

Southend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 27th August 2025

Attendance:	
Community Councillors	General Public
John Bakes, Convener Elizabeth Barbour, Treasurer Lorna Bell, Secretary Pat Healey Chris Cox John Coffield	Mike Healey Linda Brannigan Chris Rosario Grace Charlton
Apologies	
Cllr John Armour Jimmy Umpherson	

1. **Welcome.** The Convener welcomed all present. The minutes of the last meeting were amended and accepted as a true record; Proposer-CC, Seconder-JC.
2. **Update on Actions from Last Minutes**
 - **Mowi Public Meeting, 26th June 2025.** The meeting was very well attended (60-70 people). The CC were invited, along with local councillors, A&B planning dept and our MSP to visit Sanda Island to see the company's plans for the island and the proposed location of the Salmon Farm. It was noted that the buildings on the island were in good condition. These will be brought up to standard and used for tourism purposes. A pontoon may be installed for use of passing yachts. The renovation and Fish Farm is a 2-year plan, in the engagement and research stage at the moment, with a start date in Q4 of 2027. At the public meeting it was proposed to put a community group together to liaise with Mowi as the project matures. LB will put out a notice on the Socials and through the winter newsletter to invite interested parties to join the community group.
 - **Glass recycling bins at Keil Car Park.** The issue of the lids coming loose continues; JB has fixed the lids on two of them. JB will request the council to put locks on them to prevent them being damaged in the wind.
 - **Theft from Honesty Boxes.** Dunaverty Golf Club's Honesty Box at the 9th Tee has also been robbed, with the club losing over £70 of goods. A security camera has now been installed.
 - **Southend Information Leaflets.** The leaflets have been very popular with visitors throughout the summer. One correction will be required for the next batch, which JC will implement. JB built and installed weatherproof boxes for the leaflets at Keil Car Park, Dunaverty Car Park and Dunaverty Hall.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - **Storm Damage to Keil Road.** Road repairs commenced in August.
 - **War Memorial.** The wall around the memorial was damaged by a car. JB to engage with A&B Council to ascertain when it will be fixed, noting Remembrance Day service will take place there in November.
 - **Sale of Southend Primary School.** This was due to take place in August but has been delayed by A&B Council pending resolution of documentation issues. No updated auction date known yet.

4. Treasurers Report

Accounts	
Community Council	£36,115
Playpark	£1,131

- The Play Park inspection took place on 27 August; the climbing frame rope needs to be replaced. EB will investigate options.

5. Police Report. None.

6. Councillors Report. None.

7. Correspondence.

- **Local Place Plans.** A&B Council notified all the Community Councils that Local Place Plans should be reviewed and updated, if required, by July 2026. LB to email the Southend Local Place Plan to all members. CC Members to review and feedback any changes required at the next meeting.

8. Events. Dates for upcoming events were firmed up, as follows:

- **Bonfire Night** – Sunday 2nd November. EB will order the fireworks and request pallets from AM Transport. LB will put a price list together for the food. A parking plan and marshallers will be required.
- **Bowls Night** – 22nd November.
- **Seniors Christmas Party** – Friday 12th December. JC to draft an RSVP invite for all Southend residents, with a view to delivering them with a winter newsletter (see AOCB).

9. AOCB

- **Winter Newsletter.** LB proposed to write a winter newsletter to include information on winter preparedness and the village's emergency plan. A draft will be presented at the September mtg.
- **Children's Christmas Party.** There was a discussion as to whether a children's Christmas Party could be held in Southend this year, as there had been an increase in numbers in the village. It was thought that we could discuss with other community groups to see if there was an appetite for this among families.

10. 200 Club

July	August
Jane McCorkindale £30	George Hanna £30
Jimmy Umpherson £10	Gordon MacSween £10
David MacBrayne £10	Jackie McCorkindale £10

11. DONM - Wednesday 24th September, 8pm.