



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 20th October 2015
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Vice Convenor Iain McNaughton (IM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Bill Rankin (BR) Treasurer, Eric Large (EL)

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Anne Simpson, Liz Neilson

1. Apologies

Bruce Marshall

2. Police Report

PC MacKay gave the report.

Following on from last meeting the signs for Rural Watch are £6 per sign and £12 for delivery regardless of how many. It was agreed we would order 5 for the villages.

22 incidents for the last month, 5 resulting in Crime Reports. Bike stolen from Broxwood Place, Dog attacked two sheep, one drug offence and one drink driving offence.

The Mobile Police Office is in circulation again and hopefully will be seen down the front.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 15th September 2015 and matters arising

- **SM** advised **GB** that the wall at the old community center has not been resolved. **GB** will email again
- **GB** advised that he was speaking with Roads today and he will arrange for them to come round to cut back the bushes at the signs on Rankins Brae.
- **SM** raised that we are still waiting on a response regarding the Torlochan site and access. This was raised with BM last month. **GB** will raise again and email **SA**.

Minutes of 15th September 2015 proposed by **TM** seconded by **IM**

5. Treasurer's Report

BR reported:

Balance b/wd from Sept	£11041.98	October	£ 6475.98
Income	£ 0.00	Income:	£ 702.00
Subtotal	£11041.98	Subtotal:	£ 7177.98
Expenses	£ 4566.00	Expenses:	£ 0.00
Total	<u>£ 6475.98</u>	Total:	<u>£ 7177.98</u>



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6. Councillor's Report

GB The Full Council meeting on Thursday will be discussing Service Choices. The cutbacks will be discussed at this meeting. **GB** advised that the public need to heavily protest against these cuts. All the cuts will affect everyone in Argyll & Bute.

There is a new opposition group which Cllr BM can inform the SCC about at the next meeting.

Community Empowerment is being brought to the forefront by the Scottish Government, this will enable Communities to get involved such as Sandbank Old School. **GB** will contact Estates department to find out what is happening with this land. **SM** advised that we have tried to take over the site at the Old School, however no joy. **IM** advised that SCC can submit a question to the Area Committee meeting regarding the site, the closing date has passed and the site has not been sold. **GB** will also raise it from the Community Purchasing Empowerment side of things. **IM** will draft the email for the question.

Gaelic unit, there is a concern about the lack of teachers for the unit. The vacancy is out there to be filled.

Bus shelter at Sandhaven was smashed, **GB** raised this about a fortnight ago, but still not been repaired, **GB** will raise this at the next Area Committee Meeting. **SM** also raised that there is no shelter at one of the bus stops that the kids stand at in the AM. **GB** will raise this.

With regards to the Church of Scotland, **GB** has met with Gilbert Marcus, who has looked at the church.

Plan of action, **GB** will send an email for a letter of support from SCC. The application will then be submitted, the presbytery now have a slightly softer approach to this.

SM we will be in touch with **GB** regarding the Christmas Lights Switch on.

7. Community Councillor's Business

SM We have talked about the boundary proposals and Iain has written a letter which I will pass round and I will send it away tomorrow morning.

All we can do now is hope they see sense and things stay as they are.

We now have keys to switch on the lights at the play park. I think one set will be given to Mike Lewis SCDT as he goes round there quite often picking up litter and generally keeping an eye on the place.

We can move the Emergency bag into the hall and just need to arrange picking it up from Chris Talbots. **SA** to email to arrange when suitable to collect from Chris.

So far John Maskell SCDT has collected in £340 in donations from local business for the fireworks.

I have asked for an electrician in Sandbank to take down the old clock on FB but as yet I have had no response so I think that we will have to pay someone to remove it.



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I know we are only coming into winter but given the news that A&B council are not providing any services at all next year because of budget cuts I have a proposal regarding the planters around the village. **SM** happy to get plug plants at a considerably reduced price from Pentland Plants and grow them on so we can have plants in our planters for summer if the rest of the SCC is agreeable to spending the money. Don't think, all though I will still argue for them, that we will get plants at all next year and given what they supplied this year and how late, not the large planters though they still look good, I don't think we will be missing anything.

We have a few stalls booked for the firework event on the car park and please spread the word around anyone you know who may want a stall.

The whole thing starts at 5pm and the children will bring the guys down for the bonfire lighting at 6pm and fireworks at 7pm.

Tom is providing music and the offers for firewood are pouring in.

On that note is anyone available to go to the Dunoon Pier during the day and make arrangements for wood with the guys from George Lesley? **IM** will speak to them.

We will have a baked potato oven on the go on the car park and tables and chairs between us and Coast Coffee for folk to sit so pray to whoever you do for good weather please.

SM will send out a message for helpers and Anne and Dave Simpson have already offered their help. I will put in a small ad next Tuesday in the Observer and get a wee write up hopefully as well.

We have buckets for collections on the night so please support us in making this a great event.

SA had a great idea about the Christmas switch on which we would like earlier this year please and she thought about asking the Holy Loch Inn to provide Mulled wine and either us or them mince pies and see if we can organise some music and have a small carol service at the tree at the switch on. It's not really that far away. **SA and SM** will speak with owners of Holy Loch Inn regarding this.

8. Local Community Planning

Next Community Plan meeting is November **IM** will attend. The only other issue has been the Consultation about the Boundary changes.

9. Planning

No planning applications this month that affect SCC

10. Any other Business

None

11. Public Questions

Liz Neilson – there is a piece of land that is owned by the Marina that is now coming on to the pavement, The land between Glen Almond and the new entrance. **SM** advised that the council need to be contacted, they will remove it and charge him if he does not do it. **SM** asked for Liz to email her the information and she will forward it on.



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12. 50/50 Draw

50/50 club, we have not had any donations for 5 months. A letter is to go out to the community with a request to pay by standing order, this is due to the fact that we have fewer members to collect the money for those who are in the draw. There will be no draw until we get this letter sorted. **SA** will get some of the letters and mandates copied, **EL** will also do some. **IM** will speak to Hill Street office to get some copied.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.00pm.**

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