



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Bill Rankin (BR) Treasurer

**Members of Public**

Judith Moen, Robert Diamond, Sally Taylor

**1. Apologies**

Iain McNaughton, Eric Large

**2. Police Report**

PC Cawley, 26 reported incidents, although they seem high, most were regarding to road traffic incidents i.e. loud music, road traffic incidents, and one attempted fraud at the post office. Reasonably quiet over the festive period

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Minutes of meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and matters arising**

- Sign at Rankins Brae is still obscured by bushes. **Cllr BM** advised that he does not feel the sign is necessary. SCC were all in agreement that sign needs to remain and the bushes need to be removed.
- **Cllr BM** contacted Caroline about the land at the Old Community Centre, he has done this and that if we are interested then we need to submit an offer for the land.
- Lights at the play park still not on a timer. **Cllr BM** to chase this with Walter MacArthur.

Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 proposed by **TM** seconded by **BR**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**BR** reported: November 2015

Balance b/wd from Sept	£ 8139.00	December	£ 6661.67
Income	£ 159.24	Income:	£ 0.00
Subtotal	£ 8298.41	Subtotal:	£ 6661.67
Expenses	£ 1636.57	Expenses:	£ 17.99
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 6661.67</u></b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£ 664368</u></b>



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## 6. Councillor's Report

**Cllr BM** Still no word from the Boundaries Commission although someone said recently that they had heard the Commission were going to revert to the status quo. Keeping fingers crossed.

The work started last week on the new footway between Invereck and Sandhaven. I have repeatedly asked Roads if this work can be finished before March 31st as that is the date Sustrans money must be spent. If not, the Council would be obliged to reapply for funding for the next financial year. If it even takes half as long as it took to complete the new footway between Hunters Quay Holiday Village and Ferry Rd. it would not be done in time.

I have always been a very keen supporter of Marina development in Sandbank, particularly in view of the historical boat building in the village and the need to provide jobs in the present day. I understand that some residents have concerns with regard to the height of the infill, but in view of global warming this may well prove to be a necessary expedient, some low lying parts of Sandbank already suffer from flooding when the tide is high and the wind in a certain direction. In my opinion, the infilled area was not a very attractive shore line and the area now grassed and with shrubs growing I think will prove to be much more attractive for the Village.

The Council budget will be published soon and I am fearful that huge cuts to services may be implemented. The Reform Group has an alternative budget which we hope to present to Council on 11th Feb, this alternative will save the same amount of money but will save very many lower paid jobs and services will be protected, we also would devolve administration to the four areas in A&B and include local CCs and other bodies in decision making.

**Cllr GB** I could not turn up to the meeting about the Marina due to conflict of interest. Sandbank Church, the Christmas Eve service was a success. The Orchestra was great. £323 was raised for Mary's meals. The presbytery is slowly coming round to their way of thinking with regard to the chairs etc which is great success. If there is a possibility that the SCC could support and give a grant to the Orchestra. **SM** advised that we are sure we could do something to help. **Cllr GB** advised that this would help with other applications for money.

The cutbacks will cause upset, there will be an alternative budget submitted.

With regards to the budget cuts, Cllr BM and Cllr GB advised that the public need to email the councillors to express their concerns and to say that they do not agree with the cuts.

## 7. Community Councillor's Business

**SM** The public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 was well attended and the minutes of that are on the website.



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Iain and I met with Ross McLaughlin at Milton House to ask if he could provide SCC with an up to date report on the completion or not of the requirements that must be met according to the council planning document 2007/08. Ross was going to arrange a meeting with Matt Downes and report back to us.

SM and 3 members of the Trust are meeting with Mike Russell on Friday regarding the marina and I will report on that at the next meeting.

I asked the rest of the CC to think of anything that they wished to be actioned this year on behalf of the village and I also posted on Facebook about the land at the Old Community Centre to get a feel for what the people of Sandbank think.

There is an overwhelming feeling that the land should be used for the benefit of the community and to that end I propose that we have a public consultation event with a presentation with proposals for the land and take it from there.

We talked about purchasing plants and that I would grow them in my greenhouse for the planters around Sandbank, is everyone in agreement with this: SCC Voted Yes.

The planter at Rankins Brae is damaged and will need replaced and I also propose that we engage with the Community Service manager and get help emptying the planters and replacing the soil and where needed giving the planters a coat of paint. The woodwork at Lazaretto point also needs attention and possibly if we supply the teak oil/wood stain etc they would do that also.

Toilets: we still need to sort out a Minute of Agreement with the Council and get the keys for this and also make sure that after all this Stuart Wilson is still happy to open and close them.

Can we see about painting the inside of bus shelter white or at least a lighter colour/possible light installed? Cllr BM advised that he didn't think a light would be able to be installed, however possibly a lighter shade of paint could be used.

Some of the lights on the Christmas Tree were damaged this year in the storms. We need to replace them and I would like that to be done sooner rather than later. We did have some money left over to buy more lights. I have asked Dave Petro if they can remove the tree and I will get in touch with Ross Petro as Dave is away just now, if he is unable to do it he may be able to advise us of someone that can.

Thanks to Tom for his hard work and also to Lorn Campbell for coming to the rescue with his cherry picker so Tom could put the lights on the tree and take them down again. He has said that he is available when we need him which is great.

Thanks to everyone that helped with Santa meet and greet in the village hall it was a huge success and we hope to do it again this year if the school aren't doing it.

Once the pub opens again we will sort out getting the old clock down and if anyone has any ideas what we can do with it please let me know. I believe it holds sentimental value to



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some in the village, so maybe one of them would like it and we should find out before disposing of it.

**TM** Lights went up ok for the Christmas Tree this year, they didn't flash. However some of the lights were damaged. We need more lights, TM to make enquires about new lights.

The last face of the clock still needs to be done, this will be done hopefully in the next few Weeks.

**MH** the old boat shed has been removed from Ferryman's by John Brown

**SA** Proposed that we have more lights for Christmas this year, have net lights on the Christmas tree and some lights on the trees round Rankins Brae. A tree at the Church, village hall and possibly Ardnadam Pier would also be a lovely addition to the village. If possible a Santa's post box at either Rankins Brae or outside the village hall would also be good for the children in the village.

## **8. Local Community Planning**

**No action**

## **9. Planning**

**IM** Removal of three sycamore trees and one oak tree at Ferryman's -(15/03380/TPO)

Construction of first floor office to existing mezzanine at Unit 3, Holy Loch Marina - (15/03521/PP)

The latter application does not appear contentious but some clarification is awaited from the planners on several points related to the form

## **10. Any other Business**

Cllr BM asked if we have invited McMillan Cancer support representative, the service is Going to be based at the library. SA advised that she has tried to contact Deirdre Henderson however not had a response as yet. SA advised will email again,

## **11. Public Questions**

None

## **12. 50/50 Draw**

**BR** 50 empty places, 29 have names against and no collection, 21 no names at all. 110 names have paid to date. The last draw for this was May 2015. Everyone that has already paid has been carried forward to January 2016.

There will be a draw done next month and the following.

## **13. Date of the next meeting**



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The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00pm.**

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