



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 17th August 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convener; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Vice Convener; Iain McNaughton (IM), Treasurer George Neilson (GN); Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Liz Neilson (LN), Stephen Inglis (SI), Eric Large (EL)

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Jonathan Bond, Louise Perret, Cllr Alan Reid, Peter Jeffries

1. Apologies

Kevin Taylor, Cllr Yvonne McNeilly, Bill Rankin, Cllr Gordon Blair, Greg Devine, Bill Rankin

2. Police Report

PC McGonigol, 74 Incidents in total since May 2017. There have been 15 crime reports for the area, 3 of theft, Misuse of Drugs, Computer misuse, Vandalism. There have been 9 speeding offences and 1 breach of bail.

Rural watch has been relaunched and PC MacKay will be the coordinator for this,

SM advised that we need more of a police presence in and around the village, mainly the playpark and the bird sanctuary. We have had a lot of vandalism in the area, the playpark and the bird sanctuary. Bottles smashed, fires started, rubbish left behind. Equipment in the park has been damaged and this has all been reported. PC McGonigol advised that if anyone sees or hears anything to contact the police start away. PC McGonigol will add these to the daily register to ensure that these areas are addressed.

LN raised the issue of people are parking on pavements, obstructing the pavements and no one can get by. PC McGonigol advised that the issue of parking was decriminalised and is now the responsibility of the council, however obstruction is a Police issue and they will deal with this. He will go along just now and speak to the persons just now.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 18th May 2017 and matters arising

- SM meeting with Paul Farrell about surveying the roads, there has been nothing reported back from this meeting. The broken fencing and the weeds at the property across from the shops was also discussed, it is a disgrace. The property in question has a demolition order and have permission to



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demolish. This needs to go ahead now as the property is now dangerous. This is still to be taken forward, it will be chased up.

- The gullies at Broxwood still need addressed, Cllr Blair advised that he would deal with this. Cllr Reid will chase up.
- Bark in the drains and pavements, this is causing the drains to clog up, Cllr Blair was going to raise this nothing been reported back. Cllr Reid advised that it might be best to contact the operators to advise about the issues.
- Trailers/trucks parking at the cemetery overnight. Cllr Blair advised that he would take this up, however again no report back. Cllr Reid will chase this up, however again may be best to speak/write to the company about this.

Minutes of 18th May 2017 proposed by **TM** seconded by **SI**

5. Treasurer's Report

GN reported:

Balance b fwd from June	£4421.41	July	£4347.41
Income	£ 1.00	Income:	£ 603.00
Subtotal	£4422.41	Subtotal:	£4950.41
Expenses	£ 75.00	Expenses:	£ 0.00
Total	<u>£4347.41</u>	Total:	<u>£4950.41</u>

50/50 still no draw this month, **GN** will need to go through the accounts and check who has paid what. We are still losing money if we draw it now. **GN** will report back next month.

6. Councillor's Report

Cllr Reid the new council is getting up and running. No major decisions have been taken yet. The IJB gave good news about not closing Struan Lodge. **IM** asked who will be attending the Locality Planning Group, Cllr Forest will be there. Judith Moen asked about overflowing bins, **Cllr Reid** took a note of these bins that are problems. **SM** also advised to raise these issues on the Council website so that a ticket can be raised. Possible signage showing where the local tip site is would be beneficial as well. **SM** also raised the fact that the clothing banks should be removed. These are causing issues in the area, people are either struggling to get the bags in or just leaving bags lying behind. Judith also raised that the owner of the take away has not been tidying up the area outside the shop. This needs to be raised. **SM** also raised the issue of weed, hedges overgrowing on to the pavements and causing obstructions. The owners over the properties need to be cleaning up after their own property. Some of the weeds on the roadside have been sprayed in the



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area, however not all areas will be done as there isn't enough hours to do both the weed spraying and grass cutting.

IM, the Link Club, is Cllr Reid aware of what is happening with this, he advised that it is the IJB is dealing with this but he will raise this and report back.

7. Community Councillor's Business

SM have received an email regarding recording/live streaming the community council meetings, most have voiced that they don't want to go ahead, vote taken against.

Vandalism, park, nature reserve etc. Spoke to Derek Matthews regarding the damage to the park. The damage to the park is going to cost quite a lot. Not sure it is worth to repair at the moment with the ongoing issues. These incidents are escalating and the village is being terrorised by certain individuals. Cllr Reid advised that this is in hand by all levels. All on the Community Council have raised concerns about this, it is a serious issue for the village and needs to be expedited. Cllr Reid will take on board the communities concerns and will ensure that these are passed on.

Planters, the new ones will be placed in Rankins brae. There is a plaque on them. EL advised that the HELP project are willing to help with any other work in the village. EL requested that when we are placing the planters and filling them can we please get the HELP project there and take a picture to be published. The planters at the Marina have been emptied. Three of these are ok and just need completely emptied of soil as they are full of red ants.

Broxwood Picnic area, we have been given permission and a license to go ahead with the work. The trust are not happy with a few clauses in the license so this needs to be address. SM has spoken to Graham ?Auty from the National Park, they will supplied native trees and hedging along with fencing for the Nature Reserve. SM will apply for funding.

Heritage trail and Adams grave, SM still being contacted about this getting repaired. SM thought this was going ahead, however Tillhill have stalled on this. Adams Grave, SM requesting if there would be a way that negotiation between Historic Scotland and then Sam Ross about access to this grave. The issue is people access the site and then leave the gate open.

Old school site, an expression of interest form has been submitted, someone from Estates is going to contact SM to discuss this further about the Community taking this site over.

Torlochán, ACHA are looking for a business plan, they have stated we can lease over a 25yr plan. SM has asked for specific details of the lease as we are unable to provide a detailed business plan without this information. A plan of what was intended has already been submitted regarding this. We would be looking to have



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some employees from this, everything made from this would be put back in to the community. We are waiting to hear back from ACHA regarding this. SM will continue to chase.

Marina, this will not be discussed at this meeting. we will try and get a meeting with David Love, Planning, Brenda O'Hara, other Councillors and all involved and will try and move forward with this.

Grass cutting, there had been 2 lots of people who had offered to cut the grass at Ardnadam. Again, to reiterate it is SCDT that is responsible for this area of grass not the Community Council. They are not able to pay someone to cut the grass as it is not sustainable. We need to try and come to a solution that doesn't cost money. The water board has been contacted to cut the grass on their property. SM had spoken with KT about contacting Enviro Kirn, to see if they have any suggestion.

Donations for the Bonfire need to be sought sooner rather than later. We have a marquee and a dance after the fireworks. Tents and Events are partially sponsoring this year. We will have stalls from the afternoon. Conductors Arms are coming along. We need to book a band.

8. Local Community Planning

No Action this month

9. Planning

IM reported that since the last C.C. meeting in May there have been only four planning applications in the Sandbank area :-

Erection by HIE of various signs at Sandbank Business Park (17/01388/ADV)

Felling of one horse chestnut tree and replanting at Hunter's Quay Holiday Village (17/01525/TPO)

Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage and greenhouse at 17 Ferryman's (17/01751/PP)

Removal of three trees and topping/reshaping of a further six trees at 17 Ferryman's (17/01882/TPO)

He advised that no public objections would appear to have been raised to these proposals which would seem to be fairly non-contentious

12. Any other Business

None

13. Public Questions

None



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14. 50/50 Draw

No draw this month.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **21st September 2017 at 7.00pm**

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