



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Convener: Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary: Iain MacNaughton (IM), Treasurer: Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH)

**Members of Public**

Cllr Gordon Blair, Judith Moen, Andrew Revill

**Apologies**

Eric Large

**Declarations of interest**

None

**Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Agreed without amendment

Proposer (TM)    Seconder (SM)

**Matters arising**

SM confirmed that since the last meeting George Neilson, Liz Neilson and Kevin Taylor had resigned from the Community Council and that TM had assumed the role of Treasurer on a temporary basis only.

**Police Report**

No police officer was in attendance but an e-mailed report indicated there had been six recent incidents in the Sandbank area ranging from two traffic collisions to a domestic issue and a bogus emergency telephone call. It was also stated that, on the question of dog fouling, at the "Anti-Social Behaviour" meeting in Dunoon Police Station the previous week it was decided to commence joint patrols with the Council Dog Warden to try and improve the situation by raising awareness and applying other strategies as necessary.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance B/F from December	£5151.06	C/F from January	£5833.16
Income	£ 682.10	Income:	£ 1.00
Subtotal	£5833.16	Subtotal:	£5834.16
Expenses	£ 00	Expenses:	£1500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£5833.16</u></b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£4334.16</u></b>



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**Local Community Planning**

IM advised that he had been unable to attend the Community Planning Group (CPG) meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February because of the need to be at home to facilitate a boiler repair. However, having read the draft minutes of the meeting, which essentially focused on the noting of submitted reports from various quarters with little apparent debate or argument, he considered the CPG had become little more than a “talking shop”.

**Planning**

IM reported that since the last meeting the only planning cases in Sandbank were three retrospective “change of use” applications in respect of three shop units at Oakfield Place.

**Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Blair advised that the Council’s Roads Department had determined that the car parking area adjacent to the former primary school site was owned by Argyll & Bute Council. It was TM’s understanding, however, that this remained a subject of dispute.

As regards the Torlochan site, he said he would be writing to ACHA for an update on progress following discussion of the matter by the Area Committee and would copy in a colleague who sits on the ACHA Board for both information and monitoring of a situation which has taken “far too long to resolve”.

Four “rogue camping” signs were considered necessary for the Sandbank area with the aim of having them installed in Cowal before the summer season to help deter irresponsible camping behaviour. Cllr Blair also advised that the three Cowal councillors were endeavouring to seek improvements to signage and road markings in order to help resolve the ongoing problem of illegal parking and discourteous driving practices locally.

The issue of pavement debris, and pieces of tree bark in particular, has been raised with the Roads Department and a further e-mail will be sent. Aside from the visual aspect and the unevenness caused, flying tree bark is clearly a potential safety hazard.

As regards preparations for the Council’s budget, Cllr Blair said his group was finalising a competent budget for presentation at the next Council meeting. However, he considered that if clear priorities are met it may not be put forward.

**Community Councillor’s Business**

SM advised that Mr Taylor, the owner of Ardnadam Pier, had indicated a desire for Sandbank Community Development Trust to become involved in the management and maintenance of the pier given that it had potential access to funding for such community-related projects.

**Any Other Business**

None

**Date of next meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2018



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