

**Minutes of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 11th June 2014
Held in Rhu Community Hall**

In attendance:

Rhu & Shandon CC:

Jack Rudram (JR)
Pat Pollok-Morris (PPM)
Jean Cook (JC)
Gordon King (GK)
Brian Fleming (BF)
Olivia Birch (OB)
Tim Lamb (TL)
Jayne Burnett (JB)
Andrew Nicholson (AN)
Linda Duncan (LD)
Jim Duncan (JD)
Ronald Sandeman (RS)

Guests/Public:

Cllr George Freeman (GF)
Cdr James Leatherby RN (JL)
Alastair Moore (AM)
Peter Knox (PK)
Margaret Barman (MB)

Topic	Minute	Decision/Action
1. Apologies:	1. Apologies were received from or on behalf of: Fiona Baker, Maurice Corry, Robert MacIntyre.	
2. Minutes of meeting held 13 February 2013.	2. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 13 th February 2013 were considered.	The minutes were approved (PPM & JD) .
3. Financial report for year 2013-2014.	3. The financial report was presented by the Treasurer (LD) . Appendix 1 The income and expenditure report for the financial year 2013/2014 was presented and a copy can be found on the website. In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Balance £ 809.76 • Income (A&B C grant) £ 562.50 • Expenditure £ 243.58 • Closing Balance £1128.71 	The financial report was accepted. (GK & JC)
4. Secretary's report for the period from February 2013 to June 2014.	4. The Secretary's report was presented. (JC) . Appendix 2 The report highlights the level of interest in the local community. The Community Council is well supported by the elected members, local Councillors and members of the public. Regular engagement with the Naval Base and Police Scotland is a welcomed feature of the meetings.	

5. Convener's report for the period from February 2013 to June 2014.

The Convener's report, **Appendix 3**, summarises the Community Council's activities during the last year:

- Level of membership on the Community Council
- Activity concerning level of maintenance of local infrastructure and facilities.
- Involvement in the control of Japanese Knotweed
- Concerns with unpleasant water discharges near the Scout Hut and flooding at the end of School Road.
- Speeding on the A814.
- Planning issues, in particular unapproved work at the Peace Camp, proposed plans for the development of Rhu Marina and future of the Bowling Club site. The proposed Local Development Plan published in 2013 led to significant concerns in the CC.
- A sub-committee of the CC is making good progress with developing a Conservation Area Appraisal for Rhu village.

Key current issues:

- The future of the Bowling Club and its land.
- The proposed location for the *Helensburgh* Wind Farm.

The R&S CC website has undergone a massive improvement within the past year due to the dedicated work of our secretary and the small sub-group dealing with communications.

6. Election of Office Bearers for the next 12 months.

There followed the election/affirmation of community council office bearers:

Convener	Jack Rudram
Deputy Convener	Pat Pollock-Morris
Treasurer	Linda Duncan
Secretary	Jean Cook
Minutes Secretary	Gordon King

Proposed **(AN)**
Seconded **(RS)**

7. Meeting schedule for next 12 months.

Ordinary meetings will be held on:

- August 13th 2014
- October 8th 2014
- December 10th 2014
- February 11th 2015
- April 8th 2015
- June 10th 2015

The 2015 AGM will be held on June 10th 2015.

Any Special Meetings will be arranged as required.

8. AOB

There was no other business

The following Appendices are attached

Appendix 1: Financial Report

Appendix 2: Secretary's Report

Appendix 3: Convener's Report

Appendix 1: Financial Report 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

**Rhu and Shandon Community Council Minute
AGM June 11th 2014**

Rhu and Shandon Community Council

Statement of Accounts for Year to 31st March 2014

Income

Opening balance brought forward from 1 April 2013	£	809.76
Bank Interest	£	-
Argyll and Bute Administration Grant	£	562.50
Total	£	<u>1,372.26</u>

Expenditure

Data Protection Registration	£	35.00
2 email addresses	£	12.00
Charge for ad-free website	£	24.95
Annual Hall Rent	£	100.00
Photocopying	£	23.00
Website Domain Registration (3 Years)	£	48.60
Total	£	<u>243.55</u>

Closing Balance Carried Forward

£ **1,128.71**

Represented by Cash in Bank £ 1,128.71

Represented by Cash in Hand nil

I have examined the attached statements and supporting records and found they are a true and fair record of the accounts of Rhu and Shandon Community Council

Signed M. Wallis

Date 19-5-14

Name M. WALLIS

Appendix 2

Secretary's Report for the period February 2013 to June 2014.

This report covers the period from the last AGM, held in February 2013.

At the AGM, the annual accounts have to be submitted for approval and forwarded to Argyll and Bute by the end of June. It is therefore necessary to hold the AGM before the end of June. The April meeting is too soon after the end of the financial year to have the accounts audited.

This report is split into two parts. The Community Council elections took place in October 2013 and the new Council was inaugurated on November 27th 2013 with the first meeting being held on December 12th 2013.

The following shows the attendance at all meeting of the Community Council from the AGM in February 2013 to the Special meeting held on 26th May 2014.

The number of elected members was twelve until the election in October 2013, fourteen for two months after that, and then thirteen for the period from February to May 2014. The average attendance of elected members at meetings was 73% for the old committee and 80% for the committee elected in October 2013.

The table below gives details of the attendance of councillors, visitors and the public.

	Event	members	councillors	police	MOD	Public	Officials	Visitors	total
AGM	AGM	8	2	2	1	3			16
February	Ordinary	8	2	2	1	3			16
April	Ordinary	8	0	1	1	9			19
April	Special	10	2			122			134
June	Ordinary	8	3	1	1	3			16
August	Ordinary	10	2	0	0	13			25
October	Ordinary	9	3	0	1	10			23
November	Inaugural	11					1		12
December	Ordinary	9	2	1	1	2			15
February	Ordinary	13	3	1	1	8			26
April	Ordinary	9	3	0	1	8			21
26/5/2014	Special	12	2			16		2	32

Jean Cook Secretary
June 2014

Appendix 3:

CONVENOR'S REPORT FOR AGM, 11 JUNE 2014

I am pleased to report that the Rhu & Shandon Community Council has been active throughout the past year dealing with a number of issues on behalf of the local residents.

At the last AGM in February 2013 there were 13 members of the CC compared with a full membership quota of 16. At the end of the CC term in October membership had dropped to 10 but this was increased to 14 following the start of the new CC term. During the year 9 meetings have been held plus two additional meetings on specific topics.

During the year R&S CC have made representations for better maintenance of drains to prevent flooding, pressed for the repair of potholes, resolved responsibility for maintenance of the Barge Memorial Garden and arranged beach cleaning after local storms. A watching brief is being kept on how Japanese Knotweed is to be controlled. Some problems continue to be unresolved such as unpleasant water discharges near the Scout Hut and flooding at the end of School Road.

Speeding on the A814 has been raised. Changes to limits create difficulties so we have to put our trust in the policing of motorist's behaviour.

Planning applications are a key part of the CC discussions and several of a minor nature have been discussed. Unapproved work at the Peace Camp has been emphasised to Argyll & Bute Council who continue to deal with this although there has been no change on the ground.

Possible the most significant impact on the village would have been the development of the Rhu Marina. The CC objected to the Masterplan on several grounds and with a large number of local residents also objecting it was gratifying that the PPSLC eventually decided to decline the Masterplan as presented. A linked application for local company GSS to build temporary facilities was approved with conditions but as yet nothing has been started.

An application to change the zoning of the Bowling Club to housing development has been objected to because of a number of concerns by local residents concerning access, coupled with the possibility that the Club may not be as defunct as thought.

The proposed Local Development Plan published in 2013 led to significant concerns in the CC area because of the introduction of new housing zones at Blairvadach and an increase in housing density at the marina, and Blairvadach. These, along with proposals for changes to the Greenbelt, were all objected to by the R&S CC. The Reporter's decision on the LDP is expected in Q4 2014.

A sub-committee of the CC is making good progress with developing a Conservation Area Appraisal for Rhu village. Whilst a responsibility of A&B C it was clear that this would not happen for some years so the CC agreed with A&B C that we would progress it ourselves as the basis for a Conservation Area Charter.

At the time of the 2014 AGM key current issues are: the future of the Bowling Club and its land, and the response of Rhu & Shandon to the discovery that the proposed Helensburgh Wind Farm lies within the boundaries of R&S CC.

The R&S CC website has undergone a massive improvement within the past year due undoubtedly to the dedicated work of our secretary and the small sub-group dealing with communications.

As Convenor my role has been made much easier by the tremendous support and work done by all members of the Community Council. It is appreciated that everyone is a volunteer and gives freely of their time to serve the community but without the energy and commitment given by the individual members we would achieve much less. A big thank you to everyone.

Jack Rudram, Convenor
Rhu & Shandon Community Council
5 June 2014