

Southend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 30th April 2025

Present:

Community	John Bakes (JB)	Convener
Councillors	Lorna Bell (LB)	Secretary
	Elizabeth Barbour (EB)	Treasurer
	Jimmy Umpherston (JU)	
	Chris Cox (CC)	
Community	Linda Brannigan	
	Jo Hill	
	George Hannah	
	Donnie MacLean	
	Andrew Jones	
	Robin Ross	
Police	Sgt Chris Bennett	
Councillor	John Armour	

Apologies:

John Coffield

1. **Welcome.** The Convener welcomed all present. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record; Proposer-CC, Seconder-JU.

2. Update on Actions from Last Minutes

Mill Park – Speeding concerns from residents of Mill Park have been forwarded to the Local Council; this was discussed at the last Roads Mtg (see councillors report).

Inspire Alba Resilience Meeting. JB gave a talk to the meeting about the Southend Community Council and Dunaverty Hall actions during Storm Eowyn, and the utilisation of the Emergency Plan, local resilience and the hall emergency generator. He was paid £200 for his talk which he will be donating to the CC and further distributed from there.

Mowi plans for Sanda Island. LB attended a meeting with the Environmental Team from Mowi to discuss their plans for Sanda Island. Mowi gave a presentation on their plans for a Fish Farm, holiday cottages, bar, moorings and caring for the SSSI wildlife. She invited them to come to a community meeting at Dunaverty Hall to give the same presentation and take questions from the community.

3. Matters Arising.

Keil Hotel Planning Application. Andrew Jones gave a presentation on the planning application for Keil Hotel; 11-rooms/suites, 3 self-catering units, leisure facilities (pool, spa, tennis court), bar and restaurant. The council members all agreed that the plans looked very positive for the Hotel and local community and support the plans. (A&B Planning website, ref 25/00510). JB will write to the Local Council on behalf of the Community Council in support of the planning application.

4. Treasurers Report

- Community Council £35,640

- Tangy2 Funding £3155 – the funding has been allocated, and the council received letters of thanks from the Play Park and the WRI.
 - Playpark £1444
 - Convener & Treasurer are negotiating monetary dispensation following the power outage during Storm Eowyn. The emergency generator at Dunaverty Hall used a lot of oil during the 4-day outage. The Community Council offered to pay half of the oil bill (Proposed by John Bakes, Seconded by Elizabeth Barbour). John Bakes will action this with Malcolm Ronald (Dunaverty Hall Chair).
5. **Police Report.** Sgt Chris Bennett attended the meeting and gave an outline of numbers of calls and crime reports raised. The main themes/concerns are the level of recreational drugs in Campbeltown. The Police are engaged in a programme of proactive stop & test against Drug-driving.
6. **Councillors Report.**
- John Armour outlined the case for the 10% rise in Council Tax this year: this was due to the National Insurance raise (Council Worker), an increase in the Roads budget from £2M to £10M, a £1.7M increase in Health and Social Care budget. These budget raises were deemed essential in order to maintain services in A&B.
 - John Armour attended the Roads Mtg in April where the following was discussed:
 - Speeding Signs for Mill Park.
 - Disabled Parking Signs in Burnside Square.
 - Traffic Warden commenced duties in March, this has seen a decrease in congestive parking on Longrow South; the requirement for Loading/Unloading Bays and parking on one side of Longrow South.
 - Further parking options in Campbeltown.
 - A request from Stewarton residents to implement a 30mph speed limit passing the village on the Campbeltown to Machrihanish road.
 - The Line-painting machine has now arrived and training will commence, with the machine coming into operation in early summer.
7. **Correspondence**
- A&B Council propose to sell Southend Primary School, if there is no other community purpose proposed for the building.
 - The Supporting Communities Fund is available until 26 May. Up to £1500. Lorna Bell to investigate an application to help with the Notice Board.
8. **Events.** The Spring Bowls Night was very successful with 14-Teams competing; as was the Family Quiz Night in Dunaverty Hall, with 20 Teams entering the event. Southend was also treated to an excellent concert from Campbeltown Brass Band. Further events are planned throughout the year and are advertised on Social Media and through the Community Council Website. The Southend Community Council AGM will be held on 25 June 2025. The Sec will give 2-weeks' notice.
9. **AOCB**
- The Glass recycling bins at Keil Car Park appear to be being used as a skip; a complaint has been made to the council but nothing heard. Cllr John Armour will chase this up.
 - Newsletter – it was decided to draft a Spring/Summer newsletter for the community with the 200-club application included. They will be delivered by members/friends of the Community Council.
10. **200 Club – no draw.**

11. **DONM** - Wednesday 28th May, 8pm.