



**Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Feb 2019
Sandbank Village Hall**

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Fiona Gault (FG); Mary Craig (MC)Iain McNaughton (IM) Pauline Seale (PS)

Members of Public

Councillor Alan Reid (AR), Robert Diamond, Clare, Callum, Jonathan Bond, Louise Perrett

1. Apologies

Michelle Sweeney, Eric Large, Nicola Gault, Fiona Stuart, Tom McKillop

2. Police Report

Quiet month with only 17 incidents, none of which concerned the public. There had been fly tipping at Glen Massan and with the help of the Rural Watch the culprits were caught. The Police are calling for more people to join the Rural Watch and this can be done through the website www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer : **JM** Seconder : **IM**

5. Treasurers Report

Balance brought forward	4452.07
Incoming	466.00
Outgoing	1620.05
Balance at 22 nd January	3298.02

6. Councillor's Report

The Council is due to set its Budget for 2019-20 on Thursday. I reported at the last meeting that the Scottish Government had capped Council Tax rises at 3%. Since then they have raised the cap to 4.79%. The Scottish Government have also reduced their cut in the Council's grant since my previous report. However this is still a cut and I'm afraid there will be cuts in services as well as a rise in Council Tax.

Parking outside the shops in Sandbank



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I asked the traffic warden to speak to Mears. The response was, "We will assign Amenity Wardens to enforce the restrictions. Please note that the Wardens are not sent to warn or discuss parking restrictions."

Request for brighter bins.

I suggested putting fluorescent stickers on the black litter bins. The response was,

"Fluorescent stickers would not make a difference as they are only activated by light shining on them, so unless the pedestrian has a torch then they would still not see the bin and if they had a torch then the bins would not require a sticker. Given the above the provision for fluorescent stickers would not be considered."

I replied pointing out that there are street lights, but in this case these are not strong enough for the pedestrian to see the black bin, but are strong enough to reflect a fluorescent sticker. No reply yet.

Request for grit bin at foot of Robertson Terrace. Roads response was,

"At present there is insufficient capacity to expand the inventory of grit bins. Generally these are situated in areas out with the pre-treatment network at steep slopes or junctions on hills. However, we are not able to expand the number of these placed on the network as the resources required to service the frequent requests for reloading in continuous winter conditions, is limited."

Path between Queens Road and the primary school.

I took a look at this and have asked for it to be swept. Awaiting response.

Request for flashing 30mph sign at Broxwood. Roads response,

"We have a mobile 30mph vehicle activated sign which we will site for a period at this location. I would advise that there is some work required prior to installation, including works by Street Lighting and this will have to be added to their programme of works."

School crossing.

Raised this with Roads. Awaiting response. The Council is considering an option to remove all the school crossing patrols at the Budget meeting on Thursday. If this proposal is rejected, I'll raise again with Roads.

Drains in Sandbank.

Roads response,

All roadside drainage on the A815 including Shore road was last cleaned following the flooding at the end of October 2018. The rest of the roadside drainage will be cleaned as part of the gully cleaning program but the gully emptying vehicle is a dual purpose vehicle it is currently be utilised as a gritter for the foreseeable future. However if there are any particular problematic drainage issues can you please advise and we will deal with them on an individual basis."



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7. Convenors Report

Bark debris on the pavements and the roads is not being cleared. The drains have been full of bark causing flooding when there has been heavy rain fall.

The bark has been raised as an issue again and the public are being urged to report any incidents regarding bark coming off of the logging trucks.

There was an issue raised regarding the footpath going towards the Cot House. The pavement is very uneven and there are weeds now coming through the tarmac. AR informed that this is due to be resurfaced.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget. We were informed that there are currently 4 traffic wardens and 9 amenity staff. There will be 5 redundancies here.

A brief discussion regarding the 50/50

JM has drafted two new style letters to send out/deliver to the public. Discussion regarding perhaps drafting in the scouts to help deliver them.

Discussion regarding the identity badges for the CC members to have in order to go door to door with letters for the 50/50. Mr Maskell and Ann Galliard will forward pictures for theirs.

8. Local and Area Planning

None

9. Any Other Business

There was a run through of the Community Action Plan which SM had brought copies for everyone to look at and take away.

PS is going to look at community schemes for alternative energy as a community. E.g Community car charging points. There are grants available, PS still looking into it. Signage renewal is another possible thing for funding and grants.

Projects for grants will be put onto the agenda for next month.

Holy Loch Nature Reserve; nothing recent has occurred, mostly paper lead. Looking for local volunteers and perhaps contact other nature reserves to see what we can achieve further with it. New signage is required for the nature reserve, this could come under Tesco carrier bag funding.

Bridges at the Heritage Trail; Community Trust; there are 3 bridges down. A Baird from Shearwater was providing funding, The rugby club were going to move the timber up the trail as part of their training – SCDT will also donate money. Now we are just waiting on everything to fall into place for this to happen.

Claire will take over organising the bridges.

Paths – Coastal and rural. Run through of themes on Action Plan.

Data Protection; GDPR JM has changed the information over to PS

Awards for All; We are looking at getting a quote from Ross Petro to skim Broxwood picnic area, put drainage in and level it off. Then we can look into repairing and replacing the BBQ areas. Funding required and donations from SCDT and SCC to replace the old fencing separating the burn with hedging to screen the picnic areas from the reserve and perhaps look at installing a play area for children. AR will look into whether Argyll and Bute Council would allow us to put in play equipment.

Keep Scotland Beautiful; We can apply to join, we can apply for certain areas e.g Broxwood picnic area, Rankins Brae, the Nature reserve or Ardnadam Car Park. The next step is to look at



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the form and appeal for a workforce. Webhelp and SSE had expressed an interest in helping the community.

The clocks are at different times; TM will look into fixing this.

The marina have offered to surrender to the Council the grass at Rankins Brae. This would allow the road to be widened. Look into funding for this.

ACT; we can ask for help from ACT with Keep Scotland Beautiful as we are members. They have people who will come and do things for us. MS had mentioned making planters for the village. F. Currie will put in a bench round the planter and would like to move the tiered planter. Could we move the planters from Rankins Brae to Lazzaretto Point and opposite McKinlays Quay? There are two semi-circle planters and an 8 sided one at Hamilton Street we can have. We need to make a list of things for ACT to do.

Marina Meeting; Meeting at the Holy Marina Monday 11th February 2019

We met in the Marina office and Alison gave us some of the history of who was involved with the marina and how long they had been going.

We talked about how we could help each other and about making sure that both the marina and the SCC let each other know when there are events happening.

The first we talked about was Rankins Brae. Matt and Alison have said that they would gift the land behind the wall which is grassed, to the council to widen the road. As usual the council say they have no money to develop this but before Christmas Brendan o Hara said that he would help the community council to look for funding and also talk to the council to see if some could be made available to carry out this work.

This Wednesday (20th Feb) Tam McKillop is meeting with Mr O Hara in London to discuss this and one or two other items involving the council that we are not getting any movement on.

Alison provided him with an outline of what they thought the road would look like.

Finlay Currie has also said that he would work with the children of Sandbank primary to make a living wall at the edge of the new pavement. Watch this space.

It was good to see progress on the walkway behind Clyde Cottages which enables the residents to park their cars in the marina and access them from their cottages instead of parking in the layby.

To new comers to the SCC and the village this may seem a small thing but it has been a bone of contention for many years and it's good to see movement on this.

Alison said there are future plans to make a road way going behind the cottages and behind the Oakbank pub as per the plans. Also good to know that this will be done eventually.

There is movement on the scrap metal at the far end of the marina area which is being taken away gradually. Again this is great as those living opposite the site will appreciate not having to look at it every day and when driving in from Sandbank it has always look unsightly.

The grassed area just beyond the car park will have picnic benches on it in the summer and this will allow people to picnic there or just sit and enjoy the scenery, and hopefully good weather. The level of the area that is currently grassed will not be increasing from its present 6.2m



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Visitors to the marina are going up each year so Alison said and this is all good for the village and surrounding areas. The pontoons that were taken away beside what is now the logging pier could be reinstated at some point as the marina gets busier but whether that will have to wait till the logging operations move or not in order to be viable I don't know.

The marina is locked at night but obviously those with boats have access via a fob. Likewise the toilets and showers can be accessed the same way during the day and if visiting you can ask at the office and they will give you access.

The development at the other end known as Robertson's yard.

The access to this part of the development will be closer to the McKinlays Quay end and will connect with the road that will run behind the cottages and the pub.

The section out into the water has gone as far as it will go. If in the future there is a logging station there it will no longer be going out into the middle of the loch.

The cottage opposite the shops could be sold in the near future and I think we can all agree that the area cleared in the autumn beside it and up to the toilets is a great improvement.

If the cottage doesn't sell to the person currently interested then Alison says that they will give it a coat of paint to freshen it up.

These things are all subject to cost and while there has been improvements there is still some way to go but it is good to see that there are improvements and the marina is doing well.

Alison has said that if anyone who couldn't make it on the 11th wants to look round then please contact her and she will be happy to give you a tour.

You will probably be able to fill in the gaps that I have left as my memory is not what it was. Lol

My apologies for the delay in getting this out to you. We also spoke about the Water Skilling event which will hopefully be back 2020 /21 and we talked about how the community can get involved which will be a conversation that will develop over the coming months.

Tam met with Brendan who said that he will push the subject of the road widening with the Chief Executive when he meets them in a few weeks time.

Notice Board; Joanne Currie of Sandbank Village Hall Committee had asked if there was funding available for a new notice board. After looking at the one situated at the Village Hall TM estimated that it would not take much to fix it. Everyone voted yes to fix rather than replace. IM will look into the Men's Shed making another notice board for a different area of Sandbank.

School Update; Sandbank Primary School – News Update for Community Council Meeting

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Since returning from the Christmas holiday we have been busy with a whole range of activities and experiences.



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- The whole school delivered a Scottish themed assembly which was well received by the large group of parents who attended.
- On Friday 1st February the children took part in a beetledrive afternoon. This is a fun activity aimed at raising small amounts for our school funds.
- Our first award assembly of the year saw a number of awards given out to children for curricular achievement, living the school values, wider achievement and playground and lunchtime awards.
- As part of our inter-generational work a group of P7's went out to Craigroy Nursing Home to knit hats with the residents, which subsequently will be sent to children in Malawi (As a school we are looking to find similar opportunities in the local area so any help with this would be appreciated).
- On Friday 8th we had a bingo afternoon which again, raised a small sum for the school.
- Our P7's have begun part 2 of their JASS (Junior Award Scheme for Schools) programme which we have started this session. We are always looking for community projects to get involved in as part of this work.
- Other whole school awards we are working towards and the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award and the National Digital Schools Award. We have registered for these accreditation schemes to improve the way we do things in both of these areas.
- Some staff and children in the school have been working on designs for developing our outdoor space. Child friendly assault courses, gardening areas and a climbing wall are just some of the things we are working on.
- Our Pupil Council and School Captains have also been busy. They have been carrying out surveys to find out what school trips and activities the children would prefer as we plan ahead for the Summer term.
- Our nursery pupils have been leading a school initiative based on pupils, staff and families donating 5p pieces. Through this, we raised over £200 for Mary's Meals.
- We have also decided that our P4-7's will perform a school show which will be a musical journey through the different eras, covering both, local, national and international contexts to set the scene and evoke memories. The musical director will be our very own Miss Johnson.
- We are also planning a Science Week for March and a Health Week for May so any ideas would be greatly appreciated. As well as this, our House and Vice Captains will shortly be organising a talent show for pupils to take part in.

PS brought up problems with the passenger only ferry service and was directed to the Ferry Action Group. IM attends meeting at the Transportation Forum and PS can also attend and raise the matter there.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.40

10. Public Questions

None

13. Date of the next meeting

19th March 2019 7pm Sandbank Village Hall