



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 20th November 2018**  
**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 Gordon Blair (GB), Robert Diamond, Bill Rankin, Judith Moen

**1. Apologies**

Michelle Sweeney, Jean Maskell, Nicola Gault, Alan Reid

**2. Police Report**

*PC MacKay*

*Since the 1st October there have been 27 incidents in the Sandbank area.*

*Of these incidents there have been 2 crimes recorded;*

*1 x assault - enquiries ongoing*

*1 x Breach of the Peace - 1 male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.*

*1 x Fixed Penalty was also issued for disorderly conduct following an incident in Finbracken.*

*3 Fixed penalties have been issued for motoring offences.*

*Otherwise, Rural Watch continue to be in the ascendency with over 1100 affiliates in the area now. This will be particularly helpful during the winter months in relation to road safety / closures and general crime prevention.*

*Our local management will change come the end of the year. Inspector Duncan MacLean retires this week with his successor - Fiona Davidson - starting next week. Chief Inspector Paul Robertson retires in December and his replacement will be Douglas Wilson who has policed the area for many years in the CID. He also lives rurally and has an awareness of the diverse needs of Cowal. I hope to bring both along to community council meeting in the new year.*

(GB) asked if there had been any reports of homelessness or people sleeping rough. PC MacKay replied there had been no reports.

**3. Declarations of Interest**



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None

**4. Minutes of Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Agreed without amendment.

Proposer : **TM**    Seconder : **FG**

**5. Appointments**

Appointment of IM Vice Convenor Cowal Transport Rep Proposed TM Seconded SM  
Appointment of PS as Liaison to SCDT and data protection

**6. Treasurer's Report**

£120 paid out for the rental of the village hall. Jean will provide monthly sheet which will go out via email and delivered. This will also be brought to the meetings.

**7. Councillor's Report**

GB hasn't sent a copy of his report. He was asked to raise a casebook regarding road issues, traffic management, speeding, lollypop person at the school, logging debris on the pavements, hedge at the school bus stop required cutting and gateway signage.

Also Paul Farrell has not sent a traffic survey report so GB will follow that up. Parking all day at Mears parking bay is also an issue.

**8. Convenors Report**

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Fireworks:

Thank to everyone who worked so hard to make this year a great success again. We thought the weather was with us but unfortunately it turned about the same time Tom Iain Michelle and a few others started to build the bonfire. Finlay Currie also came along to help getting the wood on to the shore which was a good help.

The finances this year are a bit more complicated as due to events after the fireworks last year I decided that we would move it to the Trust plus we thought we may get away without paying VAT as they are a charity but it turns out not to be the case.

Iain as always went round the businesses in Sandbank for donations and got a grand total of £620, £20 being from the shop.



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He paid the toilet hire cash which left us with £548 which with a donation from us to the Trust of £250 will be paid to their account.

We paid the band £300 on the night and that leaves the Trust to pay the marquee £471.45, the generator hire and fuel, £145 and the fireworks £1,500.

I was asked by Jamie, who runs Coast Coffee if he could take over the event organising to add to the portfolio of his new business. I thought it would be only fair to let him do this and easier for me to be honest.

Next year we will do it the same way as Rhona who used to be on the CC and Trust, does the Gala and a group of us will organise it made up of CC members and members of the community who have been part of it for 5 years now and know how it all goes together.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended and thanks to Michelle for the home baking which well received by everyone including the Scouts.

The memorial and the bench look amazing lit up and thanks goes to Tom who worked hard at getting the light boxes made and up in time.

Craig from the Holy Loch Inn is organising a Christmas tree for us this year and Tom with help from Iain at the marina will get it into place and lights on it on Saturday. Sunday at 6pm we will gather at the tree or in the Holy Loch In if the weather is bad and the children of Sandbank primary will lead off with a few carols and as usual there will be mince pies and warm fruit punch.

Santa and the children will switch on the lights at 6.30

Registering for Keep Scotland Beautiful.

We had a plan to do this last year but obviously it didn't happen.

We as a CC have made some considerable changes to Rankin Brae and we also have a plan to landscape Broxwood picnic area. So we can put both these into Keep Scotland Beautiful and hopefully build on different parts of the village as well.

What we need is a working group again made up of CC members and members of the community to take over looking after the planters and the village rather than just relying on the CC to try and do everything.

For new members we have a good relationship with the HELP project and also the Community Service project, who do beach cleans and paint benches etc.

The primary school has also said that they want to take a more active part in the community and will be working with us in the New Year to do that.

ACT Argyll and the Isles coast and countryside trust. A partnership working for Argyll to maintain enhance and promote the coast and countryside. There is a joining fee of £30 and this gets us access to funding and help with projects and much more. You can look them up online and then let me know if you are happy for us to join. Again this was something we had discussed but never got to complete so I am happy for you to go away and look at them and let me know what you think.



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In the New Year we will discuss the 50/50 as we really need to reinstate it so if you can think of the best way of doing this in the meantime that would be great.

## **9. Planning**

**IM** advised that there had been no significant planning applications in Sandbank since the last meeting. We had all received an email regarding proposal of new housing development behind Alexander Street in Dunoon. There followed a discussion on feasibility of building more housing when our economy at present cannot support it.

## **10. Sam Way and Cowal Community Hospital Donation**

There was a unanimous vote to donate £100 to Sam Way's Christmas Fund Appeal. It was discussed that there were families in Sandbank who would benefit from the fund although this information is confidential.

## **11. Any other Business**

**PS** is keen for an SCC FB Page as she feels that the Sandbank Community Page (which is NOT part of the SCC) but is an online replacement for the Sandbank Scene which is no longer a viable option. **FG** stated that to have a SCC FB Page would require all members of the SCC to be admin and would require daily uploads of information to keep it current in the eyes of the public. Several members of SCC stated that they were not interested in this.

## **12. Public Questions**

None

## **13. Date of the next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 7pm Sandbank Village Hall