

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

26TH FEBRUARY 2025

Present John Bakes. Convenor, Elizabeth Barbour
Treasurer, Chris Cox Jimmy Umpherston, John
Coffield

Apologies Lorna Bell, Cllr John Armour

Community Margaret Bakes Linda Brannigan

Minutes of Last Meeting Read and Accepted

Matters Arising Re the Emergency Plan it was stated that a leaflet drop had been carried out during the Power Outage, this was not the case, it was suggested that it would be a good idea when and if the next emergency arises. Linda Brannigan attended the meeting in town regarding the dialysis machine situated in Campbeltown Hospital. The good news is that the machine will be put back into service on the 17th March 2025 and an Agency Nurse has been hired to administer it. The meeting was well attended, including Jenni Minto, the local MSP for the area, as well as local Councillors. There was a fear that the machine would be re-allocated to Lochgilphead but it was pointed out that the people of Campbeltown raised the money for the machine therefore it should remain at Campbeltown Hospital. The Committee members voted for John Coffield to be co-opted on to the Community Council and he will be made a full member at the AGM. The Convenor reported he had received a phone call from Mark Westwood of SSE stating they would be forwarding a donation to Southend Community Council for keeping the Hall open during the recent power outage, although at this point it was not known how much would be donated. It was suggested that this may be shared with Dunaverty Hall. Convenor visited Frances and Ian Hill to discuss presenting them with a garden bench in recognition of all their hard work and service to the village over the past 30 years, this was agreed and the Convenor would order one from Auchencorvie. Linda Brannigan reported that Jenni Minto stated that she is not happy with the digital switch over due to take place later in the year, it was pointed out that some people will not be able to use digital phones, and not all fibre connections have been made in this area. Margaret Bakes reported that the SWRI meeting in February when the Scottish Air Ambulance gave a talk on their work was well attended and £567 was handed over to their representative, A thank you letter had been received from SCAA.

Minutes Read and Accepted *Prop Elizabeth Barbour Sec Jimmy Umpherston*

Treasurer's Report

Community Council Account	£36,058
Tangy 2 Account	£3,155
Playpark Account	£889

The Treasurer stated she had received applications for grants from Tangy 2 funding , and would report back when she had checked them over. The bank changeover has been put on hold for now until pril. The Convenor reported there was damage to the climbing frame in the Play P, one of the rope fastenings had corroded and would need replacing.

Police Report An email had been received but the reports are not very informative and a bit sparse on detail.

Councillor's Report No report received.

Notice Board The Convenor had attended the Dunaverty Hall committee meeting to discuss the way forward for a notice board. There followed a discussion with the Community Councillors as to whether to opt for a wooden board or a digital one, this would need a power supply, a suggestion was it could be sited in the window of the old Post Office, a wooden framed one would probably be sited behind the bench near to the road so it could be easily read. John Coffield to report back on costs. John to be liaison person between sec and Dunaverty Hall committee.

Events Diary John Coffield reported that the Hall Committee were organising various events throughout the year. Dates as follows(All 2025):-

29 th March	Bowls Night
12 April	Family Quiz Night
3 May	VE Afternoon Event, Afternoon Tea and Beetle Drive
10 May	Kintyre Ultra Relay from Machrihanish to Campbeltown
7 June	Big Lunch, Table Top/Car Boot Sale
19 July	Highland Games, poss evening event
27 Sept	Ceilidh
1 Nov	Halloween Party in the afternoon for children in the village
8 Nov	Family Quiz Night
7 th Dec	Christmas Fayre
12 th Dec	Seniors Christmas Party

Suggestions that notices be put up in the toilets at the Caravan Park with the permission of James Barbour.

AOB Linda Brannigan reported that the signs at St Columba's Footprints were missing. Chris Cox reported that the Information Board at Dunaverty Rock was in need of repair. Southend Leaflet should be re-printed and distributed.

200 Club

£30	Jackie Mccorkindale
£10	Susan Patterson
£10	Mary Cameron

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 26th March at 8pm.