



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting on 14th December 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convener: Sue McKillop (SM), Treasurer: George Neilson (GN), Secretary: Iain MacNaughton (IM), Liz Neilson (LN), Tom McKillop (TM), Eric Large (EL), Bill Rankin (WR)

Members of Public

Ms Agnes Harvey

Following a welcome by the Convener, Ms Harvey gave an interesting and informative account of her involvement with the Blairmore Community Trust and its efforts in regard to acquiring land from Argyll and Bute Council for a community garden project and participating in the "Keep Scotland Beautiful" initiative. She focused on the challenges of fund raising and recruiting volunteers and the need for a "dogged" approach to achieving successful outcomes.

The Convener thanked her for the helpful advice and encouragement which would be borne in mind for possible future Community Council projects linked to the community-related schemes "Beautiful Scotland 2018" and/or "Its Your Neighborhood".

Apologies

Kevin Taylor

Police Report

PC Neil Grant reported on 17 incidents and six crime reports which had occurred in the Sandbank area during both November and December none of which were of major concern. He also advised that a new inspector (Inspector MacLean) had been appointed to the local office and noted local concerns about potentially hazardous car parking on the High Road opposite the village hall. As regards anti-social behaviour at the Broxwood nature reserve, he was aware of this and confirmed that occasional checks would continue to be made.

Declarations of interest

None

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Agreed without amendment

Proposer (TM) Seconder (SM)

Matters arising

SM advised that a decision by ACHA to dispose of the Torlochan site had been deferred until February 2018 in order that "further information" might be obtained. She said she would provide whatever additional details are requested.

Treasurer's Report

Balance B/F from 16th November		£5736.92
Income	£0.00	
Less expenditure		
Poppy wreaths	£94.20	
Tents & Events	<u>£491.66</u>	
	£585.86	
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		£5151.06



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Councillor's Report

There was general disappointment and frustration that despite the three local Cowal councillors having apparently agreed a rota system for community council attendance, Councillor Gordon Blair had not only failed to appear for the meeting but had also failed to prepare and submit a report nor give the courtesy of an apology.

Community Councillor's Business

Following an update from **SM** about the Sandbank Scout troop's plans to create a footpath to the Community Council land above the former primary school site there was a lively, but inconclusive discussion related to an ongoing legal dispute surrounding the existing vehicular access.

GN left the meeting at this point.

Given the number of concerns related to local roads and no apparent progress on a proposed road survey, **IM** suggested that a schedule of suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc should be prepared encompassing issues from the Hafton area to Sandhaven with a view to formally raising them with Argyll and Bute Council in early-2018.

Local Community Planning

IM said that as he had been unable to attend the previous Community Planning Group meeting he had nothing to report.

Planning

IM advised that since the last meeting there had been no contentious planning applications in the Sandbank/Ardnadam area.

Any other Business

None

Public Questions

None

Date of the next meeting

18th January 2018



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