

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Present	John Bakes(Convenor), Margaret Bakes(Secretary), Elizabeth Barbour(Treasurer), Chris Cox, Jimmy Umpherston, Pat Healey	
Apologies	June McIntyre	
Councillor	John Armour	
Community	Lorna Bell, Linda Brannigan, George Hanna, Jo Hill, Inez Ronald, Malcolm Ronald	
Mins	Read and accepted	<i>Proposer Chris Cox</i> <i>Seconded Jimmy Umpherston</i>
Matter Arising	The gates for the Playpark are ordered but have not arrived yet. Councillor Armour thanked the Community Council for the invitation to him and his wife for the Seniors' Christmas Party in December. They really enjoyed the evening.	
Treasurer's Rep	Accounts	
	Community Council	£36,389
	Tangy 2	£3,127
	Sports Field	£305
	Play Park	£1,709
Roads	Pothole repaired near Low Catterdale. Road at Keil partly repaired, but needs more work.	
Police Report	Police area LB37 which covers Southend and three other Community Councils had 72 calls for service over the first three months since December 2023. This translates to 16 crimes being recorded, although none applied to Southend.	
KMG	Nothing to report.	
Councillor's Rep	Councillor Armour reported on the Argyll and Bute budget proposal meeting. Council Tax rise has been fixed for 10% increase for 24/25, despite Scottish Government freeze. Work is due to be carried out in Main Street in Campbeltown. An Environment Warden is due to commence work in South Kintyre. A final consultation on street furniture etc is ongoing for Campbeltown. John Bakes raised the state of Long Row traffic management and the difficulties it is causing with traffic flow, particularly down Burnbank Street where it meets the main road. PH asked if the free Pingo bus went to Carradale. MB to check.	

- Elections** Elections will be held for the Vacancies on the Community Council. Margaret Bakes and June Macintyre are co-opted only and should be elected if they wish to continue as members. Another vacancy needs to be filled, Lorna Bell stated she would be interested in becoming a member. Forms will be sent from Argyll and Bute Council shortly for nominations.
- Play Park** George Hanna indicated he wishes to step down from grass cutting duties in the Play Park, JB thanked him for his hard work over the past few years. It was agreed to seek a volunteer to carry out the work. An advert to be placed in the Southend Parish magazine.
- Website** A new website has been prepared by Lorna Bell, and with a few updates should be up and running shortly. New email address will be sent out once its live.
- AOB** Inez asked about the old benches outside the hall, they will be repaired in due time.
- 200 Club**
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| £30 | Douglas Neilson |
| £10 | Jen Ronald |
| £10 | Gordon McSween |
- Next Meeting** Wednesday 27th March at 8pm. Meeting closed at 21.15.

NB MB checked on the Pingo bus, it does not go to Carradale, it operates around town, out to Westport Beach, Machrihanish, Stewarton, Killdaloig and Peninver.