



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

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

**Members of Public**

George Neilson, Judith Moen, Winnie Dick, Robert Diamond, Kevin Taylor

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Bruce Marshall, Cllr Gordon Blair, Stephen Inglis, Greg Devine , Liz Neilson

**2. Police Report**

No Police available

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Minutes of meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and matters arising**

- **IM** tides have been checked for Firework event and appear to be ok.  
Will check again

Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 proposed by **MH** seconded by **EL**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

<b>BR</b> reported:			
Balance b fwd from Sept	£5397.36	Oct:	£5652.53
Income	£ 426.76	Income:	£ 24.00
Subtotal	£5824.12	Subtotal:	£5676.53
Expenses	£ 171.59	Expenses:	<u>£ 200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 5652.53</u></b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£5476.53</u></b>

**6. Councillor's Report**

**Cllr GB** Budget preparations are now underway for 2017/2018 with an anticipated minimum reduction of almost £11m  
Alternatives spread over the longer period were rejected by the Administration so if you think things are bad they will be getting decidedly worse.



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I, along with Sandy Taylor and Richard Trail, are preparing our budget for 2017/2018 and it really needs to, in my view, get back to basics and start getting our priorities right. We are asking our community Councils what areas of concern they have and we will most definitely be looking at delegating funding to each of the councils four areas for local people to decide where to spend their money. Any comments the committee have or priorities please send me a list.

Reminder on the Bins collection changes:

**New refuse and recycling collection service dates confirmed**

Recycling services will be increased when the new three weekly general waste collection service begins from 28 November 2016 in Oban, Lorn and Cowal and on Lismore, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay.

Information will be distributed by the Council and available on the website.

I am delighted Cllr Breslin has been vindicated on his defence of the complaints made about him by the Chief Executive, Executive Directors to the Standards Commission on Councillors Code of Conduct breeches resulting in substantial costs incurred by him personally. 5 out of the 6 were not proven and the sixth related to the provision of an email to For Argyll so limited reprimand for that.

It is unheard of in Local Government that the Chief Executive and Senior Officer lose by such an extent in something that is as serious as six formal complaints! This follows the complaint submitted by Cllrs Walsh, Morton and Mulvaney which were flung out too. Some have said their collective actions have been completely vexatious but I'll let you have your own view on that.

Castle Toward has now been transferred to the new owners !

Sandbank Church Heritage Centre progressing but hands tied at the moment in relation to removal of Pews.

Kelpies a great success and big thanks to contributors, including the CC, FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Edinburgh Fringe Awards winning playwright Andy Paterson returns to the Church for a play about the Glasgow Tobacco Lords on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm

Cowal Community Orchestra have their monthly concert on Saturday night 29<sup>th</sup> October. Preparation underway for Christmas Concert

Struan Lodge continues to be of concern with the IJB not allowing new folk to move in. That may change with the 6 month review which has just been implemented.

## **7. Community Councillor's Business**

**SM** New owners of Castle Toward have advised that public can attend on Saturday to take pictures of the area before work starts.



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**SM** received email from possible buyer of a property in Sandbank, The Old Reading Room - get copy from **SM** – raising concerns about Marina Development, the state of the development is putting off people. Plan is that **SM** will refer the person to Planning Department, specifically Howard Young.

Timberlink doing a consultation in Loch Fyne Hotel Inveraray 10.30, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we require a representative to go on behalf of the Community Council to put forward views. Timberlink are looking to get funding in March next year to continue their logging in the area. **IM** will check if he is available to go to the consultation, if **TM** is available he will also attend.

Winnie Dick asked if the Community Council have asked to visit the site with planning and SEPA, if the SCC could attend and actually show SEPA where the dumping has been done, however **SM** advised that this has not been done. George Neilson advised that he has stage 3 complaint ongoing with SEPA, however they come back with the same answer each time, to state that they do not wish to discuss the past 9 years, they are happening to discuss from January 2016 onwards. **IM** and Winnie Dick asked if the SCC could complain to SEPA, **SM** advised that we can and will do this.

SEPA have advised that they have no records of anything that has been dumped in the past 9 nine years.

Winnie asked if the SCC and SCDT put in a co-ordinated letter to the council and challenge the decisions etc. **SM** advised that yes this can be done. Winnie advised that from a Tourism point of view, the logging, trucks going through the village make SCC look like an industrial area.

George Neilson advised that his complaint against Howard Young has been upheld by his boss Angus Gilmour, Angus Gilmour advised George that a Senior Officer Ross McLaughlin. George has a meeting with Ross on 9<sup>th</sup> November, **SM** asked if we can come along to this meeting.

George Neilson advised that the list of conditions attached to the recent planning permission have been broken already, i.e. no infill take place within 2 months of this consent...this has not been followed. **IM** asked why we haven't received a copy of the planning consent letter. **SM** asked if we can get a copy of the letter that he has and we can formulate a letter of complaint to SEPA.

**SM** The lighting issue at Finbracken has finally been sorted, this issue has been ongoing since 2015. **SM** had to chase ACHA several times to get this rectified but finally a resolution. The work is to proceed next week. Gary Hart had also advised that there was a lot of rubbish dumped at the back at Finbracken, the Council advised that they



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will look into this and get it removed. The Bin at the village hall has now been replaced.

Artificial turf to be placed at Rankins Brae. There is a beach clean on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at 11am. This is to remove the doc leaves and rape seed on the shore. This is to try and get ahead of the issue and then treatment can be done next Spring.

Governance review on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at Argyll Hotel regarding Education Review. **SM** is attending but if someone else would like to attend that would be good.

Lights are on at the park, and the hole has been filled in front of the soft play area. **TM** advised there is one light still not operational.

Gary Hart has donated the vests for the bonfire with Sandbank CC and closed buckets have been ordered for the collections. We need wood for the fire and helpers to organise stalls, fire etc. **EL** advised that there is a tree surgeon who is going to be cutting down trees, they will be sliced up and put in the carpark on the Friday. We require raffle and tombola prizes and again helpers for the stalls i.e. raffle, tombola and food stall. **IM** is going to go round and talk to the business for donations. Kevin Taylor advised that he can start collecting wood in the week leading up to the fireworks.

**SM** advised that ID badges for community councillors might be an idea especially now we have new members. **SM** advised that **TM** can get the cards made up.

Monument has been repaired and the lantern has been put up. Brian Fitzpatrick wanted to put the cable up the middle of the monument, however he was not able to do this, it needs to go up the outside. **IM** advised that the job that has been done at the moment is not the best it hasn't been finished properly, he has spoken to Paul Farrell about it and will chase this up again.

**IM** Remembrance day service, have made a few calls and has the 3 wreaths for the service. **SM** will email the school and Trust to get the money in. Invoice passed to **BR** for he wreaths.

Spoken to Raj about parking. Minister still to be organised. Sent email to Police, so will chase up. Piper, pall bearers sorted.

**IM** attended Locality Planning Group, mainly NHS, some third sector groups.

Mark Lines was asked about patients not being admitted to Struan Lodge, the answer was that they do not know the future of it and therefore don't want to admit patients and then have to remove them.



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**SM** we are wanting to have a Christmas Fayre to raise the more money for the lights. IM raised the question about a tree for Christmas. SM advised that Dave Petro was going to get a tree from Ardnadam.

### **8. Local Community Planning**

No action this month

### **9. Planning**

2 planning applications in last 4 weeks, 2 houses at Woodlands Garden site. The area is just lying vacant.

Removal of 2 antennae, additional of 3 and a mast at Allan Terrace. Application is Vodafone, it is an addition or replacement to what is already there.

### **10. Any other Business**

Kevin Taylor advised that he has been trying to get Pier Road gritted. There was an accident last year due to the ice on the road, its classed a minor road. **SM** advised that she will email Nigel Potts about it. The school mini bus uses this road. There is a lot of water that runs off from a drive on Pier Road and then this then freezes.

### **11. Public Questions**

Judith asked if Archie McArthur is using the back of the shops ground as a dumping ground, **SM** advised that he has erected a fence and it would appear it is being used as a yard. **SM** advised that as its his land he can do what he feels is required.

### **12. 50/50 Draw**

September 2016 Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize 67 N Murray      2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 109 J Moen      3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 24 E Large**

October 2016 Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize 43 A Clephan      2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 4 V Cassidy      3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 24 E Large**

### **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.00pm.**