



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 20th August 2019**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Sue McKillop (SM), Fiona Gault (FG), Bill Rankin (BR), Tom McKillop (TM), Fiona Stuart (FS), Mhairi Craig (MC)Iain McNaughton (IM) Michelle Sweeney (MS), Jean Maskell (JM) Pauline Seale (PS)

**Members of Public**

Councillor Alan Reid (AR), Robert Diamond, PC Dee Mitchell Jonathan & Louise

**1. Apologies**

Eric Large (EL), Nicola Gault (NG)

**2. Police Report**

There have been 9 incidents from July in Sandbank. 3 crime reports; 1 theft and 1 fire raising at the school.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None

**4. Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer : **FG**    Seconded : **IMAC**

**5. Treasurers Report**

Balance b/f	£3922.66
Incoming	£ 451.00
Outgoing	£ 294.99
Balance	£4088.67

50/50 Draw for August

1. S McKillop
2. Eileen Connell
3. Mrs C Whitten

**6. Councillor's Report**

**Request for flashing 30mph sign at Broxwood**



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Roads replied on 21 June, "The cost of a permanent flashing 30mph sign, diameter 450mm, would be approximately £4-4.5k for a solar speed activated sign. In addition to the purchase cost for the sign, there would be installation costs of approx. £500-£1000. In addition to purchase and installation costs, there may be ongoing maintenance costs, and ultimately replacement costs, which could not be borne by the Roads Department. We hope to be in a position to offer an update on the mobile sign in July. The staff that can provide an update, one is on annual leave the other is on paternity leave. On their return to work we will ask again on your behalf for an update. Thank you for your patience whilst we deal with this enquiry."

Updated reply from Roads today, "I have spoken to the Street Lighting Consultant who is unfortunately off sick this week and so is not in. He has advised that this is currently under investigation and is being looked into by the Street Lighting Team. He will be able to provide a fuller response next week. Apologies as I know that the community council meeting is tonight."

**Bridge parapets**

Roads response, "My colleague Jamie Salmon as confirmed that this bridge is A885-010 Claude Bridge. Codes of Practice on the design of parapet heights, lengths and containment levels for new structures do not apply to existing structures. There are currently no plans for any remedial work to be carried out on this structure's parapet, and any work under Revenue or Capital program would have to be prioritised on a risk based method to ensure best value is achieved for available budget levels."

**Lazaretto Point war memorial – missing stone**

Roads have promised to arrange a repair prior to Remembrance Day 2019.

**Japanese Knotweed contracts**

Roads say no contracts are awarded to eradicate Japanese Knotweed. They say this work is carried out by Council employees.

**Path from Robertson Terrace to Queen's Road**

Reply from ACHA,

"Following your email an inspection of the path was carried out. The path is not adopted by the Council and shows on our estate maps as being in shared ownership with private owners in the area. However, we do inspect it on a regular basis as part of our estate inspections.

"I am advised that the pathway itself is in very good condition; the slabs are all level and there are no obvious tripping hazards. Four months ago it was flagged up as part of the normal inspections that the path was very overgrown and required a number of bushes to be cut back and leaves to be cleared that had come from the trees within the farmer's field, which is to the right as you go down the path from Robertson Terrace. A works order was raised and the path was cleared of all overgrown vegetation and leaves by our contractor Argyll Homes for All (AHFA).

"I understand that there is now a section of the path which has pine needles on it from a tree in our tenant's garden. I will arrange for the path to be brushed again in this area.



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“With respect to the fence along the right hand side between the path and the farmer’s field, I understand that this fence is owned by the farmer.”

I asked the Council if they know who owns the field. Still awaiting a response and have sent a reminder.

**Play Area**

Following response received today,

“With regards to the flooring, the last of the parts for the flooring had arrived this week but as we are now preparing for the Cowal Highland Gathering, it will be September before the repair can take place.

“As for the grass cutting schedule, we have had operational issues which have meant we have had to prioritise the refuse collections and interment services which are statutory obligations. This has meant that we have not cut the grass as frequently as we should have. However, we are working through the backlog and will endeavour to catch up by the end of the growing season. The grass cutting schedules are operational documents and not for public viewing so we will not be giving out copies of them. The section of fence, which was wooden, had rotted so had to be removed. It is not a pedestrian fence and only delineates the playpark boundary and will be renewed over the winter.”

**Play Area Lights**

The reply from Lighting on 14 May had said, “We do intend to change these to LED equivalent lanterns, when they are sourced.” I’ve emailed asking for an update.

**Play Area. Damaged Slide.**

The reply from Amenity Services dated 17 May had said, “Replacement parts have been ordered and we would like to have these works completed before Friday 8th June.” I’ve emailed asking for an update.

**Sign to shops at foot of Argyll Street**

There is a sign, which supposedly gives directions to both the town centre and to Sandbank, but it is very misleading.

Roads response, “We will arrange to bag or cross out this sign, prior to the Cowal Highland Gathering 2019, until the replacement sign can be installed.”

**Christmas Lights**

The Council has decided to distribute the money left in the Christmas lights budget to all the groups who put up Christmas lights. Sandbank’s share will be £662.

**7. Convenors Report**



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**Car Boot.** The first one was a great success and we made £95 as you know. The last two haven't been that well attended however the last wouldn't have gone ahead at all if we hadn't had the use of the boat shed at the marina.

Alison only spoke to the directors last Monday to ask if we could use the marina so any posts that went out did so after that and we were away again on Wednesday overnight and Claire is working and house renovating so not a lot of spare time.

The last one in Oct will be on a Sunday as I am going to try again and get some interest from people in the town.

I think that a banner at the entrance of the marina would be good and if all are agreeable, I will ask Ballantyne signs to make one when he's making a replacement for the firework banner that got shredded last year by the weather. If I can get it organised before the 21<sup>st</sup> September when our next one is, I think we will see a benefit.

**Fireworks.** This is all in hand, I need to contact the guy who provided the fairground rides and send out invites to outside stall holders and we will have a table sale or craft tables in the Sailing club. Do we provide a toilet on the car park?

At night we hope to have a local band and our own DJ Gaulty from DCR radio ( also know as Fiona sitting beside me ) As I have said before the HLSC are looking for a donation of £50 for the use of the clubhouse from the Friday to set up tables to the Sunday morning should we need it. I will write to Morrisons and the Co-op for donations and I hope that Iain will go around the Business Park as usual. We may be down £100 this year as Ferguslie Garage are now paying the Trust to use the car park but we can ask.

The Fireworks are on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov and I would appreciate as many of you helping out please. We go around with buckets during the fireworks for donation and the more people doing that the better. We have at least 6 donation buckets and very attractive Sandbank CC Hi Vis vests 😊

This year we are looking to start off the evening about 5pm, bonfire lit 6pm fireworks 7pm. Hopefully we will get help building the bonfire in the afternoon as it's hard going with only a couple of people.

**Remembrance Sunday** 10<sup>th</sup> November. As many from the SCC who are available please 1pm at Lazaretto.



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Ann has offered to do a talk about Sandbank for us to raise some funds and this is much appreciated. We have spoken about some time ago and Jean has also spoken to Ann so we just need to fix a date that is suitable for all and the hall being free. There will be a small charge for refreshments and possibly a small raffle if time allows us to get it together.

#### Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Tree,

Brian Pearce sorted a Christmas for us and Donnie McFarlane who works for Mackerels delivered it and the marina staff will put it in place for us I'm sure or Finlay Currie will if he is about. After Cowal Games is over I'll speak to Brian about getting a tree. Tam will put the lights on the tree as usual, I hope.

Hopefully we will have the children singing again this year, I will speak to Mr Houston once they have settled back in to the term.

We will have, Santa, mince pies and Christmas fruit punch and a good crowd.

**Barn Dance**, I spoke to Alison and the secretary of the Marina Board and they think it would be a great idea to hold a dance in the boat shed while the boats are out. If you think that we could arrange it for before Oct this year that also would be ok.

#### VE Day Street Party.

We had also talked about a street party to mark VE day. There is funding available and if I can get some, we could hire a marquee and have it on Ardnadam car park. Get a band to play music from the 1940s and have similar food.

At 3pm would could ask our local piper to play the Battles O'er and VE 75 Years as a tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom. After this we should organise someone to read the Toast using words downloaded from the website. If you are agreeable, I will look into funding and contact Janet at Tents and Events to reserve a marquee.

#### Village in Bloom.

This was far more work than I realised but the judges seemed impressed with what the village had achieved. I am going to organise a public meeting with a Eleanor from Innellan to talk to those interested and see if we can get a group independent of the SCC to work on next year. The award you get is from the RHS so it is a recognised award and we, Tam Fiona and myself and I think Michelle, think that it would be a good way of bringing people



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together to work in the village given there will be more cut backs to come and there is no point moaning about it whilst our village gets more overgrown and neglected. We had a lot of help from locals and the Marina and also Finlay and Michelle did a clean up of the Nature Reserve and picnic area and helped me clean the planters and benches and Tam and I planted up most of the planters. We have a couple of people say they would fill them but that never happened so they were planted up the day before we went on holiday. Judith did offer to help but it was quicker just going out and doing it as we were running out of time. The planters at the car park looked great and the grass had been cut not so around the village despite me asking if it would be possible, I got no response. Also, I have written again to ask when the play equipment is going to be repaired and reinstated.

Car Boot, 21<sup>st</sup> September 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Barn Dance Late September early Oct.

Fireworks, 9<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Ann Galliards Talk

Christmas Tree light up 1<sup>st</sup> December

VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## **8. Local and Area Planning**

My planning report for tomorrow night is as follows :-

"IM reported that since the last meeting in June there had been only one planning application involving a property in Sandbank, i.e. "site for erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage on land south-west of Holy Loch Farm Cottage (ref. 19/01325 PPP)" and that no one had raised an objection to the Community Council. He also mentioned for general information that a planning application had been submitted for the construction of 101 houses on a large site adjacent to Alexander Street in Dunoon."

## **9. Any Other Business**

To be recorded in the Minutes: Bill Rankin was co-opted onto the SCC in February.

Dates to be considered for joint meeting with SCDT to discuss Community Plan 8<sup>th</sup> October or 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



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**10. Public Questions**

None

**13. Date of the next meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 7pm Sandbank Village Hall

Fiona Gault 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018