



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 18th August 2015
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

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

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Robert Diamond, Liz Neilson, Stuart Wilson

1. Apologies

Margaret Hill, Bill Rankin(Bill was able to join the meeting at a later stage)

2. Police Report

PC Mitchell gave report. No major incidents in Sandbank area. Mostly small incidents, sheep on road, small traffic accidents, noisy party, few issues at Finbracken, vandalism of car. General quiet period in Sandbank.

3. Gordon Blair – report regarding changes to use of Church in Sandbank

Numbers for church have been declining over the years. Presbytery of Argyll have decided to close the church, this has been set in motion, Number of parishioners that wish to keep it open and have a Christian footprint. They want to open the doors to the community. GB has gone to Presbytery after doing some research on what could be available and what funding is available. Been in contact with BID project, Mr Taylor who owns the pier and Argyll Voluntary Action. Plan is to open it as a visitor center but still keeping it open as a church. By altering the layout of the church i.e. removing the pews, the space could be utilized much more. To move this forward there needs to be dialog between SCDT and SCC.

TM asked what level of funding are they anticipating, GB advised £20,000 from the covenant. This would cover, renovating pews and replacing the seating, upgrading the interior.

SM asked about the roof, is this not the sticking point as the roof needs money spent on it. **GB** advised that this will need to be looked at once the initial major community involvement and tourism, then further funding could be sourced.

IM the church would continue, services, weddings, funerals etc – **GB** advised that this would be the case. **IM** asked if all the parishioners are behind it – **GB** advised that the vote was 14 yes, 6 no.

GB advised that the 28th October is the date that the military covenant grant application is completed.

SM asked if all these groups involved are going to be involved in managing it, i.e. volunteers to run it etc. **GB** advised that some of the military covenant grant is available for some paid workers.

TM asked if funders would be happy to give funding to a building etc that is still owned by the church. **GB** advised that this will be put in to the applications.



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4. Declarations of interest

None

5. Minutes of meeting on 19th May 2015 and matters arising

- McKinlay's Quay – **BM** advised that the derelict house should be coming down within the next week.
- **SM** advised still to email John Kelly/Anne Simpson about emergency bag.
- **BM** will chase up Ross McLaughlin regarding the infill height, the extra land being taken over by the Marina as no response from Ross.
- **TM** power washing of pavement still ongoing, however Garden Department should have been taking this up at Rankins Brae. **SM** will chase.
- **SM** advised that the derelict boats at the swing park car park and has not had any answers as to who they belong to. **BM** will look in to this and report back.

Minutes of 19th May 2015 proposed by **TM** seconded by **IM**

6. Treasurer's Report read out by TM

BR reported:

Balance b/wd from July	£11318.17	August	£11318.17
Income	£ 0.00	Income:	£ 0.00
Subtotal	£11318.17	Subtotal:	£11318.17
Expenses	£ 0.00	Expenses:	£ 4741.19
Total	<u>£11318.17</u>	Total:	<u>£ 6576.98</u>

7. Councillor's Report

My huge concern at present is the proposal by the Local Government Boundary Commission to remove Cowal as a ward in the Argyll & Bute Council area. This is the only ward that would disappear completely in all the 32 Councils in Scotland, Sandbank would become a part of a four Cllr. Dunoon ward and Loch Eck and the Kilmun Shore through to Ardentiny and including Lochgoilhead would be part of Lomond North ward, Strachur, St Catherines and Cairndow would be a part of Mid Argyll and Colintraive and Tighnabruaich would be attached to Bute, in other words we would be broken into four pieces.

I urge everybody who has a concern about this issue to put in an objection to <http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/publications/> within the 12 week consultation period which closes on 22nd October 2015.

Our ward is fragmented as it is and is hard to administer due to the super sparsity of the population in relation to the ground mass, it is dissected by rivers and lochs and communication and transportation are very challenging. I believe the people of Cowal would wish to retain their identity.

Overhanging Vegetation



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Dear Councillor Marshall,

Thank you for bringing this enquiry to the attention of Roads Management and Maintenance. We wish to advise you that officers were already aware of this service requirement and that action is in hand to complete the required works by the grass cutting tractor once rural grass cut has taken place.

Should be complete by start of September.

Regards,
Nigel Potts.

SM/SA will post the link to the objection website on Facebook.

BM advised that he had had a complaint about the state of the sign on rusty poles at Broxwood Picnic area. Paul Farrell advised that they are looking at revamping all the signs and therefore it will not be done until this has happened.

Sightlines obscured at Pier road, Nigel has completed an investigation and advised that the sightlines are within recommended levels.

8. Community Councillor's Business

SM Flowers for Sandbank, I you may or may not have noticed I persuaded Allan MacDonald to give us the two ¾ tier planters that used to sit in Dunoon and they also filled them with plants. The plants were very late this year for Dunoon and kirn and as a result they were even later for us and I am afraid they are mostly past their best. This is according to Ailsa, the best we can expect as we are at the end of a long list. So the argument continues. **BM** advised that the issue about flowers has been going on for years, we get what is left from Bute but this year they had none so we got what was left from Helensburgh

The toilets: We were sent a Minute of agreement to sign regarding the opening and closing of the toilets by us and also about our right to plants. Unfortunately we didn't agree with any of it so it was sent back with an offer to meet and rewrite a doc that is acceptable to both parties. I haven't had a response as yet.

At the meeting in May a mentioned that I had been contacted by Allan Henderson Guided Self-Help Worker Community Mental Health Team with a request that we apply for a stalled spaces grant for a community garden on the land that the old school was on. We did this and plans were submitted and photos taken by A&B council. However when the estates dept. was contacted by Lorna Pearce who was dealing with our application and they said that it is still up for sale and there are a number of interested parties and the closing date for offers is 21st Aug. They won't tell us who is interested but said that we will know as planning permission with be applied for and we will be notified then. Assuming it sells that is. It looks dreadful as it is as we said it would so let's hope if we can clean it up and the community make use of it someone does and soon. My hope is it doesn't end up owned by someone who then lets it lie empty and a wasteland for years.



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On that note we had a request for a letter of support from Mr MacArthur regarding plans for the shops flats and land behind the flats. However when I contacted him regarding it he said it wasn't necessary any more so I am assuming that whatever his plans were he has had to postpone them though hopefully not for much longer.

50/50 club letter. We will get these printed off and then if everyone could take some and we can put them round the doors.

Sandbank Scene: Due to the fact that we have so few CC members at the moment and also for other reasons, we did not produce a Scene this Summer. We hope to produce one around the end of Oct which means that any one advertising Christmas in it has longer to do so. We will have 100 hard copies that we will put around the village and the library but the main publication will be online.

Fireworks event. I have got some tins here to put around the village and at least one in the town for donations towards the fireworks this year. Also I thought about emailing Kilmun, Stone and Blairmore and asking if they could donate something as everyone can see it from over there and if they do we can rename it Holy Loch Shores Firework Display...what do you think?

Christmas lights. We need to purchase different lights for the tree this year as the ones we have flash on and off and Finlay Currie was driven mad by them. Other than that someone would need to reset them every night to stop them flashing. **TM** had another idea about a way to light the tree and I will let him explain that and we can see what everyone thinks of the idea.

IM Scouts want to use the land behind the community centre land, **IM** will do the letter to advise that they can do ahead.

The boundary issue generated a lot of discussion, **BM** urged everyone to register their objection on the website. It would appear that a lot of the work has been done behind closed doors. **GB** advised that he had been advised that there was nothing they could do about it. **GB** advised that all Community Councils need to come together to register their objections. **BM** advised that the PR committee agreed this, **IM** advised that he understood that the PR group made some minor changes and then agreed. **GB** advised that it was raised that the boundary line for Sandbank move to after Sandhaven, i.e. Dalinlongart.

SM asked if we can say that we have had sight of the map showing the maps – **BM** advised that this is fine, **SM** advised that we are not happy with this as it was not discussed openly under after the fact. This will also be discussed further at our September meeting, **TM** will scan the information and add to Facebook and the Website.

GB advised that service choices i.e. cutbacks is on the go just now 9million and then a further 7million. **GB** advised that we as an SNP group are looking at it, at this part in time they are involved in the discussions. At some point they may well say that it is too much too soon as they want to spread the cuts over a longer period.

9. Local Community Planning

IM IM attended the meeting in Bute. The community council issues took a long time to get to at the meeting. The Boundary issue was discussed, grass cutting was discussed. The difference



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between amenity areas and verges was discussed, the area at Lazaretto Point is exceptionally overgrown, BM advised that we should be pushing this as it should be getting cut by the Council. BM will contact Ailsa Cunningham to get the grass cut, TM advised that this area is popular with tourists and looks unsightly. Judith Moen advised that the Water Board own the area of grass at the other end of the Ardnadam car park and this has not been cut. BM will send contact information to SM to contact about grass cutting.

10. Planning

IM IM reported that since the last meeting on 19th May there have been only seven planning applications involving properties in Sandbank as follows :-

- Formation of two sections of forest track at Dalinlongart waste disposal site (15/01306/PNFOR) (22/5/15)
- Erection of extension to dwellinghouse at "Loch View", Cromlech Road (15/01362/PP) (5/6/15)
- Installation of additional telecommunications apparatus at Dalinlongart Hill (15/01666/TELNOT) (19/6/15)
- Renewal of planning permission in principle ref. 11/01158/PPP for the erection of seven dwellinghouses and two flats and formation of vehicular access at Ardnadam Farm (15/01709/PPP) (3/7/15)
- Proposed felling and lopping of 12 trees at Ferryman's (15/01945/TPO) (10/7/15)
- Installation of telecommunications equipment on land outside 10 Sandhaven (15/02040/TELNOT) (17/7/15)
- Non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 08/00309/DET for erection of a wood fired combined heat and power plant and formation of vehicular access. Amendments to plant layout, Dalinlongart waste disposal site (15/02228/NMA) (7/8/15)
- He said he was not aware of any objections to the seven applications and considered that none seemed of particular significance nor were in any way controversial such as to warrant action by SCC."

10. Any other Business

TM broadband cabinet 16 is fully wired and ready to go, contacted BT about it, spoke to several different departments to get a date, finally given a date of 16th December for Dunoon. **BM** advised that he thinks it will happen soon. The roll out will happen in Dunoon first and then outwards.

11. Public Questions

Liz Neilson advised that the wall at the Community Centre is deteriorating and now hazardous. **BM** will raise this.

12. 50/50 Draw

June:	1st Prize 44 J Bond	2nd Prize 62 H McGeorge	3rd Prize 71 Dixon
July:	1st Prize 152 Winstanley	2nd Prize 57 Talbot	3rd Prize 138 I Fairman
August:	1st Prize 126 Donald	2nd Prize 116 Galliard	3rd Prize 31 L Douglas

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.00pm.**