



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 15th April 2014
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Chris Talbot (CT), Vice Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Rhona Altin (RA), Treasurer; Bill Rankin (BR), Margaret Hill (MH), Tom McKillop (TM), Councillor Bruce Marshall (BM)

Members of Public

David Honer, Judith Moen, Mr & Mrs Whitham

1. Apologies

Iain MacNaughton (IM), James Dort (JD), Councillor Gordon Blair (GB), Ronnie Black (RB), Stephanie Auld (SA), Jacqueline McCombe (JM)

2. Declarations of interest

CT on McKinlay's Quay

3. Minutes of meeting on 18th March 2014 and matters arising

- Ailsa Cunningham is speaking to Allan MacDonald about a possible agreement or arrangement for maintenance/cleaning of public toilets –**Action - RA to follow up - ongoing**
- TM to discuss lighting at Rankins Brae for clock/Christmas lights and to purchase Christmas lights
Action TM to follow up - ongoing
- Prepare emergency card for Scene insert for end of May **Action – CT to arrange for end of May**
- Maps for emergency plan. **Action - IM to ask for maps for emergency plan**
- Minutes proposed by CT and SM seconded.

4. Police Report

PC Brian Whyte reported that there were only 6 calls in the last month including vandalism to a car at Glen Massan, a house fire at Broxwood Lodge and a tree down at Tarsan Dam.

PC Whyte also mentioned

- Bogus callers – Beat Doorstep Crime leaflet was handed out and public are advised to be cautious regarding doorstep callers and report anyone suspicious. Remember utility companies etc to always check for ID or should have advance knowledge they are coming
- Metal theft – operation starting to focus on this – leaflets on prevention handed out and available from Village Hall
- Query on plot 2 at McKinlay's Quay regarding an insecure door. Police are aware of this and have contacted owner who has taken no action... Needs to be secured but ABC state that bank owns it and is responsible. Police will check again and get back to us.

5. Treasurer's Report

BR reported

Balance b fwd from March	£4308.03
Income	£ 97.00
Subtotal	£4465.03
Expenses	£ 92.50
Total	£4372.53

There are 18 numbers available for 50:50

7. Planning

IM reported that in the four weekly planning lists there have been no applications for properties in the Sandbank/Ardnadam area.



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6. Local Community Planning

TM has designed emergency flyers for households and emailed to everyone. All approved and now ready for printing. Need an article for Sandbank Scene. **CT** to ask ABC about printing and price up laminating costs. David Honer offered to help **CT** laminate them in time for insert in Scene – **CT to action**
IM to ask for maps to accompany plan – **Action – IM to action**

7. Councillor's Report

Cllr BM reported:

- Former Sandbank Community Centre is due for demolition which is hoped will commence in June this year. The Council is currently awaiting the issuing by Scottish Natural Heritage of a Bat License before work can start.
- The request from Strone Parent Council to rezone the catchment area between Strone and Sandbank has been recommended by the Council not to go out to consultation at this time but for both Parent Council's to meet with the Lead Cllr for Education to attempt to identify a mutually agreed way forward. Have a joint area between schools Rashfield with no compulsion to go to either. **Action - RA to query Sandbank Primary response.**
- The project to create a footway from Ferry Rd to Hunters Quay Holiday Village has approval to go ahead and £158k has been secured from the Cowal Capital Roads budget but because the footway will not be up to full standard we are unable to apply to Sustrans for matched funding. Date tbc for this year.
- The April Area Committee meeting in Rothesay approved Third Sector Grant funding of £1500 for Sandbank Community Development Trust.
- Decriminalised Parking Enforcement will come into force in Argyll & Bute on 12th May. The Council is employing six new amenity wardens who will work alongside our current wardens, their role is to act as parking, littering and dog fouling enforcement officers. Cars parked illegally will incur a fine of £60 but that will not be enforced until 28th may to allow motorists to get used to the new regime. If the fine is paid within 14 days the amount will be reduced to £30 but if unpaid will increase to £90.
- Lighting for sports court included in the budget for the new lighting along the shore road. **Action – Cllr BM to follow up**
- Bachan Burn Wind farm discussed and SCC need to ensure that we express an interest in receiving benefits if this goes ahead. **Action - CT and IM to follow up**
- HIE are going to build a 600sqm modular building next to TSC car park.
- Combined recycling program has been postponed again for this October
- Question from March minutes reusing concrete on sea wall at HQ and ABC will be reporting back on the state of wall at the end of the year. Injecting high powered concrete into walls may be an option. **Action – Cllr BM to follow up**

8. Community Councillors' Report

CT reported

- Following the last SCC meeting there was an urgent need to get a letter to all A&BC Councillors stating the position of SCC with regard to the proposal of Strone PTC to rezone the catchment border between Sandbank and Strone Primary Schools. This needed expediting as the full Council was meeting to decide on a consultation within 48 hours. I despatched the letter (following circulation for comment) to all A&BC Councillors and Michael Russell MSP (MR). Pleasingly about 12 Councillors and MR responded thanking me for our input. It is worth pointing out that as a statutory body at the lowest level of local government our voice does carry weight. The result was positive and A&BC will now endeavour to create a policy on school rezoning - this IMHO will not be easy. I had an email and phone calls expressing thanks to SCC from the school/parents.
- I attended the Bachan Burn Wind Farm community consultation event at the Queen's Hall on 26 March 2014. Seemed pretty well attended. We should not see the turbines in Sandbank. There appeared to be fairly mixed views on the subject. Given this is a 50MW proposal the outcome will be decided at Scottish Government level there is a strong chance it will go ahead if the 100% energy from renewables is to be met.



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- I eventually received a response from the Information Commissioners Office explaining why we need to register under DPA legislation. This will be kicked off this month as we enter the new financial year.
Action - CT to register
- I have put new compost and some new bedding plants into the 4 x McKinlay's Quay planters.
- I got a quote for new wood planters and tallies from local suppliers. £125 for bench planter from Kim and 2 planters like at lazaretto – All agreed to this – **Action – CT to order**
- **JD** will be standing down at the AGM due to health issues

RA reported standing down at AGM. **SA** has expressed an interest

- Letter of thanks to Cubs and ask if they could do it again and end of summer – **Action – RA to send letter**
- Jim Ferguson to be asked if he would look after Finbracken planters – **Action – RA to contact**
- Gala 14th June – SCC to arrange stall/tombola if interested and advise RA. **Action – All to agree at May meeting**
- Articles for Scene – suggestions for any articles asap– deadline is 1st May for sign off on 12th May and ready for 30th May delivery
- Planters to be cleaned up and tidied asap– Broxwood – **JM**, Sandhaven – **David Honer**. McKinlay's Quay - **CT**, Finbracken/Rankins Brae – **Jim Ferguson**, Lazaretto – **IM**, Cemetery/Ferguslie St – **Ishbel Fairman**
- Plants from ABC – Joe McCabe, ABC. **Action – RA to arrange**
- Compost to be purchased from Walkers. Barrels to be painted/preserved. **Action - CT to arrange**

TM reported

- Emergency flyer completed and ready for distribution
- Village clock – still looking into cost for lamp post – **Action – TM to follow up**
- Post for Victorian lamp post coming in at £500. Need to look into further
- Offered to take over editorship of Scene – **Action – RA to handover to TM??**

SM reported

- Spring Dance now cancelled. Perhaps arrange something for autumn/winter.
- Big Lunch on Sunday 1st June. **Action – SM to look into arranging for village**
- Beach clean – **Action – RA to email SM**
- Legacy 2014 Sustainable Sports for Communities. – funding available for a feasibility study. Community centre site has potential for a large hall for games, screened off areas for tearoom, small museum, and gift shop. Trust could apply to purchase from ABC. Discussion re: possibility of affordable housing on site. **SM** expressed an interest in applying for funding.
- **SM** successful in gaining funding for events. Rope lights (20m x 4) including controller priced for Christmas tree at Rankins Brae. Secure box also to be purchased. **Action - TM to meet with ABC**

9. Public Questions

David Honer queried the pathway and chips at Broxwood – **CIr BM** stated work was carried out by ACHA

10. 50/50 Draw

1st Prize: **E Cameron** 2nd Prize: **J Maskell** 3rd Prize: **J Whitham**

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be the Sandbank Community Council AGM on Tuesday 20th May at 7pm followed by the regular meeting at 7.30pm.