



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting on 23rd November 2017
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Iain MacNaughton (IM), Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Kevin Taylor (KT)

Members of Public

Ms Alison McKerracher (NHS), Cllr Gordon Blair, Jonathon Bond, Louise Perrott

After a welcome from the Convenor, Ms McKerracher gave an account of recent developments in the ongoing process of integrating health and social care services in the local area. She explained the concept of "Step Up/Step Down" involving short term admissions to care homes and the overall aim of "freeing up" acute bed spaces in hospital for adults with incapacities. The increasing number of patients requiring care has put the onus firmly on making more efficient use of bed spaces, staff resources, accommodation, etc. In this connection, the local Struan Lodge Development Group has also been working on a scheme which could potentially provide a 50 bed facility as compared to the current provision of 11. The proposal will be submitted to the Integrated Joint Board for consideration.

Out-of-hours GP provision was also discussed but as the issue is currently under review she was unable to confirm how and when this would eventually come into being.

Ms McKerracher responded to a number of questions and indicated her willingness to attend again at a later date when the situation had evolved further.

1. Apologies

Cllr Alan Reid, Cllr Yvonne McNeilly, George Neilson, Liz Neilson, Eric Large

2. Police Report

None

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 26th October

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer (TM) Seconder (KT)

5. Matters Arising

SM reported that there had been no word yet from either the Council's Estates Office regarding the old primary school site or ACHA but understood the question of the Torlochan site would be considered at an ACHA Board meeting on 14th December.

6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer **SM** reported as follows :-



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Balance B/F from October	£ 4,907.42	November	£ 5,046.42
Income	£ 211.00	Income:	£ 690.50
Subtotal	£ 5,118.42	Subtotal:	£ 5,736.92
Expenses	£ 72.00	Expenses:	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Total	<u>£ 5,046.42</u>	Total:	<u>£ 5,736.92</u>

7. Councillor's Report

SM read out an e-mailed report from Cllr Alan Reid which set out the agreed rota arrangements for Councillor attendance at future community council meetings and gave an update on other current, pertinent matters including "Supporting Community Fund" grants; the rectification of a "configuration" issue affecting the Planning Office website; tree felling at the play park; traffic accidents at the Ardnadam pier bend; outstanding delivery of signage for Cowal Cemetery; blocked ditches at Broxwood; overgrowing bushes at former primary school site and the Planning Office's action in respect of the semi-derelict "Jameswood Villa" house whereby it is hoped that the owners can be "encouraged to work together to redevelop the site".

8. Community Councillor's Business

SM reported that Sandbank C.C. was now a member of "Rural Watch", the lights in the tennis court at the playpark were now back on and that the Sandbank Christmas tree lights would be switched on at 6.00 p.m. on 3rd December.

As regards the piece of land owned by Sandbank C.C. on the hill above the old primary school site, the "Flatty" as it was once known, she also said Dougie Orr of the Sandbank Scout troop planned to form a new access track to the largely overgrown site.

TM was pleased to announce that following some repairs to the village clock all three faces were now working properly.

9. Local Community Planning

No report

10. Planning

IM advised that there had been no planning applications in Sandbank since the last meeting. However, a query was raised by **SM** regarding a house extension which was under construction and **IM** agreed to establish its current status with the Council's Planning Office.

11. Any other Business

None

12. Public Questions

None



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13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th December 2017.