



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2014
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor Chris Talbot, Vice Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Treasurer; Bill Rankin (BR), Tom McKillop (TM), Councillor Bruce Marshall (BM), Margaret Hill (MH)

Members of Public

David Honer, Judith Moen,

1. Apologies

Rhona Altin, Jacqueline McCombe, Gordon Blair

2. Declarations of interest

CT McKinlays Quay

3. Minutes of meeting on 21st October 2014 and matters arising

IM has ordered 20ft tree. Will confirm with Jessie about delivery after this evenings meeting. Possibly 8th, 9th or 10th December. Agreed by **TM**.

CT still chasing up maps for Local Emergency Resilience Plans. **IM** and **CT** will sort.

Minutes of 21st October 2014 proposed by **SM** seconded by **IM**

4. Police Report

Report from PC Donald MacKay. Not much to report. 29 incidents, all minor. 7 crime reports. Following positive lines of enquiries after theft at Cot House on 12th November 2014. Winter safety campaign will be starting in December. **IM** advised that there has been a group of people going round houses asking if anyone wants their driveway cleaned, no ID. **SM** also advised that there was a woman going round asking about loft insulation, however no ID. **David Honer** asked if there was any chance of having Traffic Police doing checks of speeding motorists, he will pass this on.

5. Treasurer's Report: BR reported:

Balance b/wd from Sept	£16082.72	October:	£16042.11
Income	£ 443.00	Income:	£ 1003.43
Subtotal	£16525.72	Subtotal:	£17045.54
Expenses	<u>£ 483.61</u>	Expenses:	<u>£ 3476.56</u>
Total	<u>£16042.11</u>	Total:	<u>£13568.98</u>

6. Councillor's Report

Cllr BM

I have spoken with Walter MacArthur regarding the installation of lighting at the Multi Sports Play Area. He would like to progress the job as quickly as possible in order to tie in with the renewal of the cabling on Shore Road, that work is being held in abeyance until a decision is taken on the amount of funds the CC is prepared to put into the pot. He would have liked to carry out the work this month but it could now be February due to Dec. and Jan being generally difficult months to carry out such work.

ACHA has cleared the pathway between Queens Rd. and Robertson Terr.



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It is good to see that Holy Loch Marina has been able to make really good progress in improving the appearance of the infilled site, I hope that in the years to come, the climate for this type of facility in Sandbank will improve, although obviously, a lot depends upon the economy of Britain and the rest of the world.

The Council have had major problems with vandalism at the toilets in the Village and have had to spend £5k out of the total Cowal Area budget of £13k to repair them. The local area manager wishes to close them for the winter months to attempt defray the mounting cost. Toilet provision is not a statutory obligation for the Council and with even less money being available to local authorities in the coming years, it will be increasingly hard to provide this facility. The area manager is looking at different ways to allow facilities to remain open.

An Amenity order was served on the owner of Plots 2 and 6 at McKinlay's Quay to be carried out by the end of November. To date only one of the issues within the Order have been addressed and the Enforcement Officer will inspect on 1st Dec.

For information. Dunoon Burgh Hall will be closing at the end of this month for at least 15 months for refurbishment and the Queens Hall will be closing in May for a period probably in excess of 18 months.

Flower bed on grass area in front of cemetery. The council are not keen on this idea as although the current community council is very robust and enthusiastic, things change and it may not continue to be kept. **SM** advised that it was agreed with Alan MacDonald that the four corners of that area of ground could be planted up, most of the members of the Community Council are all in agreement that this should be done. **SM** advised that Alan MacDonald agreed Rankins Brae would be cleared of large shrubs and slow growing shrubs put in, also that they would plant the corners of the cemetery grass area.

TM advised that he had been told that the overall costs of the lightening for the playpark was £5000. If we could come up with half of that then it could all go through. **TM** advised that we have received an email about the possibility of putting a meter in to monitor the electricity usage and the community council would have to pay for it. It was also stated in an email from Walter MacArthur that it was not possible to put the lighting on a timer. **TM** will take this up with Walter MacArthur.

MH has been asked by a member of the public to draw the councils attention to the fact that a burn has been diverted by a neighbour. This has caused flooding in their garage and loss of equipment. **Cllr BM will raise.**

IM what is the time for completion with the footpath – this will be done once the B836 road has been completed.

7. Community Councillor's Business

IM A Credit Union is being established. They are operating out of Edward St Community Centre and are looking to get premises in Argyll Street, Dunoon. They invited some members of Community Councils along and are wanting to know if we would be interested in putting money in the Credit Union. **TM** advised that the only issue he could see is would it complicate the accounts having money in two different accounts. **CT** view is not to involve ourselves with the Credit Union. **SM** suggested should we may be have someone from the



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Credit Union and Food Bank to come and talk to us. All agreed, **IM** will invite Credit Union, **SA** will invite food bank.

IM going to Community Planning Meeting in Rothesay, there are lots of items to be discussed CHORD project, Castle Toward. Parks and play areas are to be discussed, what are the council doing? The Causcus are meeting with Tom Murphy on 11th December, the intention is to discuss car parking, dog fouling etc

TM The clock has been ordered everyone got pictures sent, should be here in two and half weeks. He has sourced the lamp post for the clock to sit on. £200 plus VAT. **TM** will be collecting it. The old clock at the Holy Loch Inn will need to be removed, Access will need to be gained to do this. It will be maintenance free as it will adjust the time etc automatically. There will be two sockets available to not only power the Christmas lights. Finlay Currie is going to lend a hand to blast and paint the lamp post. The lightening department will be installing all the electrics for the clock and Christmas lights and will be supplying a cheery picker and men. Some of the lights have already arrived.

SM Christmas light switch on, we thought it would be quite good to have the same Santa as the one at the Sandbank Grotto.

We have had an email about the ACT bulbs, if we sent her receipts she will send certificates. We also need photographs of planting. Thank you to everyone who supported the fireworks. We talked to people in the village about putting collection tins for the fireworks for next year – we will need to make these clear that the money will be used for fireworks display next year. This was agreed.

CT I had a chance discussion with Dave Dewar (Kilmun) about the logic of the 40 MPH speed limit at the Cot House turn. Dave was involved in the speed change with the Police and Paul Farrell from A&BC Roads. The requirement for change was connected to a number of 'near misses' for example; some people making the turn into the A815 but driving very slowly catching faster drivers out and of course logging lorries who when turning right at the junction en route to Strachur need more time to make the turn in a safe manner - again catching out faster drivers. A&BC were not minded to reduce the speed (the formula for determining appropriate speed restrictions has a number of factors including the number of houses - not many in this instance). However a subsequent accident did lead to a review and change of mind by A&BC. The rationale for the 0.9 mile national speed limit stretch between the Cot House and Sandbank (Sandhaven) is to act as a marker so when drivers approach the Cot House 40 MPH markers they understand the need to reduce speed. I am not sure I personally agree with the logic in general or specifically in the Cot House to Sandbank (Sandhaven) direction. I think we need to wait and monitor over the winter if there is another accident (hopefully not) we can ask for a review. Probably the best we can do at the moment.

I sent thank you letters to Captain Bertram (105 Regt RA) and Revered Scott for their support at our Remembrance Service and thank you letters to Stewart McNee Ltd and John Cameron of Argyll 1st for their support at the bonfire and firework night.

I have produced update/Remembrance Sunday articles for Sandbank Scene.

Thanks to everyone who got stuck in to the bonfire and fireworks night, cracking fire and excellent display - we just need more folk to 'dig in'.



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McKinlays Quay – the owner of plots 2 and 6 has arranged to put doors on them to secure them.

Doing costing for Kayak launching area at Broxwood, clean up area, with the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority Community Grants Scheme **SM** can we not also cost for drainage at the picnic area, together with improving the bbq areas. Alan MacDonald said he can have a look and see if he can help out with the drainage. **SM** stated that SCDT had suggested that we need to show that we are enhancing the area to the entrance or exit of the National Park.

TM Sandbank Scene, is ongoing, articles should be submitted by this Friday 21st November 2014. Delays have happened due to previous issues with charges etc. Articles are being submitted from **SM, Sandbank School CT, David Honer** and several others.

8. Local Community Planning

IM said that he had recently attended a meeting of the 'caucus' of Bute and Cowal community councils where the discussion centered on common items of concern for inclusion in the agenda for the next Community Planning Group meeting in Rothesay on 2nd December.

9. Planning

IM reported that in the four weeks since the last meeting there had been only one planning application related to the Sandbank area, i.e. 'Installation of telecommunications cabinet on land adjacent to Sandbank Village Hall (14/02607/TELNOT).' He also mentioned that construction work on the proposed new units at the Business Park was progressing apace.

10. Any other Business

IM Has been asked about the Trust plans about purchasing the Marina. It hasn't been mentioned formally the Community Council. There was lots of discussion about this and it was agreed that should any more information be available that it will be passed to on.

11. Public Questions

Judith Moen Commonwealth baton July, Red and White Bollards on the corner, have been on at Cllr BM to get them removed as they are unsightly. They were may be placed there as a health and safety measure. Is there anything the Community Council can do to expedite the removal of these? **CT** advised that an online complaint to get them removed. This can be done from the Community Council. There is no need for them to be there.

SM advised Judith that the grass has been cut and Ross Petro has been asked to put a formal agreement in place for this to be done regularly.

David Honer, advised that IM has sent an email about bunding to stop the flooding. This has now been started. He would like to thank IM for his help in this matter. Next question is about the removal of the slogans to be removed. Surely there is a time limit to get these removed. Unfortunately they are in private gardens and therefore we cannot do anything about removing these. Can a request to the community be made to ask for donations of any tools to be used for community planting. **TM** advised that this can be put in the Sandbank Scene.



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12. 50/50 Draw

1st Prize: 128 W Russell

Second Prize: 38 A McKinven

Third Prize: 71 Mr Dickson

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7pm**

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