



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Bill Rankin (BR) Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Eric Large (EL), Kevin Taylor (KT), George Neilson (GN), Liz Neilson (LN), Stephen Inglis (SI)

Members of Public

Louise Perret, Jonathan Bond, Robert Diamond

1. Apologies

Greg Devine, Cllr Bruce Marshall, Cllr Gordon Blair, Winnie Dick, Iain McNaughton

2. Police Report

No Police Officer available at the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 16th February 2017 and matters arising

- **None**

Minutes of 16th February 2017 proposed by **TM** seconded by **SI**

5. Treasurer's Report

BR reported:

Balance b fwd from Feb	£4606.93	March	£4627.23
Income	£ 95.30	Income:	£ 0.00
Subtotal	£4702.23	Subtotal:	£4627.23
Expenses	£ 75.00	Expenses:	<u>£ 75.00</u>
Total	<u>£4627.23</u>	Total:	<u>£4552.23</u>

6. Councillor's Report

No reports available



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7. Community Councillor's Business

SM Broxwood Picnic Area:

Although the A4A funding is being applied for by the trust I thought you would like to know that I had sent the quote we had received from Ross Petro for levelling the area and putting in drainage to Allan MacDonald for his approval.

He and Ross have been out to the site and Ross is to survey it for any services which may be in danger of damage should they run under the land. Allan has no problems with our plans once this has been done. I have also put in an application of interest form to Natural Heritage Grant Scheme for funding for native hedging to form a screen between the picnic area and the reserve. Mr Dickie would like the older children to help with planting, if we get the funding.

Community Service Payback Team:

I contacted John Gilchrist regarding cleaning the beach and clearing the grass from the car park at Ardnadam. Not been dry enough for them to be out I don't think but hopefully it will be done soon.

Planters:

Weather hasn't been dry enough to go and sort out the planters but we will get it done. Winnie and Liz have offered to join with me and take charge of looking after the planting and maintenance of the planters etc around the village. Ardnadam being taken care of by Kevin and Judith. The cemetery and possibly one at Finbraken the Beavers will be taking care of. Hopefully we can get a couple of volunteers from the public as well. I said last time I had contacted a company that comes to the hall to sell plants about bedding plants. They don't do bedding plants but they do rockery plants which may be a better option as they flower a couple of times during the year and last longer than bedding plants. We could also buy a few pansies to add to it. The fuchsias which are still in the planters just need trimmed and they should flower again this year.

Torlochan:

I spoke to Garrick Collier this week to ask for any progress and he said he would check with the Directors and get back to me as soon as he hears from them.

Events:

As the Gala isn't going ahead what about having a street party on the Car Park?

We could have it Sunday June 11th or Sat/Sun 15th /16th July.

I am away three weekends in June and 15th and 16th July is the first time I will have time free. I don't like to propose something and then not be there for it. But if anyone



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else wants to jump in instead and hold it a different date I am happy for that. If we decide now to hold a street party we have to also decide who is organising it as it will need more than one person. Once decided we can have a separate meeting and report back to the CC on progress. Does that sound ok?

Tom is going to talk to Janet at Tents and Events about marquees for the fireworks and Christmas. I know that Kevin had made the initial contact and that is great. I also had a conversation with her and she suggested a meet either one evening or at the weekend towards the end of March. Is everyone ok with Guys for Bonfire night if so what about holding a guy making session in the village hall the week before and that way Mr Dickie isn't taking responsibility for us burning effigies? Stephanie is going to produce a Booking Form for stall holders to avoid confusion over space etc. The date for that is Nov. 11th.

I know this seems like ages away but are you ok with us holding a Christmas market one weekend (probably the first weekend in Dec). Once again a marquee either on the car park or possibly on the ground of the old school. We will have Santa for the children but only on the one day.

If possible and I can source it I would like to have the children walking to the Christmas tree light up at the end of the market with lanterns they have made. Anyone have any objections to this? Of course this depends on price and possibly funding.

I have been told, not by Mr Dickie, that there are no plans to hold a Christmas Fayre again at the school as there are no staff and it is too time consuming, so that is why I feel that this would be good as it should bring villagers and children together. Again if we have a sub group that takes on responsibility for event planning it will save time at meetings and be far more productive I think.

Can we have a show of hands for these proposals please or if anyone wants to ask questions or come up with different ideas please do so. Any input is gratefully received

LN asked if the 2 boats are going to be used for planting, SM suggested that they could be used for Broxwood and then move the planters at Broxwood down to Rankins Brae. **KT** advised that he is happy to move them to Broxwood.

SI 2 consecutive days when coming down from Glenkin there have 2 vehicles overtaking just at the entrance from Sandhaven, driving on the wrong side of the road to do so. SI has arranged an appointment with the Constable in Charge at Dunoon Police Office. **SM** also advised that previously it has been raised to the Police about the Blacks of Dunoon Trucks that drive excessively through the village. **KT** advised that he can speak to young Charles Black, he will feed back to us via email.



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TM signs for the play park are here and will be put up soon. The information boards at the car park at Broxwood are hopefully going to be replaced.

8. Old School Ground

LN Asset transfers, we need a feasibility study before we can go ahead with Asset Transfer. Grants available to help with costs of study. **SM** asked do we get a survey done on the land before approaching Council. The site has now been empty for 14 years, the ground would need a lot of work done to it before it could be used. **GN** advised that he would suggest that we go ahead and ask the Council what they would take for the land. If we apply for an asset transfer and the Council do not transfer the land, they have to give us a valid reason as to why. If we are not happy with the reason given we can go to the Scottish Government to contest it. **GN** suggested that at the same time as approaching the Council that we also do an asset transfer, therefore its already in place. Vote taken to agree that we should speak to the council about negotiating for the land. All agreed that **GN** should be the contact.

9. Marina Report

GN Breach of conditions served on 16th February 2017 regarding the main condition of the drains. Since this Matt Downs has submitted all items that he has purchased over the years in support of the drainage. The Planning department have passed everything apart from Condition 4 which is just a report. **GN** is going back to them to clarify the position. This has been moved to the technical department. **GN** will contact this department to discuss as the statement from Matt is that as the height has been increased he can now reduce the pipe for drainage. **GN** to report back to SCC. The heights have been done and checked. Matt Downs has stated that the Marina will be completed by 2022, no more berths will be put in as he is still in a recession. **GN** will speak to David Love tomorrow. **SM** asked should we be putting in an official complaint regarding the way it has been handled. **GN** advised that we would complain to the Council Planning department, then take it to the Ombudsman once they have answered if we are not happy with the letter. **SM** asked if we are all in agreement here, all agreed. **SM** asked **GN** to do a similar letter to SEPA and follow the same process.

10. Local Community Planning

IM no action

11. Planning

IM No report available



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12. Any other Business

None

13. Public Questions

None

14. 50/50 Draw

February 2017 Draw

1st Prize 118 J Woodward

2nd Prize 28 R Large

3rd Prize 27 S Inglis

March 2017

1st Prize 109 J Moen

2nd Prize 83 J Campbell

3rd Prize 3 K Taylor

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **20th April 2017 at 7.00pm.**