

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday 8th August 2012
held in Rhu Village Hall

Present: Jack Rudram, Pat Pollock Morris, Jean Cook, Fiona Baker, Jayne Burnett, Andrew Nicholson, Linda Duncan, Jim Duncan, Martin Ritch, Scott Weir,
Councillors: George Freeman, Robert MacIntyre, Maurice Corry
Guests: Cdr James Leatherby,

Public: George Wilson, Audrey Butler

1. Apologies: Gordon King, Morven Boyle

Topic

2. Minutes of meeting held June 13th 2012

Minute

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th June 2012 were considered. Proposed as accurate Jim Duncan; seconded Andrew Nicholson

Decision / Action

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Matters Arising

**3a Orwell Lodge:
Hole in boundary wall**

There has been no new progress on this issue. It is currently being investigated by A & B Council Officer Campbell Divertie. RM will link to R&SCC

RM to report progress/findings at next meeting

3b A&B Planning Consultation Exercise

Response to this consultation has been drafted by PPM, JR and submitted **appendix 1**

Action **completed**

3c Other Matters Arising:

• **Speed limits on A814 Rhu & Shandon**

Initial stage is for council officers to ask Strathclyde Traffic Police to examine statistics for this stretch of road and this is underway. GF will link to R&SCC
It was noted that MOD police do not have powers to deal with speed infringements

GF to report progress/findings at next meeting

• **Rhu Village ShopSmart Sign**

Unsuitability of signage in Conservation Area has been raised by GF with A&B Council Planning department. Awaiting information

GF to report progress/findings at next meeting

• **Rhu Marina**

JR reported that Rhu Marina Developments(RMD)has been in discussion with Crown Estates and it is understood that broad agreement has now been secured. It has not yet gone to the planners. This item will be discussed fully at a dedicated R&SCC meeting which will take place at a mutually agreed time with Alan Dundas (AD)of RMD and The Crown Estates (TCE)

JR to continue to liaise with AD/TCE in order to set up extraordinary meeting of R&SCC

3c Other Matters Arising contd.

- **Rhu Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club Committee officers have been asked to write a statement of intent to Luss Estates advising them of the clubs intent to either disband or remain. No action can be taken before this decision has been officially received. It was recognised however that should the bowling club be disbanded, R&SCC should be kept informed of any proposals /decisions so that the views of the community can be represented. The problems of the site use as 'open public space' were highlighted, particularly as it is secluded. Local resident AB expressed concern about the current state of the site as it is very overgrown; GF and MC suggested contacts.

JC to write to Simon Millar (CE of Luss Estates) and Leonard Prow (Bowling club) to ask to be kept informed.

GF to give AB contact for Community Service

AB to contact Danny Harkins of Employability Scheme

- **Core Paths**

To outline our response, an Objection Report Representation letter was completed and submitted by JC stating that it was the unanimous view of the Council that NP003 Drumfad Wood, short-cut should be designated as a Core Path.

Action **completed**

4. Guest Speakers

4a Constable Andy Crawford

The Local Police Community Officer could not attend this meeting

4b Cdr James Leatherby HMNB Clyde

CL gave a summary, mainly of updates on items previously offered **appendix 2**
New items of note are that:

- Following the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant, by A&BC and Commodore Wareham of HMNB Clyde, Councillor Maurice Corry has been appointed 'Armed Forces Champion'.
- Commander Derek Blount has been nominated to attend Garelochhead Community Council in the same role of guest speaker as JL

The recent minutes of The Clyde Local Liaison Committee have not yet been forwarded to R&SCC secretary.

JL to forward minutes to JC

5. Planning matters

- **A&B Local Development Plan, inc. Consultation on Late Additions**

The council unanimously approved JR's response to this; **appendix 3**

JR to submit letter of response

- **Comet Arch**

It was reported that other locations for this were being sought.

- There were no other planning matters raised.

6. Members of the Public

AB's concerns regarding the bowling club are covered in item **3c**

7. Treasurers Report

Balance of Account is £1,143.26 including the supplementary grant of £162.
GF confirmed that the supplementary grant was a one-off in this years budget
MR still in process of submitting paperwork to allow new signatories to the account

MR to update on progress at next meeting

8. Correspondence

HIE Consultation on Broadband

Discussion concluded that this consultation does not include Helensburgh and Lomond Area, however it would be worth finding out what plans there are for broadband service in our area and JC will write to enquire about this

Action **completed** on HIE consultation

JC to write to Argyll and Bute Council re plans for our area

'A Magnet for Helensburgh - Proposal for Community Engagement'

This idea by Helensburgh Community Council has at its core the proposal to bring the community together to 'celebrate Helensburgh's past and to act as a magnet for future prosperity.' A meeting of interested parties has been called by the HCC's Strategy Plans Group to discuss this and will be held on **22nd August**

JR to attend meeting and report back. (Other members welcome to attend)

9. Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill.

There is an easy read document in addition to the full summary.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations>
In summary this is a proposal to look at ideas to 'strengthen community participation, unlock enterprising community development and renew communities'

PPM and **JR** will report to members electronically in order to formulate a response

Submission by September 26th

10. Housekeeping Issues

• **Community Council By-elections**

We are 4 members short. It is likely that elections will take place in September although exact date is unknown. Members were encouraged to put feelers out to encourage the community to put themselves forward.
After the discussion at the last meeting on publicising the work of Community Council, JC has written to the editor of the Community Advertiser, who passed it on to Nick Cowie, Journalist of the Community Advertiser to suggest article about Community Councils, flagging the upcoming elections; this has been received positively.

JC has written to advise A&BC that we wish to be included in this bye-election round

- **Website**

JC, JD and LD have had initial meeting to discuss making our website more user friendly and up to date.

Initial changes are to be done 'in house' by JC. First pass changes will be made to ensure that the site is improved and functioning asap. Current provider Spanglefish is free but comes with advertising. Future plans may involve changing website provider and this will incur costs, requiring further discussion.

- **Training Needs**

This document had been sent to all members from A&BC. Individuals to submit reply asap.

JC to make initial changes to site.

LD, JD & JB supporting

All CC members to feedback to JC on website changes as they occur

CC members to reply personally
Action **completed**

11. Members reports

FB

- recommended that we write a letter of congratulation to Luke Patience on his Olympic success.
- raised issue of neglected state of Barge Memorial Garden at corner of Station Road and Caldwell Place. It was agreed that intentions re. maintenance should be clarified.

JC to write to Luke Patience

JC to write to Barge Memorial Trust

AN

Updated CC on R&S Parish following retirement of Colin Caskie this week:

- Rev. Ian Miller will be interim moderator
- It is likely that in the future R&S will link to St Andrews Kirk in Helensburgh, (although this is not yet ratified)
 - This will initially allow two Ministers for the two parishes, and in the longer term there will be one Minister and an Associate Minister

AN to report back once situation is clarified

AN will act as link to RSCC

JB

School reopens on 15th August

The Next Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
will be held on

October 10th at 7.30 pm
in **Rhu Village Hall**
All R&S residents welcome!

Meeting concluded 21.15