



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 21st October 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, Cllr Blair

2. Declarations of interest

CT McKinlays Quay

3. Minutes of meeting on 19th September 2014 and matters arising

- **TM** Christmas/Rankins Brae – ongoing – TM money received from Awards for All to buy a new clock, provide lighting for play park. We have received £10,000 to help with these costs. We will be getting a proper square village clock, two sided. Lamp posts have been sourced, from council the quote was between £1200 and £1400, TM has sourced them at £600 for a Victorian style lamppost. The power supply for this will supply the lamppost and the Christmas lights. The dedication on the original clock can be put on the face of the new clock, and the crest can be on the other. Finlay Currie will be helping out with this. **IM** is sorting the tree for Rankins Brae – 25ft Tree.
- Point 5 re shops needing painted – grant available to shop keepers £500 to get fronts painted in Dunoon, poor uptake so far. The unoccupied shops in Sandbank will not be forced to repaint etc as they are not paying rates.
- **Cllr Marshall**, Dead Sheep has been removed
- **SM** swing still missing from Playpark, **Cllr Marshall** to raise. **SM** also raised that the wooden bench at Lazarreto point needs replaced.
- Local Community Planning – still ongoing – **IM** spoken about the Local Emergency Resilience plans, He is not sure exactly what we will need. Will speak with **CT** about this.

Minutes of 19th September 2014 proposed by SM seconded by TM – with change to date

4. Police Report

Report from PC David McKay, Apologies from K Roberts for non-attendance, very strapped for cover due to annual leave. Report from last meeting will come to us. 47 incidents from 16th September 2014 to 21st October 2014. 13 Crimes reported, 12 detections, 3 road traffic offences, 7 anti-social offences, 1 drug related. 4 stop searches following information from public. They will continue speed checks. Road Safety campaign will be starting for Winter.

5. Treasurer's Report: BR reported:

Balance b fwd from Aug	£ 5451.00	September:	£16082.72
Income	£10801.00	Income:	£ 443.00
Subtotal	£16252.00	Subtotal:	£16525.72
Expenses	<u>£ 169.28</u>	Expenses:	<u>£ 378.62</u>
Total	<u>£16082.72</u>	Total:	<u>£16147.10</u>



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6. Councillor's Report

Cllr BM Cllrs Blair, McNaughton and myself met with Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Walter MacArthur, Fleet and Waste Manager with remit for street lighting on 2nd Oct. at Sandbank Play Park and then onto Broxwood Roads Depot.

Jim was very impressed with the improvements carried out over the past ten years by Sandbank CC and SCDT and was keen to assist in the provision of lighting for the Multi Sports Court and will be in touch with the CC and Trust to progress the issues. The replacement of the Shore Road lighting columns will be going ahead fairly soon and the work can be integrated with the Multi Sports Court work. With regard to Broxwood, there is a strong probability that the Depot can be relinquished by the Council and that land can be incorporated within Broxwood Nature Reserve.

Cllr BM has had a complaint about the state of the path running between Queens Rd. and Robertson Terr. and have contacted ACHA, they are jointly responsible along with Education. Suggested that **SM** speak to Sandra Clark regarding the path, Sandra Clark could may be point out that children are using the path and risk of slipping and sliding. Sandra Clark needs to email Education regarding this, should help to progress this issue. Also about leaves on Cromlech Rd. The sweeper will be back from Helensburgh next week.

The work to improve sight lines exiting Dalinlongart Farm road end was estimated to be completed by 17/10/14

The biomass plant at Dalinlongart is making steady progress to implementation, there are some improved technologies being introduced which will require further planning permission.

7. Community Councillor's Business

MH What is happening to Lazeretto Plot? It would appear that this has been left to the people Currently residing in it.

IM Sandbank School, should CC and SCDT not have been consulted about the sale of this Land. **SM** stated that we had put a notice on Facebook regarding what the community would like to happen with the land. **SM** had spoken to Alistair McLaren regarding how CC went about purchasing the land from the Council. He had stated that the land had already been reserved for Sheltered Housing. It had been mentioned by Cllr Marshall in a previous meeting that the land would be offered to the company looking to develop St Cuthberts land. **IM** suggested that we should may be write to council to find out why we and the SCDT have not been consulted. It was agreed by **MH, SM, SA.** **IM** will draft a letter to Council. **SM** how do we go about trying to obtain funding to purchase the land, in light of the feedback from the Community. **CT** advised to go on to Scottish Government website to find out about Community Purchase rights.

SM We obtained another £100.00 funding, this was after a suggestion from Cllr Marshall. **SM** applied for the funding, the bulbs have started to be planted by David Honer and we have a few other members of the community wanting lend a hand. The fireworks and winter gala will be going ahead nicely. We have filled the stalls in the hall and have a few in the car park. We have also had contact from someone who is happy to come and play some music



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at the gala. **SM** to speak to Sandra Clark about the procession with the school. **IM** has spoken to McNee's about wood for the fire and Judith has a few contacts. The police are ok and we still have to speak to local residents. **CT** has advised that we have applied for permission for a procession this has been granted. **SM** glow sticks have been priced and these are cheap enough that the Community Council could hand them out instead of charging. **SM** advised that residents in Blairmore/Kilmun would be happy to give a donation. Blacks have kindly stated that they will give us a Curtain Sider truck for music so hopefully we will have music with the fireworks. An Advert in the paper and an article, it has been posted on Facebook and will be continually up until the date of the Fireworks event. **CT** is to speak to Matt Downs about car parking.

CT I attended the informal 'services' meeting with Allan MacDonald (along with Iain and Sue).

Rankins Brae: Argyll & Bute Council to manage shrubs – **CT** think they will be cut back, Allan MacDonald stated that it might be redesigned.

Broxwood: There has been some damage to the area, the idea is to have it redesigned for locals/visitors. **CT** quite keen to have this developed to a Kayak launching area. Possible small play area at Broxwood, just a few small items, this would help with the Kayak area to enhance the area. **TM** possibly need a crossing at this point, **SM** with the nature reserve this may be considered.

Cemetery: There was a plan some time ago, there was a funding stream for tree planting. Allan MacDonald raised the point that the four corners of the land be transformed with planting areas. This would reduce the amount of grass cutting needed.

Toilets: Cleaned and painted after fire. Council are wanting local groups to take over the operating of the loos, opening closing etc, Some transfer of funding should be considered, Hanging baskets were discussed for Rankins Brae, the toilets etc.

I have ordered and received the Remembrance Day wreath's for SCC and SCDT - the Trust have theirs and I will pass SCC's to Tom who will be laying the wreath this year. Raj (Lazaretto Hotel) has kindly allowed us to park cars and form up the platoon in his grounds, as per normal. Furthermore is has kindly offered to provide tea/coffee and biscuits for those attending - we should get back to him to confirm or otherwise. The Remembrance Day service at Lazaretto will be commanded by Captain Douglas Bertram RA as Major Ken McMillan will be abroad. **CT & IM** not response about Minister for Service. David Honer has contact details for local minister and will pass this on. **IM** pipers fine, police and parking are ok. Hasn't been able to contact Pat Burns, although if flag bearers are coming he should be.

I have submitted and received approval for the platoon to march on Remembrance Day at Sandbank and also for a procession to take place from Sandbank Village Hall to the Ardnadam car park prior to the fireworks and bonfire. There are a couple of issues we need to address namely stewarding and the procession is to form up in Ferguslie Street - and not High Road Sandbank.

CT spoke to owner of two plots at McKinlays Quay. There is nothing the council can do to enforce him to do anything with the plots. The owner has stated that he doesn't have the money to do the work to make the secure/safe.

I am undertaking research on the HLM, Creag Mhor and Oakfield Place for my Sandbank Scene article.

8. Local Community Planning



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IM reported that since the last meeting there have been only two planning applications in the Sandbank area, i.e. "Erection of extensions to dwellinghouse, detached garage and fencing at "Trentino Cottage", Pier Road (14/02244/PP)" and "Continued siting of temporary modular building for a minimum period of three years to provide accommodation for marina offices (Class4)(retrospective)(14/02430/PP)". Both applications are similar to ones raised earlier this year in respect of the same properties.

The next meeting is in Rothesay on 2nd December, there is a meeting with the Caucus group on 12th November with Tom Murphy, it has been mentioned that there might be some cash available.

9. Planning

IM There has been movement on the building of three units at the Industrial Estate. Funding available from Development Grant – are we happy for **IM** to inform Peter at SDCT that we are proceeding with this.

Community Partnership – there is a meeting on 1st November in Arrochar, not sure if this benefits us. **IM** unable to attend, can anyone else? No one available to attend.

10. Any other Business

SA would the Community Council be happy to donate to Sam Ways appeal for Christmas Donations to help under privileged kids in the area. CT, BR and TM all agreed £100 to be donated.

11. Public Questions

Emergency Checklist – where is it and how do they obtain

David Honer, there was a grass cutting machine in the area, which area is getting their grass cut regularly as it was not ours. Innellan gets their grass cut regularly! It will be raised at the Caucus meeting on 12th November 2014.

12. 50/50 Draw

1st Prize: 53 Duncan McLeod 2nd Prize: 63 M Stonehouse 3rd Prize: 7 Jackie Westby

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.00pm.**