



**Sandbank Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Sandbank Village Hall**

**Present**

Convener; Sue McKillop (SM), Secretary; Stephanie Auld (SA), Vice Convener; Iain McNaughton (IM), Treasurer George Neilson (GN); Tom McKillop (TM), Margaret Hill (MH), Liz Neilson (LN), Eric Large (EL), Kevin Taylor (KT)

**Members of Public**

**Cllr Alan Reid, Louise Perret, Jonathan Bond, Judith Moen, Alastair MacLaren, Maureen MacLaren, Fiona, Munro, Sam Stubbs,**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Gordon Blair, Cllr Yvonne McNeilly, Bill Rankin, Greg Devine

**2. Police Report**

PC Susan Church gave report.

Bird Sanctuary will continue to be monitored due to previous issues.

**IM** 12<sup>TH</sup> November is the Remembrance Service at Lazaretto Point, 1pm to 1.45pm.  
Can officers be present?

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and matters arising**

- **SM** Broxwood Picnic area, we weren't successful in the application discussed at previous meeting. **SM** has spoken again with Graham Auty and he advised to contact Taynuilt Garden Centre for trees etc and resubmit.
- **SM** Heritage Trail, Tillhill have given go ahead for work to be carried. This is a SCDT issue and not a SCC.
- **SM** Adams Grave, **TM** has flown drone over site to see how easy access would be. Access road goes up from main road and the up to farm. Adams Grave is up at the top of the farm fields. If we can get some official body to protect this area, with fencing etc. then at least it will be protected and looked after. **SM** suggested that we contact Historic Scotland to see what can be done and then approach the parties who own the fields.
- **SM** Planters from **EL** and in to Rankins Brae before too much longer.
- **SM** Help Project have been and cut the remaining grass at Ardnadam. Hopefully they will cut around the pumping station and few other areas for us. They will do another cut before the end of the season. **SM** has written to the



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Water Board about paying for the grass around the pumping station. This has now been passed on to the appropriate department and SM is awaiting a response.

- **SM** Torlochan, Eilidh from ACHA called to state that no email received, however it has been sent to Matthew MacAulay and Garrick Collier. All the documents have gone to the board and they are looking at the project.
- **SM** No update on Old School site.

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#### 4. Treasurer's Report

**GN** reported:

Balance b fwd from JuLY	£4950.41	August	£4950.41
Income	£ 0.00	Income:	£ 25.00
Subtotal	£ 0.00	Subtotal:	£4975.41
Expenses	£ 0.00	Expenses:	£ 35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£4950.41</u></b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>£4940.41</u></b>

#### 5. Councillor's Report

**Cllr Reid**     **Overnight Parking at Cemetery**

The Council will order 2 signs worded as follows.

COWAL CEMETERY

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

Black text and border with white reflective background.

These will be mounted on the boundary wall and be visible to all vehicles entering this area.

**Full litter bins at Ardnadam Pier, Lovers Lane, Lazaretto Point and Broxwood picnic area.**

Amenity Services response - The street litter bins at these locations are serviced once fortnightly. The problem we are encountering is that they are being abused by householders disposing of their domestic household waste into them. We will however continue to monitor these bins.



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**Clothing bins, Broxwood**

Amenity Services response - Amenity services are reluctant to remove the textile containers as they provide additional recycling facilities to the wider public. We have on occasion removed some fly-tipping at this site and will continue to monitor the area.

**Pampas Grass, Shore Road**

Roads response - I can inform you that we have carried out weed spraying on the Shore Road, Sandbank A815.

**Old Cottage opposite shops**

Building Control say it's not in a dangerous condition

**SM** it's not the just cottage, the broken fencing, the Heras fencing is only a temporary fencing and it has been there for years. weeds and fix it up. Cllr Reid will take this back and report back

**LN** if the council has deemed the cottage as safe, if someone now is injured by slates or other who will be responsible for this?

**EL** Raised that someone came to look at the cottage, they have said it is safe, but have they not raised they fact that it is unsightly etc.? Cllr Reid advised that there are two different categories, one is that it detracts from the look of the village and the other that it is dangerous. To do with the first, they prefer to contact the owner of the property to see what can be done to resolve the issue.

Alasdair MacLaren raised the point of the derelict sandstone building on the highroad. **TM** advised that the sandstone building is in the same category of state as the house was at McKinley's Quay. The property has now changed hands and should be able to be traced who the owner is. **LN** advised that there is water pouring out of the property for months now. It is not winter yet, however when it freezes it will cause accidents and the council will be held liable. The SCC will also write and raise this with the Council. **IM** will do the letter.

**6. Community Councillor's Business**

**TM** There has been an email received from Craig Wilson of the Holy Loch Inn, making several complaints and requesting a response from the Community Council. This generated lots of discussion and with lots of members speaking over each other was difficult to minute. However, it has been agreed that there will be a meeting on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 between, **GN, KT** and Mr. Wilson regarding his complaints about the Community Council.

**IM** would like to borrow a few Hi-Vis vests for the remembrance service. Also advised that he needs to fill out a form regarding a parade for the Council. The form is quite



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long, 6 pages in total. Alasdair MacLaren will speak to Legion and feedback to IM about arranging the parade etc.

**SA** reminded everyone that she will be stepping down as Secretary and **IM** will be taking over as of next meeting. **SA** will speak with IM about handing over documents and laptop etc.

### **7. Local Community Planning**

No action

### **8. Planning**

**IM** There is one planning application since the last meeting, it is a repair to a property in Hunters Grove.

Sandra Taylor asked about the planning application for a hut at plot 151 at the Dunoon side of Lovers Lane. This could be quite a big issue. IM advised that it has been rejected. Sandra advised that the website is always down and doesn't work. This was raised with Cllr Reid and he will take it forward.

### **13. Public Questions**

Judith – swing park? Will it be fixed before the spring time? SM advised that she has spoken to Derek Matthews about this, it was decided at the time to hold off until the vandalism incident was at an end. The bit for the slide has been ordered and it cost £400.

### **14. 50/50 Draw**

**GN** the 50/50 club is costing £480.00 per year, this is what we would need to pay out of our own funds. It has been suspended for a few months now. May need to refund as it stands just now. Think we need to reinvent the whole thing. May be fixed amount of £12 for the whole year or pro rata for the year etc. We need to change the amount of winnings, at the moment it is not a true reflection of what has been received for that month etc. It was agreed that it may be worthwhile to go around doors again with the standing order form and explain to people what it is. Sam Stubbs suggested that we could get a group of volunteers together to create an electronic list and email a newsletter every month.

### **15. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm**