

Southend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 24th September 2025

Attendance:	
Community Councillors	General Public
John Bakes, Convener Elizabeth Barbour, Treasurer Lorna Bell, Secretary Grace Charlton Pat Healey Chris Cox Jimmy Umpherston Cllr John Armour	Linda Brannigan Mike Healey
Apologies	
Cllr Jennifer Keane John Coffield Jo Hill George Hannah	

1. **Welcome.** The Convener welcomed all present. The minutes of the last meeting were amended and accepted as a true record; Proposer-CC, Seconder-PH.
2. **Update on Actions from Last Minutes**
 - **Winter Newsletter.** LB has drafted a Newsletter, and all were requested to review and suggest any additions/changes. The Seniors Christmas Party invite will be delivered with the newsletter, to ensure maximum awareness of the event.
 - **Storm Damage to Keil Road.** Road repairs have been completed with the road and siding reinforced with boulders.
 - **War Memorial Damage.** No further info on repair timelines.
 - **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.
 - **Local Place Plans.** LB requested Southend's last Local Place Plan from A&B Council, who did not have a copy. A hard copy has been sourced, so will be circulated to the CC for their input.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - **Co-option of new Community Councillor.** Grace Charlton was unanimously voted on to the Community Council.
 - **Winter Newsletter & Seniors Party Invite.** These will be amended and send out by end of Oct.
4. **Treasurers Report**

Accounts	
Community Council	£35,377
Playpark	£1,131

- EB will investigate options for the replacement of the climbing frame rope. EB will put a funding application together for the Campbeltown Community Fund; repairs estimated £3K.

5. **Police Report.** Emailed through with details for August.

6. **Councillors Report.**

- **White Lining at Stewarton to Southend.** Expected in the next couple of weeks.
- **20mph Speed Limit.** Starting on 29th September in Campbeltown on the trunk road, trial for 18 months. Transport Scotland initiative (not A&B Council).
- **Green Bin review.** New policy will be introduced in December 25.
- **Potential Visitor Levy.** Policy introduction delayed until Jan 26.
- **Public Toilets.** All require to be upgraded. Council are looking at options; possible option of Community Councils taking them on, as they can apply for charitable funding for their upkeep.
- **HSCP Survey.** Found on the A&B Website. The survey is open until 19 October. Communities are encouraged to partake in the survey.

7. **Correspondence.**

- Kintyre Prepare for Winter Event – 15th October, Town Hall
- Community Payback Order – Survey. JB will complete the survey. There are some tasks that could be undertaken by Community Payback.
- Tangy Repower Public Exhibitions Update. Email forwarded to CC members.
- MOWI update – request to present at next CC meeting. All in favour. LB will contact Mowi.

8. **Events.**

- **Bonfire Night** – Sunday 2nd November. EB has ordered the fireworks and glo-sticks; she will request pallets from AM Transport nearer the time. LB will put a price list together for the food. LB, EB, GC, PH and CC will provide soup. JB will order the hotdogs and buns. EB will put a poster on the Socials.
- **Bowls Night** – 22nd November. LB will submit a request to Dunaverty Hall Cttee for the bar for the Bowls Night.
- **Seniors Christmas Party** – Friday 12th December. The RSVP will be sent out with the Winter Newsletter to all Southend residents. LB will request the bar for the event.

9. **AOCB**

- LB is investigating funding for a 'Communications' themed Christmas present for all the Seniors attending the Seniors Christmas Party and will look at funding sources.

10. **200 Club**

September	
Sandy Watson	£30
Jen Ronald	£10
Sandy Watson	£10

11. **DONM** - Wednesday 29th October, 8pm.