

**SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
30TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Present: John Bakes(Convenor) Margaret Bakes(Secretary), Elizabeth Barbour(Treasurer)
Tim Cox, Deputy Convenor, Chris Cox, June McIntyre Jimmy Umpherston

Members of Community George Hanna, Linda Brannigan

Councillor John Armour

Apologies Pat Healey

Minutes Read and accepted Proposer Tim Cox
Seconded Jimmy Umpherston

Matters Arising Zip wire, George Hanna had tried repeatedly to obtain rubber to affect repair to zip wire but no response. Tim Cox offered rubber matting. The road edge has been repaired opposite the hotel. John Bakes stated he was disappointed no-one helped with the bonfire on Saturday morning, Tim Cox said they had been there on Friday afternoon. The bonfire and fireworks event had been a success but concerns were raised about the amount of traffic through the village, and lessons had been learnt for future events. Minutes read and accepted

Proposer Tim Cox

Secunder Jimmy Umpherston

Roads Chris Cox raised a concern re Japanese Knotweed growing alongside the road in two places.. John Armour advised that there was no money in the budget of A & B Council to deal with this, or manpower to do the work. The white lines on the B6145 have not been replaced yet, John Armour to chase. The subject of speeding motorists through the village was raised and the use of speed cameras were suggested.

Police Report None, no police presence. Reports of vandalism had been raised in the village, the perpetrators had been seen, local police had spoken to the persons concerned and a parent informed.

Councillor Report John Armour reported that the bottle banks had new locks fitted, broken again and had been re-fitted. The report that the Council had added two extra bins was untrue. John had attended the Open Day at Southend School, it was not known what the outcome of the day was. A decision on the future of the school was expected in 2023. The flood protection scheme in Campbeltown was ongoing, a survey re the future of Burnside Square showed that 57% of population surveyed wanted both car parking and a facility for events. No planters would be put back, light columns were going to be erected next to all the licensed premises in the square. Landowners and businesses in the area were being advised that space for up to five motorhomes could be allowed on their land to alleviate the need for overnight stays on the roadside.

Planning Three applications had been received for larger telecomm masts in Southend, and a planning application had been received for the Coastguard Station to be converted to a dwelling.

KMG At the moment the Surgery was short staffed and only operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Muasdale working three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Prescription pick up times have been extended to two hours with a chance to phone to arrange another time if patients unable to pick up within those two hours.

Treasurers' Report Community Council acc stands at £35,508.01, Tangy2 £3,069.90, Playpark £3,028.26, Sportsfield acc £305. Treasurer received six applications from organisations in the village for Tangy Windfarm grants, closing date 15th December.

Correspondence Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer attended a meeting in Campbeltown on Thursday 24th November hosted by EKReg. This has been set up to help all Community Councils in the area lock into the funding which will become available once the windfarms are up and running. The Scottish Government is planning to be self-sufficient in renewable energy, money will be on stream and various schemes will be available to Community Councils to benefit. EKReg will be the interface between the Energy Companies and the eight Community Councils in the area. Councillor Armour recommended that EKReg are invited along to talk to the Community.

AOB Margaret Bakes and Elizabeth Barbour outlined the arrangement for the Christmas Party for the Seniors in Southend. Anyone over the age of 60 can attend, food will be provided and entertainment arranged. Committee members to provide 20 pieces of parboiled potatoes, plus one savoury dish and one dessert. The Party will be held in Dunaverty Hall on the 16th December. Convenor suggested it might be a good idea to have a Community Notice Board outside the Hall for communal notices, at the moment all notices are displayed in Muneroy. Chris Cox raised a point about the BT phone box outside the Hall, it was reiterated this was needed for the Defibrillator. George Hanna informed that the playpark grass had been cut and the area tidied. Trees will be planted in the new year and George asked for help in planting them. Councillor Armour suggested that the cherry trees which will be removed from Burnside Square in Campbeltown could be planted but it was felt the trees were too old to re-plant elsewhere.

200 Club

£30 Susan Paterson

£10 Sandy Watson

£10 George Hanna

£10 Kath Graham

Meeting ended at 21.30, date of next meeting 25th January 2023