

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday February 8th 2017
Held in Rhu Community Hall**

In attendance:

Rhu & Shandon CC:

Jack Rudram (JR)
Pat Pollok-Morris (PPM)
Jean Cook (JC)
Fiona Baker (FB)
Derek Hall (DH)
Tim Lamb (TL)
Maggie McCowan (MMC)
Jayne Burnett (JB)
Peter Knox (PK)
Linda Duncan (LD)
Olivia Birch (OB)
Jim Duncan (JD)
Andrew Nicholson (AN)

Guests/Public:

Cdr James Leatherby RN (JL)
Inspector Coleen Wylie (CW)
Inspector Garry Richardson (GR)
PC Russell White (MDP) (RW)
James Harrison (Rhu Scouts) (JH)
Rebekah Jackson (Rhu Scouts) (RJ)
Iona Morgan (Rhu Scouts) (IM)
Harry Smith (Rhu Scouts) (HS)
Edna Muir (EM)
Laura Freeland (LF)
Cllr George Freeman (GF)

Topic	Minute	Decision/ Action
1. Apologies:	Brian Fleming, Gordon King	
2. Declarations of interest:	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Guest speakers:	<p>3a. Inspector Coleen Wylie. The Crime Report is Appendix 1</p> <p>Insp. Wylie advised all residents and businesses to be aware of the increased risk of scams involving bogus workmen, charity collectors, door-to-door sales etc., as these are becoming more frequent and more sophisticated.</p> <p>PC Craig Stamp is the new Youth Engagement Officer, based in Hermitage Academy. He will visit schools and youth organisations, provide information on many topics including Internet security.</p> <p>Insp Wylie advised that contrary to recent media reports, there would be no change to Police Scotland / MoD Police policing activities / procedures in the area. Cllr Freeman agreed to forward a copy of a statement issued by Police Scotland's Area Commander on this subject.</p>	
	<p>3b. Inspector Garry Richardson, MDP, assured the meeting that normal policing would continue in the area, despite stories circulating in the press. MDP will continue to work in partnership with PS. The importance of supporting schemes like Rural Watch and Neighbourhood watch was stressed. Information on these will be posted on our website and flagged in the next Newsletter. Electronic copies of these documents will be sent to JC</p>	Action GR and JC

	PC Russell White of MDP, based in Churchill, explained his role in Community Policing, particularly with Service families. He will also work in conjunction with PC Stamp.	
	3c. Cdr James Leatherby: His report can be found at Appendix 2. JL confirmed that the Clyde Local Liaison Committee will be held on 29 th March at 2pm. TL represented the Community Council last year. If he is available, he will attend this year	
	3d. James Harrison, Rhu scout Leader, supported by three scouts. JH informed the meeting that the Scouts would embark on environmental projects. One of these would be help with the Barge Memorial Garden, where they would assist with tidying the garden and planting bulbs and plants where appropriate. They will record the work photographically and put something on the CC website.	FB & PPM to liaise. JC to coordinate website contribution
4. Minutes of meeting held 14th. Dec 2016	4. The minutes of the previous meeting held 14 th . December 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed TL, Seconded OB.	
5. Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:	5/7b: ACHA will not fund a seat for the Barge Garden 5/6d . The shop adjacent to the PO is let on a 3 year contract, so no action is possible at this point 5/7e: Defunct Telephone Box in Rhu. BT will not consider the removal of this since the next active kiosk is 1,080m away. They will not replace the door since doors cause problems. The telephone is now functional. It is a card operated so no coin box is required. It was agreed that negotiations should continue to see what BT would do to improve the appearance of the box and provide instructions for its use 5/10. Tree Felling Continued 5/12: Give Way marks on Cycle path. Continued. JC to write to Cllr MacIntyre, copy to GR	Action JC Action FB/PK Action JC
6. Planning Matters:	6a. Siting of Metal Storage Container (retrospective): 15/03082/PP. There has been no movement on this issue since March 2016. Three emails to A&B planning department remain unanswered, representation to be made to Angus Gilmore, copy to GF	PK to action
	6b. 17/00251: The shop at Rhu House at the foot of Manse Brae. Change of use of shop to residential accommodation, awaiting decision. No objection by CC.	
	6c.17/00197/PP. Erection of a replacement single story extension at 14 Ardenconnel Way has been approved.	

<p>7. Other Matters:</p>	<p>7a. Update of Broadband. Superfast Broadband is now available to some addresses in Rhu and Shandon, those served by Cabinet 2.</p> <p>GF has met with Senior individuals from Digital Scotland and was told that all cabinets in this area should be upgraded by April 2017</p>	
	<p>7b Beach Clean in Rhu is on 5th. March. The draft copy of a proposed banner to publicise the event was shown, and approved. Two banners will be purchased from the Sea Change grant. Posters, produced by A&B Council, were given to JL for display within the Base.</p> <p>Post meeting Note: JL passed copies of the poster to the Captain of the Base and the Queen's Harbour Master on February 17th.</p>	<p>Action JL</p>
	<p>7c. Key Environmental Features Document was circulated for comments, and was approved. This version was sent for comment to Angus Gilmour, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, A&B and to David MacLennan, Scottish Natural Heritage.</p>	<p>Action JR</p>
	<p>7d. Conservation Area Appraisal. A motion to apply for funding of £4,000 from the Supporting Communities Fund to help defray the cost of producing the Appraisal Document was proposed by FB and seconded by JD. The CC will have to provide £1,000 from its own funds. CC voted in favour.</p>	<p>Action FB</p>
	<p>7e. Sewage works. Two septic tanks, at the foot of Artarman Rd. and Torwoodhill Rd, will be installed with work starting in April. Scottish Water will be holding an information event on the 28th. March. When available, details will be posted on the website.</p>	<p>Action JC</p>
	<p>7f</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system. Closing date April 4th 2017 2. Fees and Charges for piers and harbours. Closing Date 13th February . The CC will not contribute to this consultation 3. Future of the Crown Estates in Scotland. Closing date 29th March 4. Community Development and Learning Plan CD 31 Dec 2017. The CC will not contribute to this consultation 	<p>Action: Planning subgroup on 1 & 3</p>
<p>8. Opportunity for the Members of the Public to Speak:</p>	<p>LF expressed concern about the likely effects of the harvesting of timber from the Highlandman's Wood. This would include possible increased wear and tear or damage to the roads, and the size and frequency of the lorries required on narrow roads. The CC will have a meeting with Scottish Woodlands before work starts.</p> <p>LF The future of the PO. Concern has been expressed by some residents that the PO is often closed for periods in the afternoon. JR confirmed that a permanent solution was being sought.</p>	

9. Treasurer's report:	Treasurer's Report: Appendix 3.	
10. Correspondence:	<p>a. Information on New Funding Opportunities from People Post Code Lottery Trusts was provided by Jackie Baillie.. There are two opportunities each year in January and March. Details will be posted on Website and information passed to FB to see if an application to support the preparation of the Conservation Area appraisal might be possible.</p> <p>b. Community Empowerment Event at Three Village Halls on the 11th. March. TL is attending in another capacity , and will report back to the Community Council</p> <p>c. Grass Cutting is on the agenda at the next H&L meeting on the 14th. Feb. There are proposed amendments to the current frequency of cutting. Members are encouraged to read the proposals and reach an opinion on whether any action on our part is required. The concern is the wild orchids on the verge of the A814.</p>	Action JC and FB
11. Website and related issues:	None. It was decided to not discuss the logo at this time.	
12. Councillors' Reports	<p>GF reported that Street Lighting and Bin Collections were still posing problems.</p> <p>GF confirmed that the broken Perspex in the bus shelter near the foot of Artarman Rd. has now been repaired. By a private contractor at a cost of £256.</p>	
13. Members' Reports:	<p>FB Reported the offer of funding from the GALA for a defibrillator to be placed in the play park. There will be a question of ownership and electricity. JR will facilitate a contact with Jonathan Tait. JR is already with has been pursuing defibrillators in our area with Sheena Nelson, from Garelochside Rotary.. There is some progress since it appears that electricity from lampposts may now be a possibility.</p> <p>FB: announced that she would stand as an independent at the forthcoming elections in May.</p> <p>AN: Asked permission to circulate an invitation to become a member of Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) . They are the charity that contributed to the funding of the seat at the end of the spit. It was agreed and an invitation will also be placed on the website.</p>	Action JR Action AN and JC
14. AOB:	NONE	
15. DONM:	The next ordinary meeting of the R&SCC will take on 12 th April 2017 in Rhu and Shandon Community Hall.	