning. This item will be moved to the end of the meeting.

1. **Approval of minutes from 23 March 2020 –** Approved by Sheena, seconded by Scott.

**2. Matters arising from last meeting. None**.

**3. COVID-19**

* 1. Local group being set-up to deal with various services across the island which seems to be working well.
  2. Jura ferry new essential travel timetable working well.
  3. Port Askaig works which were due to commence in April are on hold until further notice from ABC.
  4. Scottish Water have been in touch to carry out essential work on the water supply. Local contractors from Islay will be travelling back and forth maintaining social distancing and following guidelines. Dates will be confirmed and published.
  5. Resilience Fund. JCC to look into any funding that can be obtained to assist with moving forward such as signs, PPE, plus any slush funds which can be held for the community benefit. **Action:** Check SSE resilience programme and local resilience partnership fund for Argyll.
  6. Exit Plan. Some discussion around how we move forward in line with the Government plans. Andy to attend the Emergency Planning Group meeting tomorrow morning. Cllr Currie mentioned that a Business Continuity Group have been created and will meet in June, Cllr Horn also mentioned that Business Gateway offer up levels of support. Discussion followed on keeping the island safe once lockdown begins to relax, all agreed that we need to move in sync with Islay and keep putting our local notices up for all ports and harbours. Agreed to also continue to feed into the Islands Resilience Programme. **Action:** Update IRP with relation to lockdown phase release and impact on islands, advice for second home owners, lack of facilities, etc.

**4. CalMac**

Timetable has changed and been updated to work in conjunction with food deliveries. CalMac continue to operate a reduced timetable with no bookings being taken until 15th July and this remains under review. Finlaggan is to go off for a few days for repairs/servicing on the 27th May.

**5. Emergency Planning Group**

Mins received from meeting of 12th May. Jura Care Centre have received funds to assist with care packages.

**6. AOB**

* 1. Roads – Email received from Julian Green (ABC) stating that the Road master is scheduled to cover over around the mid to end June road master. Confirmed potholes will be maintained at the North end. Grass cutting at the care centre and cemetery will be carried out by local contractors, date to be confirmed. Capital investment works are being planned and dates will be confirmed once government restrictions are announced. JCC discussed the Gatehouse to Lagg stretch – requires ditching and capital investment road repair. **Action:** JCC to email Julian with details for Lagg and report passing places, located at pinch points on the road, that may require identification signs.
  2. Vandalism – Email received from a community member detailing vandalism to an excavator situated on their property. Several discussions around local vandalism activity getting complacent and that it needs to be highlighted to the entire community. Cllr Horn advised to contact Inspector at Police Scotland for our local area and will email details. It was agreed that given we are in strict lockdown that this heavily suggests this act was carried out by a resident. **Action:** Compose a notice for the Jottings and Jura Community Facebook page to highlight this locally.
  3. AGM – Email received from ABC to state that due to COVID-19 Community Councils can merge 2020 AGM with 2021, it was agreed that we carry out our next AGM when it is safe to do so publically. **Action:** Forward email info to other Councillors.
  4. Request for sand boat to dock at big pier. Emails from Ardfin received stating that they had emails requesting access to the big pier from sand shipping company. JCC had advised them to contact both the Police and Argyll & Bute Council which they did. It was agreed that where anyone is looking to bring supplies to the island that they follow the government guidelines and if in doubt they should contact the Police. It was also agreed that we put a request to the Council Piers and Harbours and ask, out of courtesy to the community, they let us know when these movements are taking place during this pandemic. **Action:** JCC to contact ABC and request information on big pier docking date/s.

**7. Planning**

Application received for 24 homes to be built on the outside of Craighouse, to the North. Application number 20/00755/PPP. JCC have received a number of emails expressing concern. It was agreed by all that whilst there is a need for local entry level housing and that developments should be welcomed, more information on this development needs to be obtained and a meeting held with the planning officer. It was also noted that any soft objections from communities must be made directly through the planning portal. **Action:** JCC to contact Planning requesting a VC meeting and follow the necessary procedures for planning processes.

**8. Date of next meeting:**

Due to the uncertainly of the current situation our next meeting will be on demand and virtual subject to individual internet connections.

Andy thanked all for attending.