

**Southend Community Council
CC Meeting 31st January 2019**

Present:

Community Councillors: John Bakes; Margaret McDowall; John McDowall; Elizabeth Barbour; Pat Healey; David Bassett

Apologies:

Members of Community: Jimmy Umpherston; Bill & Linda Brannigan; Rev Steve Fulcher; Malcolm Ronald

Councillor: Rory Colville

Police Representative: Alasdair MacLaren

Minutes and Matters Arising.

Good News regarding the Factory Shop still in operation

Kintyre Recycling got monies to continue operating

No further info on Phone Mast

The minutes were then proposed by John McDowall and Seconded by Elizabeth Barbour

Roads – Regarding the white lines; loose chippings and unfinished surface at Castlewraggs etc. Council waiting on better weather. There are still concerns re Castlewraggs as road very icy and slippery in bad weather. No Gritters are getting round the Learside in these bad weather conditions and Royal Mail and Bus not getting up.

Crime Prevention – Meetings have now been moved to 16.15hrs to try to attract younger members from the High School. Await news of how this have panned out.

Police Report: There have only been 4 incidents for your area with 2 Crimes being reported, nothing of any serious nature.

We would express to your area our advice regarding the securing of all property and the locking of doors etc. All vehicles and dwelling doors should be locked no matter where people reside. Some of the properties last night were rural farms as well as vehicles parked on roads within the town centre. Last night's events have shown that criminals can be active in rural areas and the Police need to be informed of any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area.

We have, since last night's events became public, been made aware that over the last few days people have seen the vehicle in question throughout the Kintyre area acting suspiciously however no-one contacted the Police to have us check out the vehicle or its occupants.

Please can you stress to your area that any suspicious vehicles or persons acting in a suspicious manner should be reported to the Police.

Planning Applications:

Planning Application w/e 7th December 2018

Reference: 18/01981/LIB Officer: Richard Kerr Telephone: 01546 605518

Ward Details: 01 - South Kintyre; Community Council: Southend Community Council

Proposal: External and internal alterations to outbuildings to form residential annexe

Location: Lephenstrath Farmhouse, Southend, Campbeltown, PA28 6RU

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nigel Headley, Lephenstrath Farmhouse, Southend, Campbeltown, PA28 6RU

Agent: Gillian Wright, Lochside, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, PA28 6EP

Development Type: N14 - Listed bldg. + con area consents

Grid Ref: 165998 - 608435

KMG - No Update

Treasurer's Report – Balances:

Community Council: Current Account: £17,402.16 Sports Field Account: £ 305.85

Playpark: Clydesdale £2117.15

Tangy 2 Monies £2892.96 – Applications have been received

John Bakes at this point spoke to the meeting about the £50k loan which was given to Dunaverty Hall when during the building of the new hall they were in financial difficulties. They have to date, paid back £7500 and have advised they will pay a further £2500 before the end of our financial year. After discussion it was agreed to offer to write off £3000 each year over the next 10 years and ask that the hall either charge no rent or a reduced rent to the user groups. Once agreement was reached a contract would be drawn up and John had concerns that if the community council folded would Argyll & Bute ring fence the monies held by the community council. John then asked Malcolm to put this offer to the Dunaverty Hall Committee and would await their response.

Councillor's Report: Rory Colville.

Helicopter Crash is nearing its 25th Anniversary on 2nd June and Rory was keen to find out if Southend were doing some sort of commemoration. The Minister could advise that there is to be a church service led by The Rev Roddy McNidder followed by a short commemoration at the Memorial Cairn on the Mull of Kintyre near the crash site and further information will be provided nearer the time.

Argyll & Bute's budget is to be set out in three stages with the first stage being discussed on Thursday 1st February. The Greens usually get council more funding and Explore Kintyre is totally against the new proposed Tourism Tax. It was agreed this Tourism Tax wouldn't do Argyll & Bute any favours. Council Tax is to be raised by 3%

Council have found further funding of £7m. By cut backs; council tax management savings and policy savings. Increased funding from the Scottish Government for Early Years; Frank's Law, Schools etc.

There followed a discussion on Kintyre Recycling. Costs to be checked and possible changes to be made in future. Priority at the moment is to ensure jobs for the disabled employees were maintained.

Spaceport no further info

Indoor Salmon Farm is back in operation

Stirling University are using a hangar as they are doing a feasibility study on an experimental pipeline for sea water intake for storage and usage. Should bring employment and teaching to the area if it goes ahead.

Islay, Oban & Rothesay all doing well with employment and economic development.

Carradale New Cemetery query over consecrated ground.

Discussion re special needs in schools, Social Care Partnership and Funding.

Defibrillator Training – this to be addressed

Correspondence: None – all sent out by email

AOB – Linda Brannigan thanked the Community Council for the Senior's Xmas Dinner

Next meeting – Wednesday 27th February 2019

200 Club – December

£30 Bryan McKerral

£10 Ailie MacBrayne

£10 Gus Greenlees

£10 Gavin Semple

200 Club - January

£30 Elizabeth Barbour

£10 Susan Paterson

£10 Marie McDonald

£10 Margaret McDowall