



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting on 18th June 2019
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Fiona Gault (FG) Eric Large (EL), M Craig (MC)Iain MacNaughton (IM) Michelle Sweeney (MS) Nicola Gault (NG) Bill Rankin (BR)

Members of Public

Councillor Gordon Blair (GB), Robert Diamond, Alex Bisset, Judith Moen, Alastair Gordon, Jonathon and Louise

1. Apologies

Pauline Seale, Jean Maskell, Fiona Stuart, Tom McKillop

2. Police Report

none

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer : **FG** Seconder : **EL**

5. Treasurers Report

As read at AGM



SCC accounts to
31032019.pdf

6. Councillor's Report

School Transport

Reply from school transport section, "The Council takes the safety of children very seriously, and assists parents where necessary to fulfil their legal responsibility to get their children to school safely and on time. However, across Argyll and Bute, many parents have children at both a Primary and Secondary school simultaneously, and must make their arrangements accordingly if both schools fall within the Council agreed walking distance."

Cost of zebra crossing



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Roads response, "I have been advised that the cost of the zebra crossings will vary depending on the location. We do not have a cost for the legal process; installation or annual maintenance of the same."

Gap surveys at Queen's Hall for zebra crossings

Roads response, "The Queens Hall scheme was designed and constructed by others, this department does not have access to any data stored."

Play park

Amenity Services response, "I have been advised that this playpark is maintained by Argyll & Bute Council including the grass cutting but as part of service choices and savings it was agreed that strimming was to be replaced by weed killing. This was accepted by our elected members and has been policy for the past several years. We will however carry out a single strimming exercise prior to the application of weed killer.

"The grass cutting schedule for 2019-20 is for the play park to be cut 15 times a year, a reduction on the 26 times in previous years. This was put forward through service choices as a possible saving and later accepted, at full council, going forward into 2019-20.

"The damaged wooden sections on the play equipment will be replaced by Argyll & Bute Council via the contractor who originally installed the equipment and will be ordered by our own mechanic on his return from sick leave."

I had also asked about the flooring. The reply doesn't mention this, so I've emailed back about this.

The Council voted at the Budget meeting not to reduce grass cutting this year. I think this reduction may be the result of a saving decided a few years ago. I've emailed back seeking clarification on this.

Broxwood bus shelter – need for a light.

Lighting response, "We are soon to carry out works that will upgrade the 30mph lit signs adjacent to the Broxwood layby and bus stop at the same time we will install an additional column to help light the area around the bus stop. These works will be programmed and should be completed before the end of July 2019."

Broxwood picnic area

Roads response, "I have been advised by Kevin McIntosh that he would be happy for the secretary of the Sandbank Community Council to contact RAenquiriesBC@argyll-bute.gov.uk in the first instance and he will arrange to meet with the community council or their representatives to discuss options for the Broxwood Picnic Area and any proposed installation of play equipment."

7. Market and Car Boot Update

Cancelled on 2nd June and moved to 23rd 12-4pm. There have been more bookings and it was mentioned in the local newspaper and on the local radio.



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8. 50/50 Update

Review of the rules and reworded.

9. Keep Scotland Beautiful

Run through of the requirement for KSB. Alison from the marina will sort power washing Rankins Brae and also help in the movement of the planters. Finlay Currie has also offered to help with this. Look into the removal of the rape seed down at Lazaretto Point. SM will look into sorting the rust on the bench at Lazaretto Point.

1st weekend in July for a possible planting party with CS

10. Local and Area Planning

In response to the proposed Hunters Quay caravan park planned expansion.

On behalf of Sandbank Community Council (S.C.C.) I wish to register a formal objection to the above planning application for a proposed 45 or so additional caravan sites within the Hunter's Quay Holiday Village.

There can be no denying that the intended felling of some 90 or so mature trees (all of which are apparently covered by a Tree Preservation Order) and the introduction of such a large number of caravans would cause irreparable harm to much of the animal and bird life in both the immediate and wider Cammesreinach forest area. In particular, the proposed development would be extremely detrimental to the small population of red squirrels, an "endangered" mammal, and no doubt other animals, birds, insects and plants.

According to all levels of public authority across Scotland, the wider U.K. and the European Union, biodiversity is to be encouraged and nurtured and important habitat loss is to be avoided. However, if Argyll & Bute Council is wholeheartedly committed to the ethos of environmental protection on all fronts it would surely be tantamount to authoritative and official vandalism if this planning application received approval.

Moreover, "climate change" is not, as a certain senior U.S. politician has claimed, "a rumour put about by the Chinese Government". It is happening and all governing parliaments/assemblies in the U.K. have subscribed to its reverse. So, given the recent announcement by the Scottish Government of a "Climate Emergency" it would be astounding that such an environmentally destructive development could be found to be compatible with that announcement.

Please acknowledge receipt of this representation.

Many thanks,



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Iain MacNaughton for Sandbank Community Council

11. Any Other Business

Letter from Scottish Ambulance Service for everyone to look over.

12. Report from Sandbank Primary School

Sandbank Primary School – HT Update for Sandbank Community Council

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Health Week: This was a tremendous success with the children enjoying a wide range of activities throughout the week. We thank the many volunteers, local business groups and professionals who helped us put all this together for the children. We intend to build on this again for next year and there are elements of the week that we now want to try and include in our curriculum on a more regular basis.

Provincial MOD: Our children once again enjoyed the provincial MOD in Oban and I am proud to say that we performed with distinction, winning a record number of medals, trophies and placings. A huge thanks to all staff, parents and families for supporting the children. The GME teachers are in the process of organising a performance to celebrate this great achievement.

'On the Move': All of our P7's recently spent a week at Dunoon Grammar School as part of their transition week. The feedback from the children and the staff at the school was superb and the Dunoon Grammar staff said that the Sandbank pupils were a credit to us all.

Police Sports: Our P4-7 children took part in the annual Police Sports event, held at Dunoon Stadium. Once again, we had some great performances and the children had a lovely time.

Trips to Science Centre & Hunter's Quay: All pupils in the school have recently been on their class outings and they had a great time. Our older pupils visited the Science Centre and our younger pupils went to Hunter's Quay. The positive behaviour and excellent manners of our children was commented on by the staff involved in these trips.

Ardenlea Visits: As part of our inter-generational work Miss Crowe's class have been visiting the elderly residents at Ardenlea. They have been singing songs, playing games and helping with the gardening. The residents and the children have loved this experience and this is something we will continue to do next year.

Still to Come...

Sports Day: We have been really unlucky with the weather but Sports Day will now go ahead on Wednesday 19th June!!



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End of Year Awards: The prize giving ceremony and P7 Leavers Assembly will take place on Tuesday 25th June at 1.15pm. All parents/families and school partners are invited to attend.

The School would like to thank everyone for the support given to the school over this session!!

13. Public Questions

None

13. Date of the next meeting

20th AUGUST 2019 7pm Sandbank Village Hall

Fiona Gault 20th November 2018