

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023

Present: John Bakes, Convenor, Margaret Bakes Secretary, Elizabeth Barbour
Treasurer, Jimmy Umpherston, June McIntyre, Pat Healey.

Apologies Chris Cox

Councillor John Armour

Community George Hanna Jo Hill John Coffield Linda Brannigan

Mins of Last Mtg Read and accepted *Prop Elizabeth Barbour*
Sec Jimmy Umpherston

Matters Arising Emergency Plan for the village has been updated, copy to the
Surgery and Dunaverty Hall, Copy retained by Convenor

Treasurer's Report

Accounts are as follows:-

SCC	£36,808
Play park	£1,709
Sports Field	£305

George Hanna stated that zip wire needs greasing and more nuts and bolts required to complete repairs in the Play Park

Roads White arrows have been painted on the B842 at road junctions
to to show road is two way and not single track. The edge of the
road opposite the hotel has still not been repaired but the
Council have stated it is only wear and tear from traffic driving
over it off the carriageway. Overhanging bushes between
Waterside and Cnoc Baan need cutting back as they are
causing a problem for larger traffic. Councillor Armour to report
to Roads department.

Police Report No report and no police present at the meeting.

Councillor's Rep The temporary road between Lochgilphead and Oban is due to
open on the 16th December, it will be single track, the old road is
still not safe due to hillside boulders. The Council met last week
and are to charge double council tax on second and empty
homes and reviewing self catering properties with a view to
increasing the council tax on those. MB raised the issue of the
new charges being set up on public toilets, a coin slot for 50p is
being fitted, as well as a card reader. Councillor Armour agreed
it was not ideal, but the Council do not have a statutory duty to
provide public toilets. A discussion was held and members
stated that it was sending out a mixed message given that this
area is marketed as a tourist area and with lots of visitors it is
important that public toilets are provided as well as for residents.

Planning	Application for a felling licence for forestry at Feochaig.	
KMG	New receptionist in the surgery as well as a permanent nurse. Boots have closed the Main Street shop and pharmacy and prescriptions will be handled at the Long Row shop,	
Playpark	George Hanna has replaced rails on some of the equipment, the zip wire needs grease, JB to assist. The provision of gates in the Playpark was discussed and this would be re-visited at the next meeting.	
Correspondence	None	
Events	Bonfire went well and the fireworks were good, the only down side was that somebody disconnected the power to the food centre twice as an act of vandalism, but it was soon re-connected. The bowls night was a success, Linda thanked JB for organising it, and thanks were sent to Archie Reid's family for providing the food.	
	Seniors' Christmas Party on 15 th December, food to be organised by EB and MB. The Convenor invited Councillor Armour and his wife to come along on the evening and the Minster and his wife would also be invited.	
AOB	John Coffield raised the matter that the Southend Web site was not efficient enough and a discussion took place to see how it could be improved. It was agreed to have a meeting in January with interested parties to take it forward.	
	Jimmy asked if on Bonfire Night next year we could have silent fireworks. Linda said she has an archive of the Drama Group and as it was disbanding could a space be made in Dunaverty Hall to display this archive, it should be kept for posterity, it was an important part of past village life.	
200 Club	£30	Margaret Bakes
	£10	Gavin Semple
	£10	Cameron Barbour

Meeting ended at 9.45pm. Next Meeting will be 31st January 2024, no December meeting due to Christmas and New Year.