

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 27TH NOVEMBER 2024

PRESENT John Bakes(Convenor), Margaret Bakes(Secretary), Elizabeth Barbour(Treasurer), Lorna Bell, Pat Healey, Chris Cox, Jimmy Umpherston

COMMUNITY John Coffield

COUNCILLOR John Armour

APOLOGIES Linda Brannigan, George Hanna, Jo Hill, June McIntyre

MINS OF LAST

MEETING Read and Accepted *Prop Elizabeth Barbour*
Sec Lorna Bell

MATS The land adjacent to the toilets has been filled in with scrapings from the road. Hole in the road near to Keil Lodge repaired by Scottish Water. PH praised them for an efficient service following the water being turned off.

TREASURERS REPORT

Community Council Account £35,653

Play Park Account £889

Treasurer reported that the grant from Argyll and Bute Council has been received.

Bonfire Night made £1,197.26, and after all expenses had been deducted there was a profit of £594. Bowls Night also was a success and a profit of £150 was made. The Convenor thanked everyone for their help at these events.

A letter has been received offering a grant of £500 towards a Resilience Fund for the village. The Treasurer will investigate further.

ROADS It was reported that there is a large amount of water crossing the car park at Keil, and it is encroaching on the road at the corner. The Learside road is now re-opened, under budget and in quicker time than was anticipated. James Barber contacted Councillor Armour to report that during the storm on the previous Saturday the culvert near to the Golf Club was spurting water through the cover, Mr Barbour had attended to it, but he felt the Council needed to be informed.

POLICE REP A report had been received, but with only a small amount of detail. Councillor Armour has requested the police keep up the liaison with Community Councils. Unfortunately, the police are short staffed.

COUNCILLOR'S REP Councillor Armour informed the meeting that the Roads Budget for the Council had been reduced from £8m to £2m for the coming year. There is every likelihood that the Council Tax will rise by double figures next year. Argyll and Bute Council are carrying out a survey as to how the public want to connect with the Council offices, It was felt that a face to face appointment system would be better than online connection. Argyll and Bute Council are committed to providing better internet connections throughout the whole area, and the bin men are tasked with mapping signal strengths whilst on bin collection rounds. The situation with the dead seals on Dunaverty Beach is still on going, Lorna Bell had been in touch with the Council, DEFRA and SEPA, but none of them can be responsible for removing the carcasses. Councillor Armour stated it was not Argyll and Bute's responsibility, Lorna is still trying to find out who will remove them.

EVENTS The Seniors' Christmas Party was discussed, MB asked if members could contribute towards the food, one savoury dish, one dessert and 20 pieces of potato.

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Unfortunately Campbeltown Brass will not be able to attend this year due to another commitment in Glasgow. Various other artists are being approached. The subject of the first drink being free was discussed, as it was suggested it could be stopped this year, but after much discussion, it was agreed a free drink would be provided on arrival.

AOB

It has been reported that the Neilsons have already put in a gate in the wall leading into the Sports Field. As they are away on holiday right now, they will be contacted on their return. EB raised the point that there is a bench in the middle of the Play Park car park, JB said it would be removed to the side shortly. JC asked if there were any plans for the Community to take over and run Muneroy Stores if it wasn't sold. It would be manned with volunteers as per Carradale, however, it was felt there would not be any enthusiasm as the village population is quite elderly and would not want to be involved.. It was felt that most people have transport into town and there is a bus service, albeit limited, for those without cars.

Chris Cox suggested the Community Council mark the occasions of Ian and Frances Hill leaving the shop. There was a discussion about this and various ideas put forward.

The Convenor asked for suggestions as to what the role of the Community Council would be in the future. Both he and the secretary are looking to retire and he suggested that members try to recruit new and younger people to come on to the Committee.

No meeting in December, next meeting end of January.

200 CLUB

£30	Mary Cameron
£10	Alan Bateman
£10	Kym McKerral

Meeting closed at 21.10, next meeting Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 8pm