

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023

Present: John Bakes, Convenor, Margaret Bakes, Secretary, Chris Cox, Jimmy Umpherston, June McIntyre, Pat Healey

Apologies: Elizabeth Barbour, Cllr Donald Kelly

Community: Linda Brannigan, George Hanna.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Read and Accepted

Prop: Chris Cox

Sec: Jimmy Umpherston

Matters Arising: White Lines on road now done. Holes at cemetery gate filled.

Treasurer's Report: No report, Treasurer away.

Roads: Communication received from Bear Scotland re closures on A83 South of Ronachan. Monday 12th June to Thursday 15th June, Sunday 18th to 21st June between 20.30 and 5am. A83 North of Clachan Thursday 22nd June Sunday 25th June to Thursday 29th June, Sunday 2nd July Monday 3rd July 2023. Amnesty periods at 21.30, 22.30, 23.20, 02.00 and 04.00hrs.

Manhole cover missing on pavement between Muneroy and Dunaverty Court. JB to report to A & B Council.

Police Report: Only one incident in Southend, man arrested in Surgery car park suspected of being over the drink driving limit. Report sent to Procurator Fiscal. Community members reported police activity in Southend, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday night.

Councillor's Report: None

Planning Applicts None

KMG: John and Margaret Bakes had a Microsoft Teams meeting on Friday 19th May with Evan Beswick, Head of Primary Care, Argyll and Bute HSCP and Patricia Morrison, Primary Care Manager, GP Practices in Argyll and Bute. Items of concern were discussed and taken on board. They did point out that Southend had been well served in the past but it was not possible to maintain this due to the shortage of doctors, but both appreciated the frustration on the community. Health Board is trying to recruit more doctors, but one of the plans set out is to have a Health Professional who would deal with routine check-ups, blood tests, BP's etc, and it was hoped to recruit a Practice Nurse who would then deal with any concerns, in turn passing these concerns to the doctor if necessary. At the moment the doctors are covering Carradale as well as Southend, Muasdale and Gigha, so the doctors are working half a day in Southend and half a day in Carradale. Dispensing is to carry on at Southend for the moment. Campbeltown Medical Practice is not wanting to take over Southend, dispensing seems to be the stumbling block. It was agreed that a further meeting would be advantageous, and MB suggested it would be good to have an open meeting.

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Coronation/Vol Day 30 volunteers took part on Monday 8th May, and 19 bags of litter/rubbish were collected. Unfortunately due to rain earlier in the day, it was not possible to paint the benches and planters. Another date will be arranged. Steps up to St Columba's Footsteps were cleared of grass and weeds, and the path to the well was cleared. JB been back to paint the railings up the side of the steps. All 30 volunteers met at the Argyll Arms Hotel for refreshments, thanks to the Cox Family. Plants were put into the planters outside the Hall. George Hanna said the benches in the Playpark were rotten and falling to pieces, so it was suggested he contact the Wood Yard for a price for two new ones. New nets to be ordered for the goal posts n the Playing Field. No news yet on the electrics outside the Hall.

Correspondence: Letter received by all from Brendan O'Hara re Marine Protection areas, it was agreed that individuals make their own views known to Brendan rather than from the Community Council.

AOB Chris Cox asked if flights from Campbeltown went anywhere other than Glasgow, he was advised that there were none.

200 Club

April

£30 Elizabeth Barbour

£10 David Barbour

£10 Robert Millar

May

£30 Mary Cameron

£10 Michael Taylor

£10 Ina Semple

Meeting closed at 8.45pm