



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 19th January 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), Eric Large (EL) Winnie Dick (WD) Kevin Taylor (KT), George Neilson (GN), Liz Neilson (LN)

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Louise Perret, Jonathan Bond

1. Apologies

Stephen Inglis, Greg Devine, Cllr Bruce Marshall, Cllr Gordon Blair

2. Police Report

4 crime reports raised since last meeting. Speed Traps in the Sandbank area. **EL** has noticed more police presence, however still lots of speeding along the shore road area. Is there anything that can be done, Police Officer advised that it is difficult to set up speed traps that are effective due to the straight road. He will pass on concerns and see if a Police presence in the area may deter speeding drivers.

SM raised the issue of the bend in road at Ardnadam Pier, we are approaching the council to see if signage can be put up warning drivers of the bend. Can the police do anything here? Police Officer advised that they can also approach Council to assist us in this.

3. Mr. G Dickie Seconded Sandbank Primary Head

Covering while Sandra Clarke is seconded to another post. Sandbank School is a lovely school and the community should be proud. Granted permission to build a Gaelic Nursery attached to the school, children can come in from age 3. Currently there are 110 pupils, however including the pre 5 and Gaelic unit 125 to 130 pupils. The employability for Gaelic is high at the moment. Will come to another meeting in the future to tell us more.

IM asked if Sandbank Gala still ok to go ahead on the school site, GD advised that he is happy for it go ahead there, however with the new build this may cause a problem. Where the build is to come out is to be on the front face of the school, the start of the build will be hopefully starting around about Easter and finishing at Christmas. GD advised that he is not sure at this stage sure of the extent of the build, he has sent off to the architect if a project management has been put in place regarding the fencing, machinery etc will encroach on the access road that is needed/carpark etc. Again he is really keen for the Gala to happen so he has asked if the equipment that is needed can be withdrawn and put in a particular secure area. He will continue to work at it and see what the options are and let Rhona Altin know.



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4. Allen Stevenson (AS) Head of Adult Services (East) Gordon Murray, (GM) Area Services Manager (Learning Disabilities) Caroline Champion (CC) Public Involvement Manager A&B HSCP

AS On 1st April everything changed and the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) came in to place. This is to make care more joined up, more seamless, things aren't being duplicated. The partnership was split in half, East and West. A lot of work was needed to be done in a short space of time, AS had a steep learning curve. All the structural work was done and put in place, however Viv Hamilton retired in September, however the vacancy Alison will be starting in March and comes from Forth Valley. In the East the performance is good, there is no one waiting for a care package. Good through put, patients can be treated and cared for in hospital and then returned to home with the care package. There aren't huge amounts of complaints from patients and their families in Cowal and Bute. The IJB is now responsible for all decisions for the area.

Public service funding is critical. Report going to IJB, for next two years funding is going to have a gap of 16m for next year and 5.5m for the following. There is a lot of work to do, this is what is steering the work regarding Struan Lodge and Thomson Court in Bute. In November, the IJB agreed to pause the work regarding Struan Lodge and Thomson Court and asking for people to have a look at the plan and come back to the IJB with views, alternative suggestions. In a nutshell, Struan Lodge has 10 residential patients, this would be stopped/redesigning and turned in to a hub to support more older people in the community. The costs are higher due to staffing costs, i.e. training costs, staff cover. A report will then be done with all the information, this will be done by **AS** and will try to reflect all or as many of the views. Struan Lodge is a residential home, however some of the other homes offer enhanced levels of care which Struan Lodge don't. If we don't change our model now we won't be able to support our community in the next 5 to 10 years, more of the resources need to be shifted to the community. **IM** Will there be adequate places locally in the other care homes in the area? The numbers change on a regular basis, there would need to be a plan to accommodate this if IJB agree that care stops at Struan Lodge. The plan would be over 6 to 12 months. The families place the residents not the IJB. It is up to them where the go. Residents are still being taken in and are now at capacity at 10 residents. It's a small unit but still requires all the same inspections etc. **TM** has there been any discussion with the private care homes in the area? There is an ongoing discussion with them. **SM** when will the decision be made to stop taking residents in to Struan Lodge? **AS** hasn't put a moratorium on it, if a vacancy opened there will not be permanent admission but it will be a temporary admission. The respite bed is still being used as well. The only time the Council would be involved in moving a patient if and when Struan Lodge closes, is if patient doesn't have family or a capacity issue. There is an event in Sandbank on 15th February 2017, 2pm till 5pm for the public to attend. **AS** asked if we could share this with the public as well. **SM** would more sheltered housing help with this problem? **AS** agreed, that this is something that needs to be looked in to and moved on. The IJB papers



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are available on NHS Highland website, the finance paper is online as well. There will be an advert put out in the Dunoon Observer, SM advised if this gets emailed to us we can put it out and put it on Facebook so the community can be aware. The feedback form can be done online or handed in to the drop-in session, there haven't been many returned as yet. **CC** can we encourage people to complete this.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Minutes of meeting on 24th November 2016 and matters arising

- **SM** still to phone up about the recycling bin
- **IM** contacted H&S executive, however they require a form to be filled in, there is no contact number only email. Marine Structures are the responsibility of the Coastguard. Contacted Belfast who look after the Clyde. The person said they would get to him. **GN** will give more information.

Minutes of 24th November 2016 proposed by **TM** seconded by **IM**

7. Treasurer's Report

BR reported:

Balance b fwd from Nov	£4679.64	December	£4753.20
Income	£1673.56	Income:	£ 0.00
Subtotal	£6353.20	Subtotal:	£4753.20
Expenses	£1600.00	Expenses:	<u>£ 161.99</u>
Total	<u>£4753.20</u>	Total:	<u>£4591.21</u>

BR will be stepping down as Treasurer in May 2017 at the AGM

8. Councillor's Report

CIlr BM

I took the issue of a 40mph limit from Sandhaven to Cot House to the Bute & Cowal Business Day meeting on 10th Jan. I laid out the information below as reasons for lowering the limit from 60mph. I received good support from Dick Walsh and Jim Smith Head of Roads agreed to start the process. Hopefully we will have the new limit in place later this year.

Business's etc. on A815 Cot House to Sandhaven

Orchard Farm entrance and also entrance to six dwellings

Entrance to Inverreck Caravan Park

Entrance to private dwelling



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Entrance to Invereck Home for the Elderly and to Glen Massan Road and Ballochyle Estate with approx. 24 dwellings
Entrance to The Wee Butcher premises and four other dwellings
Entrance to Dalinlongart Farm
Entrance to B836
Total of 36 dwellings, 2 farms, one caravan park, one Home for the Elderly, one retail premises, one B Road and one C road

Refuse Collections

I notice that Eric Large has complained about his blue bin blowing away and emptying its contents on the Shore Rd. Unfortunately, with the new refuse collection arrangements agreed at the budget last Feb., it is difficult to avoid as the refuse workers are now on a two shift rota with the first starting at 6.00am until 2.00pm and the second working till 10.00pm. This has allowed the Council to do away with one collection vehicle and making a considerable saving. I can only suggest to Eric that he ties the bin to a fixed post or similar when high winds are forecast, this will only happen occasionally over the winter I'm sure.

Council Budget

I attended the first Budget Seminar for Members on Monday and we were told that we have a reduction of £327m in Scotland and a reduction of £8.6m in A&B from the Scottish Govt. which means that further cuts will have to be made. The Govt. has lifted the freeze on Council Tax this year and we are allowed to increase this year with a limit of 3% rise although the Govt. has decreed that the higher bands will have a much larger increase. Every 1% rise is equivalent to £400k extra revenue. The SG has not passed on all of the allocation from Westminster as yet so there may be late news on GAE.

Cllr GB

Council Budget will be over at least £10m is cuts this year. This has been anticipated with the antics of the administration so no surprises. Struan Lodge will still need to be fought for. Issues over bin collections have mostly been resolved as far as I am aware however let me know if there remain issues and I will discuss with Amenity Services

ACHA WERE IN CONTACT YESTERDAY REGARDING THE Travellers Site. I had written to Peter at Dev Trust but they require a letter as soon as possible, perhaps CC could do it as a matter of urgency to

Collier, Garrick Garrick.Collier@acha.co.uk. Is everyone in agreement that we in conjunction with the SCDT purchase the travelers site? Everyone agreed

Confirming community ownership of the land is requested. I will email peter to get him to write too from the Dev Trust perspective.

Economic Development new officer appointed and she is coordinating comprehensive grant package for Heritage and Tourism with Burgh Hall and wants to include Sandbank Church Heritage Centre. Are you ok if I suggest she comes to the next meeting, all agreed this was ok. SA to advise GB.



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I have raised the "Blackpool ILLUMINATIONS AT THE PLAYPARK EVERY NIGHT " WITH THE COUNCIL and hopefully they should be able to resolve this in the near future.

Guitar Orchestra starts at Church on Sunday, article hopefully in paper this week. Alison is also assisting the Help Project too during the week. The Mens Shed members will be assisting at the church too in the weeks ahead.

Next Concert in the Church 19th February 2017 at 7.00pm

9. Community Councillor's Business

There are a couple of things that I have thought about over the holidays and I would like to put them to you and see what you all think.

As there are now more of us than there has been for a time I thought that it may be an idea to divide certain bits up to individual people to look after that way ensuring that there is nothing overlooked.

I know that the marina is a thorn in the side of many of us at least the lack of a marina and each cc meeting we spend a long time going over and over old ground. With that in mind I have asked George if he would take responsibility for this particular item and give us a brief report each month.

That way if there is nothing new to report we can move on and also as he has dealt with most of the agencies involved on a personal level he has a rapport with them and there is also only one person dealing with issues rather than two or three all doing the same job.

I have been approached by Julie Hobday from the Brownies who has asked if they can take on looking after a couple of the planters for their badges. I have said yes and also that I have seeds that I got from RHS last year that they can grow and use in the planters and I am willing to help out if they need me.

I also think that it would be a good idea to try and get a group together made up of CC members and a few residents to look after the planters and the garden at Rankins Brae which since the grass has been cut by Finlay Currie the council seem to have abandoned.

Can you let me know if you are interested please if you want to think about it over the meeting and let me know at the end.

I have approached a company who came to the village hall last year about providing bedding plants this year as that was a lot of work last year potting them on and repotting. I will let you know when they get back to me.

As you know the fireworks were a great success last year and with that in mind Tom Steph and I have talked about how we can make it better and also cut down on the amount of work we all have to do before and during it. SA has suggested having a booking form for the stalls.

Iain has also been in on this conversation as he did a great job of going round local businesses looking for donations of cash to help pay for it.

We thought that this year we would like to hire a marquee from Tents and Events and have a proper winter fayre happening throughout the day with the fireworks and bonfire as a finale. With possibly a dance in the marquee afterwards.

It would mean that everyone who had a stall would be undercover and Tom and helpers wouldn't have to fight with the elements trying to get the stalls up and down. Tom then wouldn't have to take two days off work to sort it all.



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First things first we would need to approach Tents and events and see how much a marquee would cost. I have heard £3000 for a decent size. We would be looking for sponsors for this not just small donations. With that in mind I propose that I draft a letter and we make a list of likely businesses and approach them maybe three at a time. As we are not looking for firework money but for event money I may be able to apply for a grant or funding of some kind. We really need to start asap as there are so many organisations who are looking for money at the back end of the year that if we leave it till later on we will miss out. We also talked about a music festival in the village and originally thought of organising it around the pubs but then thought that a marquee for that in May would be good. Friday night till Sunday and possibly get the pubs to do jam sessions or taster sessions during the day. Again if you think it is an idea and want to help organise it please let me know. Again we would be looking for a marquee and funding. Finally the ground at the old school. Lack of numbers on the cc and the marina over took it last year. We now have over 200 people supporting the venture and next we need to make an offer on the ground but we also need a business plan as if they say yes to us buying the land we need to move forward to get the money and we can only do that if everything is in place. I need help with that too I can't do it all on my own. For all these things it will mean those involved meeting separately to move these projects along and reporting back at meetings. Hopefully this year we will do more than just talk about what we would like to do and actually do them. As many of the projects that we talk about involve the SCDT I wondered what you all thought of a joint meeting now and again, maybe 4 times a year. If we want to buy the land the Trust have to apply for money as the CC cannot be in debt. I know that Tom and I are on the Trust and can tell them what we are looking at doing but I really feel we should all get together now and again and compare notes, we are both here for the community after all and many things cross. What do you think? I haven't said anything to the Trust members and didn't want to till I spoke to you first. The idea would be to discuss items relevant to both of us nothing else.

Lastly Stephanie is looking to stand down as Secretary in May this year as her work load is increasing and she is finding it difficult to fit everything in. She has broached the subject before but no one took up the challenge. We will need someone to step in please so have a think about it between now and May.

IM happy to be part of the group for planters at Laz point. Judith does the planters at Ardnadam. **KT** can do the grass at the pier and the SCDT cover the cost of the grass cutting at the carpark. **KT** asked if the planters can be divided up – **SM** advised that this can be done but a group of people need to take this over. **SM** advised that if anyone interested in doing the planters then this can be broken up in to areas etc. and agreed. Judith advised that with the lorries coming down Ferguslie street when the traffic lights where outside the Holy Loch Inn the grass was destroyed at the bottom on the shore side. **SM** will contact Alan MacDonald at the Council regarding this.



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KT to contact Tents and Events regarding the marquee for music festival in May and fireworks night.

Community Garden – business plan – **LN** will approach some of the people who started community gardens in Glasgow. A subgroup could be formed regarding this. Can anyone interested in doing any of the projects please get in touch

Treasurer and Secretary for May.

KT general concern re problem with bend at Ardnadam – **SM** advised that this has been actioned with the Council and Police. Police have stated that this is driver error, **KT** asked if there was a solution, he would like to meet with a Councillor to discuss this matter.

GN the 2 months is now up, Matt has carried on regardless, **GN** contacted planning and they advised that he could as he was doing the work that wasn't carrying out the work in the area that he asked for planning. The restrictions are only for his planning application, **GN** asked how they can put restrictions on something that has already been done. **GN** asked who wrote the restrictions and what they actually mean? Howard Young wrote the restrictions however is on holiday again and not able to answer the questions. It is clear that Matt has not complied with the restrictions and the Council will seek to serve a breach of conditions notice. **GN** will speak to Howard Young when he comes back, however the area has been infilled and can now not be taken out. If Howard Young comes back and advises that he should not be doing it then the Council will need to be held accountable. Regarding the pier, **GN** filled the form in, the pier is covered by the Argyll & Bute Health and Safety. **IM** advised that there is a section on Argyll & Bute for Harbours and Ports.

10. Local Community Planning

IM no action

11. Planning

IM There have been NO planning applications in Sandbank since our last meeting (7/8 weeks ago!)

the latest planning approval in respect of the Holy Loch Marina which was sent by the Council on 18 November 2017 contains a number of conditions relating to surface drainage, soft landscaping of additional infill areas, wheel cleaning and hose-down facilities, etc. These requirements must be submitted to and agreed by the Council within two months of the date of the consent letter, i.e. yesterday

IM will email David Love to raise concerns, the planning hearing was a farce.



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12. Any other Business

None

13. Public Questions

Louise Perret: Crown Estate Consultation about the Seabed we need to keep an eye on who is involved in the consultation

14. 50/50 Draw

December 2016 Draw

1st Prize 88 C Kerr

2nd Prize 37 A Whitham

3rd Prize 28 R Large

January 2017 Draw

1st Prize 24 E Large

2nd Prize 88 C Kerr

3rd Prize 132 S McKillop

15. Date of the next meeting

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