

# Southend Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Present:

Community	John Bakes	Convener
Councillors	Lorna Bell	Secretary
	Pat Healey	
	Jimmy Umpherston	
	Chris Cox	
	John Coffield	

Community	Linda Brannigan
	Grace Chalmers

Councillor	Jennifer Kean
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### Apologies:

Elizabeth Barbour	Treasurer
Malcolm Ronald	
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### 1. Welcome.

The Convener welcomed all present. John Coffield was added to the list of those present at the last meeting and then the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

### 2. Matters Arising.

- **Mowi plans for Sanda Island.** Local resident, Grace Chalmers, raised several concerns regarding the installation of a Fish Farm at Sanda Island; much discussion ensued with the following questions raised:
- What will the environmental effects of a Fish Farm be on the local area and the marine ecosystem with regards to pollution, noise, light, chemicals? How does this link in with the local council's Green Plan? What benefits will the local community of Southend see? How much disturbance will the feeding barge and boat movements cause to the area and local fishing/tourism? There is also a concern that the sight of a Fish Farm will spoil the view from the Macharioch area. The Convener had contacted Mowi to invite them to talk to the community but was yet to receive a response. The Secretary will chase this up. The Sec will also contact Machrihanish and Carradale Community Councils for their opinions and view on the Mowi Fish Farms set up in their communities.
- **Notice Board update.** The installation of an outside Notice Board is cost-prohibitive so Dunaverty Hall Ctte has decided to install a 50-inch TV in the Hall foyer; it will be linked to the CIC Keeping it Local website, which will also display local posters/notices. Submission of information/posters should be through the Dunaverty Hall email: [dunavertysouthend@gmail.com](mailto:dunavertysouthend@gmail.com).
- **Kintyre Way Walking Group.** Pat Healey requested a link to their website be added to the Community Councils Website. The Sec will action this.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

- Community Council £36,008
- Tangy2 Funding £3155
- Playpark £889

### **4. Police Report – nil available**

### **5. Councillors Report.**

Cllr Kean gave a full and informative update on several matters (separate attachment). She has been contacted by residents of Mill Park, Southend who raised grave concerns about speeding traffic past their houses. The Convener will write to the Council on their behalf to request council assistance in the matter. Cllr Kean also reminded the Community Council to respond to the Visitor Levy Consultation, if they had not already done so. She also informed the meeting that she had put forward RFI's on several matters to the Council and had yet to receive a response.

Local Resident Linda Brannigan raised the issue of Burnside Square Car Park and the lack of clear markings for the disabled parking bays; this has been raised on numerous occasions; Cllr Kean explained that this matter was with the council and that they had, so far, not provided any updates.

### **6. Correspondence**

- Inspire Alba have requested a speaker to attend a Learning Exchange to talk about Southend community's response during Storm Eowyn. The Convener will attend.
- Aspiring Places have launched a new website for communities to share project ideas and information. Sec will share the website link with the Community Council.
- Tesco Blue-Token Funding applications are now open – they're looking for Children and Young People groups to apply. The cttee will encourage local groups to apply.

### **7. Events**

The Spring Bowls Night will take place in Dunaverty Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March; with 14-Teams competing. There will also be a Family Quiz Night on 14<sup>th</sup> April in Dunaverty Hall.

### **8. AOCB**

John Coffield informed the cttee that there was a Consultation taking place about the local Bus Services. The Sec will upload a link to it on the Community Council website.

### **9. 200 Club**

£30 – Marion McDonald

£10 – Linda Brannigan

£10 – Gavin Semple

### **10. DONM**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm.