



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Vice Convenor Iain McNaughton (IM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Bill Rankin (BR) Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Liz Neilson (LN), Stephen Ingles (SI),

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Robert Diamond

1. Apologies

Kevin Taylor, Winnie Dick, Cllr Bruce Marshall, George Neilson, Eric Large

2. Police Report

No police officer in attendance

SA to email Crawford Richmond re Rural Sign

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 19th January 2017 and matters arising

- **SM** advised that a letter came in today regarding the 40MPH speed limit on A815 Sandbank to Cothouse. This is to undertake preliminary consultations in advance of any publication of proposals in accordance with statutory requirements and procedures. **TM** asked if a letter can be sent on behalf of SCC advising that we are happy for that to go ahead.
- **SM** emailed Brian Fitzpatrick re lights at playpark, he thinks that these have now been fixed. Please let **SM** know if you see these still not on or off at the correct times.
- **KT** asked for extra bins, glass recycling bins at Ardnadam **SM** spoke to Jim Ferguson, who is going to look in to this. They will need to go in Ardnadam for bin lorry access.
- **SM** has spoken to Nigel Potts who has advised that nothing be done with the Road at Ardnadam after the budget, however they will address this then.

Minutes of 19th January 2017 proposed by **SI** seconded by **IM**



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

5. Treasurer's Report read by SM

BR reported:

Balance b fwd from Dec	£4753.20	Jan	£4606.93
Income	£ 24.00	Income:	£ 47.30
Subtotal	£4777.20	Subtotal:	£4654.23
Expenses	£ 170.27	Expenses:	<u>£ 75.00</u>
Total	<u>£4606.93</u>	Total:	<u>£4579.23</u>

6. Councillor's Report

Cllr GB

David Love the planner has been in contact, to raise the possibility of a meeting with the Marina, he met with the developer this morning and he is keen for the meeting. **LN** advised that **GN** asked David Love to organise this meeting. **SM** asked if **GN** would be happy to go along to the meeting. **SM** will go along to the meeting. This is just to get a basic update on what is happening with the Marina, not to go in to the planning problems. **SM** asked if we could ask someone from out with the area to come as a neutral chair, i.e. someone from the Dunoon Community Council. **SM** asked who would create the agenda? **Cllr GB** advised whoever is chairing the meeting. **GN** wants this documented that he has been on the phone to David Love regarding the marina, even if Matt Downs doesn't comply with any restrictions that the Council place upon the planning, they don't have much more that they can do. They would then need to raise this with the Procurator Fiscal. **Cllr GB** disagrees with this and will look in to it all and get back to the SCC. **LN** advised that Matt Downs daughter has advised that the drainage that is there is satisfactory and does not need to be looked at, this is incorrect and needs to be investigated as well. **Cllr GB** asked if we would like to have David Love at the next meeting. All agreed.

At the Area Committee meeting on Monday there was some strong words between **Cllr Bruce Marshall** and **Dick Walsh**, this was regarding land at Kilmun.

The other item discussed was the pitches at the stadium, this has been an ongoing problem and it has been delayed again, due to it now being looked at with other pitches in Argyll & Bute.

Roadworks at the Holy Loch Inn, these have almost been completed. **SA** read out the message from **Craig Wilson** at Holy Loch Inn, **Cllr GB** advised that professional road engineers and as such they determine where and when the road works should be placed.



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

7. Community Councillor's Business

- SM** Torlochan Site Meeting, Winnie Iain and Peter and myself met Garrick Collier showed us around the site. There are 8 units and an office.
- Beside each unit containing a kitchen and bathroom, which is suitable for disabled access and there is hardstanding for a large mobile home and a vehicle.
- It appears from the land registry document that ACHA own the road up to the site and the site but A&B council still own the land either side of the road.
- We are now waiting for ACHA's Senior Management Team who are discussing how best to progress your interest in the site.
- We need to have a meeting with the Trust in the meantime to discuss what we are planning for the site so that we can approach funders with it. Personally, I would like to put the old-school site and Torlochan together for funding. But some of you have thought that our original plan for a sports barn on the old-school site would benefit the community better than a community garden. Can we have a short discussion about this now please and a show of hands for each project as we need to all be agreed on the way forward. All in attendance agreed a Sports Barn.
- At the caucus meeting, today we were asked if we would consider asking for a more formal meeting in Sandbank rather than a chat and a cuppa for the public to discuss Struan Lodge/ Dunoon Hospital. It was felt that the timing of the last one didn't suit many who work so if we are to do this do we ask for a 7pm start and I will find out when the hall is free and approach the IJB about setting it up. Apparently, ours on the 15th was very poorly attended. SM will ask the question.
- I received a letter today with the proposed speed changes at the far end of the village. Can we get your comments on it please for Steph to note and she can pass it on to Paul Farrell?
- No one has volunteered to help with constructing a business plan but please think about it I can't do it all on my own for buying up land etc around Sandbank. SA and TM offered help with this.
- Events in the village.
- The Gala as you all now know has been cancelled and Steph and I thought it would be good to try and put on a small music festival the 2nd weekend in June 16th /18th June. Also as there will be no Christmas Fayre at the school ever again so I have been informed we thought a Christmas Market on the car park with Santa making a one day appearance.
- With all this in mind I have been trying to contact Janet Fletcher at Tents and Events to see what 3 marquees would cost and if they could possibly do us a good deal.



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Kevin did ask her to get back to him with more details I think but he is away and time is moving on.

I sent you all an email about a small piece of funding through the Natural Heritage Grant and I am going to apply for money for hedging for Broxwood Picnic area to replace the broken fencing that is there at the moment. It will look far better and encourage wild life to nest in it. Good for the nature Reserve that it backs on to that.

SI delighted that the land slide at Glenkin has finally been sorted today. He got a good response from Stephen Tong, there is now machines going up to get it sorted as the hill behind was all clay.

LN **GN** has submitted an official complaint to Ombudsman regarding SEPA. This is regarding the burying of bark and no records being kept from when the works started. The Ombudsman is now investigating this.

8. Local Community Planning

IM **No action**

9. Planning

IM IM reported that since the last meeting there had been one planning application in the Sandbank area involving a proposed extension to Sandbank Primary School (Ref. 17/00101/PP) which he understood was related to the Gaelic Unit at the school. He also suggested that given the structural problems that have plagued many new school buildings in Scotland in recent years the Community Council should request Argyll & Bute Council to confirm that construction of the extension will be professionally supervised so as to ensure that no structural failure might result.

He also advised that according to Mr David Love of the Planning Authority the applicant for the ongoing Holy Loch Marina planning issue has submitted certain details which have been accepted in respect of Conditions 7 (wheel washing) and 8 (dust management) of the planning approval letter. However, there are concerns about the remainder of the "time limited" conditions in respect of surface water management and Mr Love plans to meet with the applicant on 16th February to address the matter.

12. Any other Business

Marilyn Reilly (MR) Bute & Cowal Development officer

Main brief is regeneration, main job is looking at heritage and conservation issues in Cowal and Bute. Have been looking at funding. So far been successful in getting the charret for the area. One of the main things been doing is going around areas and looking at areas that require to be developed and helping to get funding for



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

them. Funding has been applied for, for 4 priority buildings on Argyll Street and possibly enough money for 7 or 8 shop fronts, but this is yet to be confirmed. As soon as know if successful will notify paper.

Have been met with lots of positive feedback.

There is a new find through Heritage Lottery fund, aims to give up to £250,000 to groups developing heritage sites etc. Looking at packaging an application grouping 6 or 7 applications together rather than single applications and Heritage Lottery are keen for this. The total amount given would then be divided between the groups. **MR** would be available to approach if we meet the requirements etc. environment development plan for the Council, she could give SCC advice on how to proceed with any ideas that we may have. **Cllr GB** is proposing to link together all projects such as Sandbank Heritage site, Holy Loch, Benmore etc.

SM raised the issue regarding the heritage site at Ardnadam, could this be linked in as well with any plans? **SM** advised that the work required to upgrade this will be costly, therefore we would require substantial support and funding to get this work done. New signage is required as well.

13. Public Questions

None

14. 50/50 Draw

February 2017 Draw

No draw due to BR absence

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **16th March 2017 at 7.00pm.**