



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

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Fiona Gault (FG), Eric Large (EL), Tom McKillop (TM), Fiona Stewart (FS), Mhairi Craig (MC) Iain McNaughton (IM) Pauline Seale (PS)

Members of Public

Councillor Alan Reid, Robert Diamond, Judith Moen, Claire and Callum

1. Apologies

Jean Maskell, Iain McNaughton, Pauline Seale, Tom McKillop

2. Police Report

Please find activity from 19/02/19 - 19/03/19....

15 x incidents as below resulting in 2 x crime reports.

- 7 x domestic incidents (same household) resulting in crime report for 1 x Sec 38 Breach and Vandalism with other incidents being civil or no crime established
- 1 x suspect persons (Torlochan) resulting in crime report for 1 x Sec 57 intent to commit theft
***Look out requested for the vehicle a purple transit with roof bars and 2 x matt black stripes over bonnet -
info required to trace and ascertain occupants - any sightings to 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111***
- 1 x aviation incident - non injury
- 1 x road traffic matter - vehicle siezed no insurance however insurance company revealed later that vehicle would be covered by them for date in question therefore marked no crime.
- 1 x drunk male - no crime established
- 1 x silent 999 - false alarm dialed in error
- 1 x domestic incident - caller intoxicated and refused to co-operate with police at time and on follow up next day - unable to establish crime
- 1 x domestic incident - female heard in background - call with mast location only - initially thought to be in Port Glasgow. Female eventually traced to Sandbank - minor argument - no crime established
- 1 x assist member of public - possible hazardous material - false alarm and container disposed of.

3. Declarations of Interest

SM received this correspondence from Rona Altin regarding the Ardnadam Farm Road.

I'm writing to ask the Community Council to represent the residents in the upgrade of Ardnadam Farm Road.

The electricity substation and reservoir, located up our road, serve Sandbank and the surrounding areas. They require frequent access by SSE and SW respectively. The substation is located 140 metres up the road and the reservoir chemical treatment plant is at the very end of the road.

The road is also accessed by residents of the 5 houses and users of the stables, dog kennels and forestry/heritage trails. (Not sure if Forestry Commission/Tilhill are also liable)



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Several times a year a few of the residents pay for hard core and to hire diggers to scrape, fill and make repairs to the road. Mostly though my husband scrapes the road by hand!

Due to constant heavy use, the road now needs major works to upgrade and surface it with tarmac. We understand we are liable for a proportion of the costs and are willing to contribute, however, we would like to see a considerable amount offered by these large companies who use the road to service the community.

This has now become crucial for us as the carers/doctors who attend my mother, who is vulnerable and has dementia, will no longer come up the road. My husband and I struggle at present to get home at lunch times to check on my mum.

The post office regularly threaten to stop delivering and several of the couriers refuse to come up the road meaning they deliver to our work.

I've written to SSE who offered to pay 1/5th of the first 140 metres and SW, who have not yet responded. I've been unable to source a contact for Tilhill/Forestry Commission. I'm wondering if the companies have a community fund that we could access to resurface the road. SSE are planning major works commencing next year and have stated that the first 140 metres of the road will be upgraded/widened in preparation for this.

I was advised to involve the community council on our behalf when approaching SSE/SW/Tilhill/Forestry Commission as this may result in a more favourable response.

Would the community council support the residents of Ardnadam Farm Road in requesting upgrading/resurfacing from the above mentioned companies?

Scottish Water have not responded to communication. SM will write to Scottish Water on behalf of Rona Altin.

AR commented that the road has to be upgraded for SSE planned works. This should be raised at the planning application stage.

4. Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer : **SM** Seconder : **MC**

5. Treasurers Report

01.04.18

Balance B/F	4452.07
50/50 club	108.00
Argyll and Bute Council	603.60



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Sandbank Church Heritage Donation	100.00	
Curries	150.00	
School repaid wreath	34.00	
Sandbank Marina (Fireworks)	100.00	1095.60
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Web Site Renewal	103.75	
Leaflets	60.00	
Information Commissioners Office	35.00	
Accountability	175.00	
Bench	720.00	
Sam Way	100.00	
Room hire for meetings	120.00	
Lady Haigs Poppy Fund for 3 wreaths	99.60	
Robert Diamond Present	47.00	
Stamps x 12	6.96	
Neighbourhood watch signs	36.00	
SCDT Wreath and bench	123.70	1627.01
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Balance at Bank 16th March 2019		<hr/>
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6. Councillor's Report

The Council's Budget was largely as I had predicted at the last meeting. Council Tax is going up by 4.79%. I had said that charges would go up in line with inflation. Most did, however parking charges have been frozen. Most of the cuts that I outlined at the last meeting were implemented. However the cut in school crossing patrols was not taken. As a result I asked again about the request for one at Sandbank Primary.

Roads response was,



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“The local traffic and development officer, together with colleagues from Police Scotland’s Road Policing Division, will assess the location to see if there are any areas of concern, this will include records of any previous recorded collisions. I am sure you will appreciate that with the state of local government finance there is limited scope for providing additional provision with priorities having to be set based on the availability of funding and need.”

Broxwood picnic area.

I have asked what the process is for asking permission to put play equipment here. I’ll let you know the answer when I receive it.

Request for brighter litter bins.

This request has been refused by Roads & Amenity Services as follows,

“We are not changing the black 240ltr litter bins which are in a streetlit area for the reason previously stated and would also require low volume order for a colour of bin which we do not use. As far as I am aware all Argyll & Bute Council litter bins are the same colour.”

Path between Queens Road and the primary school.

The response I got was - This footpath is an ACHA footway and as such any litter cleaning will be with the responsibility of ACHA.

Claire proposed a complaint regarding traffic speeding on the high road. Especially the timber lorries. Complaints should be raised with Timber Transport Group.

With regards to the flashing MPH signs coming into the village EL has suggested contacting local businesses to contribute to the costs. AR will raise it first.

MS raised a point regarding people driving littering from their car would be prosecuted but it seems okay for commercial vehicles to be dropping litter i.e. bark.

SM explained to everyone AR role as Councillor and attending our meetings.

7. Convenors Report

Following a recent beach clean can everyone be aware that there was used syringes found on the beach at Broxwood. Can everyone please be vigilant if walking especially with children and dogs.

SM was at a Caucus meeting to draft a letter regarding our hospital. Members from all surrounding CC were there. 2 didn’t agree with the letter. A discussion began regarding the hospital. There once was 107 beds and now there is only 7. The hospice has also closed down even though there was money put into it.

8. Local and Area Planning

Community Action Plan run through of what it is and what is hoped to be achieved. Dave Petro initially was going to dig over the Broxwood picnic area and fix drainage issue but now cannot do it. Possibly ask R McArthur.



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East Cowal Heritage Group meeting with SM re funding for bridges etc for the heritage trail. Claire is happy to help with this.

Widening of the road at Rankins Brae – funding could be available for this to go ahead. The Roads Department could provide people. Could the community help fund it? The Marina are gifting the land so could the community pay the council to do the work? If the council wont do it could we approach a local company?

9. Any Other Business

ACT

We are members but they don't seem to do round this area? AR will enquire regarding this.

We are registered for Keep Scotland Beautiful and can designate small areas of the village. Perhaps Rankins Brae and Broxwood Picnic area?

Claire and Callum have volunteered to remove the Christmas tree and dispose of it.

The planters that are situated at Rankins Brae are to be moved as per February minutes.

It was suggested that perhaps businesses or families might like to adopt a planter to care for.

Regarding the clock, it had been switched off somehow. TM will need to go inside the clock to fix it.

The street signs at the bus stop at the toilets are blocking the bus route.

There is no light at the bus stop at Broxwood which is a possible hazard for people waiting on buses.

JM asked if the 50/50 letter was approved could we go ahead? It was discussed that we could do a 50/50 poll on the Sandbank Community Facebook page to see if there is enough interest and FG could mention it on the radio.

Sandbank Primary School – News Update for Community Council Meeting

March 2019

Since our February update we have had more good news and a range of other exciting events have happened!!

- We have just installed a brand new projector and sound system in the school hall and to celebrate this we had a movie afternoon/Comic Relief event. We watched a funny film, ate popcorn and gave donations to Comic Relief, totalling almost £80.
- At our last award assembly we introduced a new Award. This was for parents and families and they had to nominate pupils who had been recognised for wider achievement out with school. We had an overwhelming response and our children are doing so much at home which links with our school values.
- On the week beginning 11th March we celebrated British Science week by participating in lots of challenges in classes. We also had a Science Open Day for parents.
- We had Parent Council meetings on 19th February and 18th March where we looked at a number of issues including a new homework policy for the school and some funding options for new school sports strips and clothing.
- We have some great news on the technology front as we have been able to fund brand new ActivPanels for every classroom. These will replace the current whiteboards which have been in place for approximately 20 years.
- Our P7's have begun part 3 of their JASS (Junior Award Scheme for Schools) programme which we have started this session and we hope to link this with some community work when the better weather comes in (hopefully!!)
- Our P4-7's are now starting preparations for the school show, directed by Miss Johnson.



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- Parents evening will take place on the evening of Tuesday 26th March from 3.30 – 7pm. The community council would be more than welcome to come along and speak with parent, or leave behind some information that they would like shared.

10. Public Questions

It was brought up that cars and vehicles are being parked in Ardnadam Car park. Ferguslie Garage are going to donate for use of part of the car park. SM will put something in writing.

The second week in April will see the grass cutting beginning again once the daffodils have bloomed.

April would be a good time to have a car boot sale at the car park. SM will contact Alison at the marina to see if the big shed could be used if the weather is bad.

13. Date of the next meeting

16th April 2019 7pm Sandbank Village Hall