



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Vice Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Treasurer; Bill Rankin (BR), Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH); Iain McNaughton (IM)

**Members of Public**

Judith Moen, Robert Diamond, Anne Simpson, Stuart Wilson

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Bruce Marshall, Cllr Gordon Blair, Sandra Clark

**2. Police Report**

PC McLucas attended the meeting, he had two resolutions to advise of. One was a speeding violation at the national speed limit in to the 40 speed limit. There was an initiative in place as this violation was already known.

The Red Van at Ardnadam car park, this has been resolved. The van was completely road legal and parking violations are out with Police control. The council would be responsible in the first instance.

Calm month again for Sandbank, 15 incidents in total. Only 5 crime reports raised:

- 1 x Road Traffic Offence
- 1 x Misuse of drugs
- 1 x disturbance
- 1 x Assault
- 1 x drink driving

PC McLucas also gave out some cards for the community to stop cold callers.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Minutes of meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and matters arising**

- Matters arising will be dealt with in Community Councillors reports  
Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 proposed by BR seconded by MH

**5. Treasurer's Report: BR reported:**

Balance b fwd from Feb	£11136.91	April	£11266.91
Income	£ 205.00	Income:	£ 75.00
Subtotal	£11341.91	Subtotal:	£11341.91
Expenses	<u>£ 75.00</u>	Expenses:	<u>£ 75.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11266.91</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£11266.91</u></b>



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The 50/50 club is causing some issues as we do not have enough people to collect the money. BR has created a standing order form for payment collection. This means that the person has control over their payments and easier for them to join. This was agreed, although some more work will be required for the initial set up. There is the possibility that some people may not want to do it this way, if that is the case hopefully the numbers would be smaller and easier to collect. To advise of the change we could do a letter and send the new standing order form. IM advised that he didn't think this would be a good way to do it, he felt that people will not take it up. MH and IM will go round their areas and speak to people who are part of the 50/50 club. SA suggested that we could compromise and for those that we do not speak to we could send a letter along with the form. Anne Simpson advised that she would be happy to go round and speak to people, however people do not know her in the area.

It was agreed that we would try both ways, knock the door if no answer a letter will be put through the door. SA advised that she can do a letter with all the relevant information on it including phone numbers etc, SA will print off the letters. TM advised that he can print the envelopes with the logo and 50/50 club on the front.  
**SA to draft letter and send round for checking before printing.**

## **6. Councillor's Report**

**CIlr BM** report read out by SM, Paul Farrell is off work due to ill health but I have asked Nigel Potts to remove the red and white bollards from Ardnadam Pier.

I have received an e mail from a resident at McKinlays Quay regarding the condition of plots 2 and 6 and have put in a strong protest to Planning. It is almost two years since I started a campaign to have the situation rectified and we really have not got anywhere yet on these two although No1 is now being lived in.

There will be no Capital spend on any of the road network in Sandbank this year.

Bad news is that the Council Administration is looking at making cuts of £26m over the next two years

## **7. Community Councillor's Business**

**SM** Bill and I met with John Gilchrist, the manager of the Community Service Project, on Thursday morning at Broxwood Picnic area to talk about cleaning the 'beach' from there to Lazzareto Point.

This turned out to be a very interesting and worthwhile meeting.

As you know Iain and I met Ailsa there in November and despite a productive meeting with Allan MacDonald previously, Ailsa offered very little in the way of



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bringing the area up to a decent standard. In fact the only thing she said they would be able to do would be to replace/repair the fence along the side of the picnic area.

John said they will beach clean as an ongoing project in that they will remove the rubbish as soon as they can now and will keep coming back to clean it every now and then. Also if we get drainage for the area he will get them to dig the trenches to lay the drainage. They will clean up and stain the wood work on the sign that we have there also.

They will also trim the vegetation along the top edge of the beach to tidy it up.

Village Hall,

John says that his people can also paint and possibly repair anything that may need repaired in and outside of the village hall. As with the sign at the picnic area if the paint is supplied they can paint it. Also they will tidy up the outside if and when it needs it.

They cannot lift the seaweed at Lazzareto Point as they don't have access to the machinery required. A point I find strange is that the council will not let them use any of their machinery even though they have at the moment someone with a ticket to use them.

I am sure also that they will help with replanting the planters that we have which at the moment look very sad.

**SM** Email from Cllr BM from ACT AGM on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 11am – 3.15pm if anyone would like

to attend and come on board.

**SM** Emergency bag – currently Chris Talbot has this and it needs to be collected and stored with someone on the Community Council. It was proposed to store it in the village hall, **this will be further discussed at the next meeting.**

SM advised that the Council are looking to get a legal agreement in place, the Legal Department within the council are still looking in to this. SM advised that Oban are looking for a toilet attendant at £12,000 per year!

**TM** The clock, the new face has arrived after a lot of phone calls!! We now have three faces and fitted today, so as you are coming up Rankins Brae you can see the time. The power socket has also been fitted at the bottom of the case. This is 240v power supply. This will supply power for the tree amongst other things. TM would like to say his overwhelming thanks to Brian Fitzpatrick and his men, their help has been invaluable. A reminder that the blank fourth face will have the Sandbank Logo and dedications. Still to get the old clock removed from the Holy Loch Inn so TM will be able to speak to owners about removing.



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**TM** also spoke to Brian about the Christmas lights – he is quite happy to put them up again for us.

The play park lighting, the lampposts went up. **TM** has been speaking to Walter McArthur, the council have changed their supplier for the lighting. **TM** has heard on the grapevine that the lighting is in hand and could only be a few weeks away.

**TM** will now use the power supply and outside tap and clean away the moss etc. on the paving. **MH** has the planting been done, **SM** advised that Ailsa Cunningham has said she will supply plants. Anne Simpson and Stuart Wilson have said that they are happy to help with planting. **SM** advised that the planters need to be renewed, everything out and cleaned up.

## **8. Local Community Planning**

**IM** Caucus meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April, Willie Lynch DCC Chair, through this meeting he has been introduced to Tom Murphy, who has prepared a list of all the grass cutting arrangements. **SA** advised that Cllr **BM** gave us a report at the last meeting, it is discussed within his report, pages 2 and 3 of the minutes.

Toilets: this was discussed that the Caucus meeting as well. Ardentinny had a similar problem, although the people that were maintaining the toilets have been told to stop. The council have engaged the legal department in this. Car parking was also discussed, as it is different in every area.

National Park, **IM** had been written to inviting us to be more engaged in the Community Partnership. We have not had any benefits from it. He will reply asking what the advantages are from our point of view.

**IM** was going to ask Cllr **BM** if anyone has purchased the old community centre site. Defer to next meeting, same as the old castle gate house in Dunoon.

**IM** Stalled sites – there is a scheme out there that you can get funding to take over unused land – put a proposal out and see what can be done. **SM** suggested the Old Community Centre site.

Community Planning Group Meeting – next one will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Castle House in Dunoon. **IM** will attend and invited anyone else to join him from the Community Council.

## **9. Planning**

**IM** Reported that since the last meeting there have been no planning applications



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**10. Any other Business**

None

**11. Public Questions**

None

**12. 50/50 Draw**

March 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 138 I Fairman 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 78 Perret 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 82 Abbot

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Sandbank Community Council AGM on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm** followed by the **regular meeting at 7.30pm**