



Sandbank Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 15th September 2015
Sandbank Village Hall

Present

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

Members of Public

Judith Moen, Anne and David Simpson, Gill Wollers Dunoon Observer.

1. Apologies

Bill Rankin, Gordon Blair

2. Police Report

PC MacKay gave the report.

21 incidents since last meeting, only 1 resulted in a crime report for assault 2 traffic tickets issued at McKinlay's Quay. Rural watch, PC Gareth Sims is in charge of South Cowal and will be progressing this. Advised to upload joining instructions on to Facebook for everyone to see, also email round residents of Sandbank. Easy to join, full instructions given on website. There is a facility to send a text message to police to address any issues that you need to have police involvement in. PC MacKay will give prices for signs for Rural Watch, roughly £12 per sign but £6 postage regardless of how many ordered. SCC to advise Police how many we need for Sandbank and they will order. Contact PC MacKay to arrange signage, he is happy to be contacted via email to arrange this donald.mackay2@scotland.pnn.police.uk

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Minutes of meeting on 18th August 2015 and matters arising

- **BM** house at McKinlay's Quay is now demolished. Chased Ross McLaughlin re infill height at Marina. This was then forwarded to Howard Clark confirmed that the height was higher than it should be.
- **BM** raised the derelict boats with Ailsa and she will get on to this.
- SM advised that Ailsa had taken up with the Roads department that the signage at Rankins Brae needs to be cleared as you cannot see it. BM will raise this again along with the junction at Fir Brae/Cromlech Road as this is dangerous, poor sightlines.
- **BM** to raise with Acha regarding the Torlochan Caravan park, as it is locked, this is due to the fact that it is unused. **SM/TM** raised the point that people who would may be want to use won't be able to as its closed.
- **TM** advised Superfast Broadband has arrived in certain parts of Sandbank. Some areas still need to be connected.
- **SM** the wall at the Old Community Centre is crumbling away. **BM** has alerted Estates regarding this.

Minutes of 18th August 2015 proposed by **IM** seconded by **TM**



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5. Treasurer's Report read out by SM – no changes from last month:

BR reported:

Balance b/wd from July	£11318.17	August	£11318.17
Income	£ 0.00	Income:	£ 0.00
Subtotal	£11318.17	Subtotal:	£11318.17
Expenses	£ 0.00	Expenses:	<u>£ 4741.19</u>
Total	<u>£11318.17</u>	Total:	<u>£ 6576.98</u>

6. Councillor's Report

GB Report read out by SM

Church Heritage development is going well and will report to the next meeting. The issues re the Gaelic Unit composite class numbers are being resolved and the Quality Assurance Officer Anne Paterson will be providing periodic reports on progress and assure me and parents that the children are progressing well.

I have had some complaints re grass growing in drains etc and have raised that with the appropriate council officers.

BM There will be a footpath going in between Invereck and The Cot House. This is great news for the Area. SA asked if this will mean the speed limit will be reduced, BM advised that he will Continue to raise this.

The Local Government Boundaries Commission (LGBC) has had a review of the wards within the 32 local authorities in Scotland and because the population, particularly in Bute and Cowal, have fallen and are forecast to fall further by 2019, a radical change has been proposed.

That change will mean that there will no longer be a Cowal Ward and the old ward would be swallowed by four other wards on Cowal's perimeter. All of the Cowal National Park area including Lochgoil and Carrick would be amalgamated into Lomond North Ward 8. Unfortunately, because the Council decided to treat the issue as an exempt item at the meetings held from 23rd April onwards, the general public were not alerted to this issue until August and LGBC have opened a consultation period which will allow the public to object if they wish with a closing date of 22nd Oct. Objections can be made online on the LGBC website.

Apart from the loss of the distinct 'Cowal' ward, the difficulties that will arise are manifest. The new ward would stretch from Rhu and Garelochhead to Ardlui then right down into Cowal as far as Benmore and Ardentenny. We already suffer from poor transportation, settlement and communications, asking people to make contact with a local area office in Helensburgh is in my opinion ridiculous, and for many people will result in long journeys at great cost. The LGBC has stipulated that the number of residents in Scotland per elected council representative should be 2000, apparently Western Isles Council have negotiated a lesser number because of rurality and super sparsity, I think we have an equal claim on these two counts.

Other communities in the Cowal Ward are pretty upset as you can imagine and a petition is being organized and will be distributed to all areas and I think will also be available online. I have also put a motion to A&BC at the Council meeting on 24th Sept. asking for support.



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Once again if you have concerns, sign the petition and object online to LGBC

SM Add Cllr BM report to Sandbank Facebook Page.

SM read out email from Willie Lynch DC in which it was requested that each Community Council Consider writing a letter opposing to the Boundary changes and submit to LGBC. SCC will submit a letter opposing this, We will also sign the one from the Caucus and we have also shared the link to oppose on the Facebook page. We will also upload this to website.

IM asked BM if it would be possible to see the Council's response to the LGBC. **BM** advised that he has been trying, however still not happening, this is due to the fact that the document is restricted. **IM** will write to Charles Reppke to ask if we can see this and clarification.

7. Community Councillor's Business

SM SCDT suggested that SCC approach local businesses in the area to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the fireworks. **BM** advised to approach the BID project and he will back us on it to get donation/sponsorship for the fireworks.

TM the fourth face on the clock will soon be done. The logo and dedication will be displayed on this side. **TM** has designed this from scratch for the community.

TM will also speak to Holy Loch to see about removing the old clock, this will need to be done by a qualified electrician to ensure it is done properly.

8. Local Community Planning

Next Caucus is in October. **IM** will attend.

9. Planning

No planning applications this month that affect SCC

10. Any other Business

None

11. Public Questions

Anne Simpson – has asked if SCC would like to write to the logging company who runs through to the Marina to get this cleared up it would be appreciated. **BM** will speak to Matt about the bark. **SM** asked if he could also reiterate that the speed limit is 30mph in village.

12. 50/50 Draw

To be carried over to next meeting as no Treasurer available

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.00pm.**