



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Vice Convenor; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Treasurer; Bill Rankin (BR), Tom McKillop (TM), Councillor Bruce Marshall (BM), Rhona Altin (RA), Jacqueline McCombe (JM), Margaret Hill (MH)

**Members of Public**

David Honer, Judith Moen, Liz Neilson and George Neilson

**1. Apologies**

Chris Talbot Convenor,  
No apologies received from Cllr G Blair or Police

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. Minutes of meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and matters arising**

- **TM** Christmas/Rankins Brae - Ongoing
- 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.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014 proposed by TM seconded by RA

**4. Police Report**

No report sent and no apologies for lack of said report – **SA** will email Kenny MacRoberts and Susan Church regarding lack of report for last two meetings.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**BR** reported: September

Balance b/wd from July	£3801.00	September:	£5451.00
Income	£1800.00	Income:	£ 801.00
Subtotal	£5601.00	Subtotal:	£6252.00
Expenses	£ 150.00	Expenses:	£ 159.27
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5451.00</u></b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£6092.73</u></b>

We are now in possession of the £1670 funding, it has been transferred to Bill.

**6. Councillor's Report**

**Cllr BM**

You may have read in the Dunoon Observer that I have signed up to become a Clyde Champion to support the 'Revive the Clyde@' campaign. This issue has been high on my



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agenda for many years and I urge all who have similar feelings to support the campaign, there will be petition forms in Strone PO.

I have amassed so many facts over the years that there would not be enough space, but just a few are

- Prior to the 1970s our inland lochs were teeming with fish
- The largest cod caught in Britain was 93lbs, caught off the Gantocks at Dunoon
- There is hardly a fish to be found in the Firth of Clyde apart from migrating mackerel in summer months
- The local tourist economy from visiting line fishermen has vanished
- Modern trawling methods give any fish left no chance of escape
- Prawn dredgers are raking the loch bottoms and destroying habitat and breeding crustaceans

I have written to Alex Salmond and Richard Lochhead but only received platitudes, they are in thrall to the fish netting/dredging industry. I have tried to get Council agreement to my motions but have been defeated by Cllrs. with trawling interests in their wards. Surely it is sensible to close our inland lochs to trawling and dredging and give these areas a chance to return to some semblance of how they were in the past. There is sustainable fishing taking place, particularly for prawns locally, but it is very hard for them particularly when creels are often caught up in trawling gear.

I have placed petition forms in Strone PO and I urge anyone who wishes to Revive the Clyde to add their signature.

I raised the issue of speeding and the letter from SCC at the B&C Business Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. The opinion of the local area manager was that sufficient has been achieved with regard to reducing speed following the review carried out by Roads technical staff and Police Scotland a few years ago, their recommendation was that the 60mph from Cot House should remain and that the Dalinlongart straight had very good sight lines and should remain at 40mph.

I have initiated the forming of a Wind Farm Trust for community benefit should the Scot. Govt. approve the Bachan Wind Farm

He raised the business of speeding and the letter at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The position was that it would remain the same. He got no support from any of the councilors at the meeting. He brought it up at the Kilmun they are happy that they get left as they are. Bachan Burn mentioned again planning app early spring next year. Will have another meeting in the Autumn. SM does it look like it will go ahead as Scottish Government. BM stated that it may or may not. With the Scottish Government being up for re-election in 2016. EU has levied fines against GB for not putting up enough renewable energy targets.

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

**CT** Report read by SM: I attended the LLTNP Community Partnership Cowal Area Networks meeting on Wednesday 3 Sep at Uig Hall with Iain. I gave an update on our activities. SCDT and members of Loch Goil, Ardentinn CC/Walled Garden, Kilmun CC. There were 2 speakers from 3rd Sector Groups - Argyll and the Isles Coastline Trust and another which



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appeared to me to be promoting healthy activities for older folks (health walks). IM stated that the Chairperson seemed to have a very tight schedule and there wasn't adequate time for questions.

Sorry this is short notice - at the Community Partnership Cowal Area Networks at Uig Hall a couple of weeks ago John Forth (LLTNP CP) asked the various groups if we could find volunteer/s to take part in the eradication of invasive species. I recall that training is provided - the LLTNP has funding. Can you ask and see if there are any volunteers at the meeting or if anyone knows a likely candidate.

I also spoke about McKinlay's Quay to Cllr Marshall about enforcement action options on the unfinished plots - A&BC does not appear to want to engage beyond it's limited involvement. This prompted one of my neighbours to ask why are we all paying for a Planning Enforcement Officer.

David Honer stated that the property owner of MacKinlay's Quay Building Warrant has run out, has this been renewed? **CllrBM** stated that this has nothing to do with the situation. It will only be renewed if he applies for it.

**SM** Most people were present during the meeting with Alan MacDonald, reiterated that he will keep in touch with us, inform us of the schedules etc. **SM** asked everyone at the meeting keep us informed if there is something that is not getting done. **RA** stated that we should as a community should be more vocal. Calling in anything that is not being done. **SM** advised that she contacted the Council regarding a dead sheep that was foul smelling, this obviously will have a knock on effect with walkers and visitors to the area. The sheep is still there, nothing has been done. **CllrBM** took note of this but advised us to contact Ailsa Cunningham about further matters.

Update regarding Psychic night, we raised £300 after expenses. This will go towards the fireworks and bonfire night.

**SM** spoke to Mrs Clark the school is looking forward to helping out with Fireworks. The school/pre 5 unit want stalls. Robert Davies is coming with rides and stalls, Coast Coffee is coming to do hot drinks, Brianne Roberts Trust is doing burgers etc. SCC will have the Potato Oven. The Hall will be open in the afternoon with stalls etc. Get posters organised for next meeting. Let coffee shop know the date and time of the event. **IM** and **SM** will speak to Matt Downs about parking. Need to speak to Council about closing roads etc. Pier is ok to be used. Fireworks are booked. Might have music to go along with fireworks. John Cameron, Argyll First will be contacted regarding toilets, lights and generators.

Judith Moan stated that she had asked for the Trust to get the grass cut in time for Cowal Games, it still hasn't been done. **SM** stated that she did mention it at the last SCDT meeting, it looked dreadful as only part of it had been cut. Part of the area is owned by Scottish Water. Dave Petro got it cut once. **SM** will speak to SCDT again regarding grass cutting at car park.

**MH** Has anyone reported a broken bench at the war memorial on the shore side. The bench has disintegrated and needs to be replaced. **RA** stated that she had spoken to the SCDT about replacing the picnic benches as they are shabby and old.



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**RA** The plaques for the planters are starting to come off. These need to be replaced, all the planters need to be checked. The bike stand has been ordered for the play park. Still waiting on the notice board.

## **8. Local Community Planning**

**IM** attended meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September with Caucus. From their point of view they talked about toilets etc. They chatted with Tom Murphy, all the issues about amenities come under his remit. He is happy to come along to the next Caucus meeting in November, and discuss these with all the CC's. The council are prepared to be very flexible about coming to agreements with community groups. It was stated that it could come in the form of barter for flowers for opening toilets etc. **CIrBM** asked that **IM** keep pushing the point about the imbalances regarding south and north Cowal with Tom Murphy. **SM** mentioned that we possibly need a regular group of people that follow an itinerary of items that need to be done in the community, such as tidying up round the village hall etc. **SA** proposed putting an "ad" on facebook and in the Scene about possibly helping out in the community, a registered of possible volunteers that are happy to help. **SM** also advised that we need people to take over the care of the village hall as this is now becoming a serious matter.

**IM** at the next meeting they are looking at the Terms of Partnership as it is not had a great uptake, bit of dissatisfaction. They are looking to make it more democratic. **IM** will report back on this after the meeting. **IM** will be making some comments on the terms of reference that has been done by the end of October.

## **9. Planning**

Since the last meeting in August there were only two planning applications in the Sandbank area, i.e. erection of a single storey side and rear extension at "Trentino Cottage", Shore Road (14/01960/PP) and installation of flue for wood burning stove at 7 Ferrymans (14/02151/PP)"

## **10. Any other Business**

**BR** Couple of issues regarding the 50/50, who does the Rankin's Brae route as the Holy Loch Coffee Shop needs to be added. Lower Sandbank there is no one available to collect this one. **RA** will take this over. **MH** is no longer doing her route. Albert place, Cromlech Road needs to be covered. **MH** stated that half the trouble she has is that she wasn't getting anyone at home. **RA** advised that there is a slip that can be used stating that "you will call back at a certain time".

## **11. Public Questions**

David Honer: Are we just going to leave it the way it is regarding the speed limits at Sandhaven and Dalinlongart. **SM** and **SA** stated no we would not be leaving it alone. **CIrBM** advised that he had made strong objections to the Police about this. **IM** asked what the reason was as to why the council didn't agree. The roads manager stated that they had



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been through the review of the roads several years. **SA** advised that there were several instances in the past few weeks with speeding drivers. The fact that the speed limit has been reduced at the Cot House has caused people to speed up quicker. Also advised that people are driving at excessive speeds on a regular occurrence and there is never a policeman in sight. **CIrBM** advised to pass Reg Numbers to him and will pass this on.

Scalpings are too expensive. If they put scalpings down today in another years time we will want a full pavement. It was stated by **TM**, **SA** and **SM** that we were offering a compromise with scalpings, we do want a full pavement but would settle in the meantime for scalpings.

**TM** old school buildings – BM has brought it up and will chase again as still not heard back. **TM** was also informed that this area of ground has been ear marked for sheltered housing. **CIrBM** advised that it going up for sale. It is zoned for housing, it is a place that will be built upon one day.

**CIrBM** Burgh Hall is holding an event A Vintage Night at the Queens Hall, can he encouraged everyone to take a table. 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014. **SA** advised she will scan the poster and put it on the Facebook Page.

**12. 50/50 Draw**

July:            1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mr and Mrs Boyce    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Mr and Mrs Hall            3rd Prize: J McKenzie

August:        1<sup>st</sup> Prize: F Currie                    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Woodward                3rd Prize: E Pullar

September:   1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Winstanley                2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: J McKenzie                3rd Prize: Doctor Pearce

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7.00pm.**