

SOUTHEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 30TH OCTOBER 2024

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

COMMUNITY George Hanna, Jo Hill, Linda Brannigan, Susan Paterson, Malcolm Ronald

APOLOGIES June McIntyre, Chris Cox(via JU)

MINS OF LAST

MEETING Read and Accepted *Prop Elizabeth Barbour*
Sec Pat Healey

MATTERS ARISING Note from Cllr re tree at Mill Park, ACHA have declined to improve it. Cllr has been asked if speed bumps could be installed due to speeding motorists in the area of Mill Park. Police to be approached to make recommendations. The road and pavement at Wallace Cottages has been repaired and water ingress from the road into the garden has been stopped.

The Convenor introduced Gillian Neal, Local Area Manager for Kintyre and Islay, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Gillian is visiting all Community Councils in the area to outline her role and responsibilities. She is new to the area, has a background in nursing and is responsible for Hospital services, Community Nurses, but not children, maternity or doctors 'surgeries. She stated that there is currently a problem recruiting staff although some new nursing staff have commenced this summer. The convenor raised the point of the lack of permanent doctors in the area, and the dependency on locums, therefore there is no continuity of care. A quarterly newsletter is sent out, and has suggested it is sent to SCC. This was agreed. She reiterated that she is contactable if anyone has a problem. Gillian was thanked for her visit and then left the meeting.

TREASURER'S

REPORT Community Council Acc £34,505

The Sports Field account has been closed and the monies transferred to the Community Council account.

Play Park Acc £889

The treasurer has been informed by the Bank of Scotland that there will be a charge in future of £4.80 per month. A community bank will be in the Town Hall once a week to help with any problems but will not deal in cash or cheques. Treasurer advised that the Virgin Money bank(formerly Clydesdale Bank) do not have monthly charges.

ROADS The Leaside road will be closed due to erosion near to Kildalloig Farm immediately until 20th November for repair work. Access for residents will be available. The area near to the Toilets at Dunaverty Beach has not been repaired yet and the hole is getting bigger.

EVENTS Bonfire on Sunday 3rd November, to be lit at 7pm and fireworks set off at 7.15pm. A list of who is doing what has been produced. McKerrals have a reduced number of pallets this year but Elizabeth has been promised around 60 to 70 from A M Transport to be delivered Saturday morning. The Convenor asked for help in setting up the bonfire on Saturday. Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 10th November and Lorna Bell has agreed to present the wreath on behalf of SCC. Bowls Night is on Saturday 16th November, forms are up in Muneroy, Dunaverty Hall and St Blaas's Hall, names to be in by 10th November. Seniors' Christmas Party is on Friday 13th December. There is to be a quiz on Friday 8th November in Dunaverty Hall, a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December in the Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several Emails have been received:-

Two outlining future offshore windfarm locations, one Northwest of Islay and West of Colonsay, the other between Greencastle Co Donegal and the Southern part of Islay. Survey work on the second has been carried out.

The road to Machrihanish is being dropped to 40mph between East Trodical Farm and the 30 mph limit on the edge of Machrihanish.

A research student at Stirling University is carrying out a survey on private water supplies. Anyone wishing to contact her can do so on <http://forms.office.com/e/4LvZqeU64J>. This is just a research project.

A webinar is being held on 26th November on raising animal welfare standards, tackling wildlife crime and creating a new generation of animal lovers. If anyone interested we have a link.

AOB

Lorna Bell reported a large number of dead seals on Dunaverty Beach, it was recommended she contacted Argyll and Bute Council to ask them to remove the carcasses. Douglas and Fiona Neilson of Tea Pot Lane have requested permission to insert a garden gate in the rear wall out into the sports field, it was recommended they put their application in writing to SCC.

Susan Paterson gave an update on fundraising for Shopper Aide, there has been a lot of response from various places, including two large donations of £20k and £30k. Fundraising is continuing with several events throughout the area.

200 CLUB

Gordon McSween	£30
Kate McKerral	£10
Elizabeth Graham	£10

Meeting closed at 21.20, next meeting Wednesday 27th November at 8pm in Dunaverty Hall.