

# **RHU AND SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**December 15th 2021**

## **PAPERS FOR ZOOM MEETING**

**1. APOLOGIES:** Ahead of meeting from Inspector Roddy MacNeil, Mark Fitzsimmons, Cmdr Anstay

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**3. GUEST REPORTS:**

- a. Police Scotland: Appendix 1 will be posted on the website.
- b. HMNB Clyde: Appendix 2 posted on the website.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. circulated and on website**

**Consideration of issues not on the Agenda. :**

**7a: The deadline for a submission from the Community Council was missed,**

**7b: Tim Lamb submitted a response on Behalf of the Community Council**

**7d: LD and JC submitted a response on behalf of the CC**

**9: Defibrillator sign- no progress**

**No further update on replacement swing or memorial bench**

**11..Dog Fouling: Signs excluding Dogs have been put up by the Play Park**

**5. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**a. Invergare: 21/01248/PP and 21/01404/PP**

The owners have lodged an appeal with the Scottish Government to try to reverse the Council's ban on the use of the property for short rental. The CC have prepared a response and this will be forwarded following approval at this meeting

**b. Duneira, Pier Road Planning Ref: 19/01573/PP**

The property is still being used for short term lets

**c. 21/01540/PP: Erection of 2 dwelling houses on Land South West Of Tigh Geal, Station Road, Rhu**

This application has been withdrawn.

**d. Blairvadach House: External Alterations 21/02144/PP & 21/02145**

**e. Other significant planning matters: none reported**

**6. OTHER MATTERS:**

**a. Forestry Report:**

The Pier Road Group (JMcG, LF, AM) who have been pursuing the issue of forestry traffic on Pier and Station Roads shared the results of the extensive research they have undertaken, particularly regarding an alternate route to Pier Road for the extraction of timber.

The owner of Drumfad farm has confirmed that no approach has been made to him regarding the transportation of timber across his land. We have had no reply to the direct question as to whether he would be prepared to allow a track to be built across his land to join up with existing roads.

**b. Aldonaig:**

**In early** November the owner of Aldonaig indicated in an email that the lease of the current tenant will be terminated shortly. He also indicated that there was a permanent permit for 2

mobile homes in existence for the farm as well as planning permission for a house. There has been no response from planning handle to a direct question on this matter. I assume that the planning permission for the house has lapsed. A reminder was sent on December 12<sup>th</sup>. As of the end of November, the tenant was still keeping chickens at the farm. It is possible that the owner would be prepared to sell the land. . There is still local interest in a community buy-out of Aldonaig and forming a Community Development Trust to acquire Aldonaig for community benefit.

Torr Farm, Aldonaig and Smuggler Glen. According to Planning, "Forestry Scotland has received a draft management plan for Torr Farm. The trees felled were alder and they allowed them to see how well they would coppice and the result was extremely good. Once the management plan has been agreed it will be shared with the Community Council. There is no agreement for re-plant in place with forestry, In terms of a TPO there is no emergency TPO in place, but Planning are proposing to visit the site soon with the biodiversity officer to determine the extent of the proposed TPO. Then this will need to go through the normal process of designating a new TPO." . I have written to ask if the visit has taken place.

### **c. Future of the Bowling Club Site.**

We understand that the agent for the owners submitted a demolition application for the buildings on the site on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### **d. Local Place Plans**

## **7: CONSULTATIONS.**

- a. Fourth National Planning Framework: Closing Date 10<sup>th</sup> January
- b. Ending the need for Food banks: A National Draft Plan: Closing date 25<sup>th</sup> January
- c. Event Engagement Survey: Closes 31st March 2022  
Ongoing, details on the Consultations page of our website.
- d. Review of the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils  
This short Consultation (September 30<sup>th</sup> to November 26<sup>th</sup>) was on proposals to amend the scheme to allow meetings
  - 1. to be held by remote means; and
  - 2. to be held by combination of remote and in person attendance.We supported the latter and also suggested that voting on issues by email should be included in the Scheme since, as in this case, the Community Council may not meet within the timescale of a consultation.

## **8: TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b><u>Cash in Bank</u></b>	<b><u>£5,355.92</u></b>
RSCC Funds	£3,560.29
Wellbeing Grant Fund	£ 850.00
PPE Grant Fund	£ 229.63
Xmas Tree Lights Fund	£ 676.00
Xmas Tree Donations	£ 40.00

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The next Community Council elections will be on 20th October 2022.

The by-election for the vacant Lomond North seat is on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

## **10. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

## **11. AOB.**

**The summary of the agreed decisions and actions and appendices will be posted on the  
website**

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