

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Rhu and Shandon Community Council  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
held in Rhu Village Hall**

**Present:** Jack Rudram, Pat Pollock Morris, Jean Cook, Jayne Burnett, Andrew Nicholson, Ronald Sandeman

Councillors: George Freeman, Robert MacIntyre,

Guests: Cdr James Leatherby,

**Public:** George Wilson, Audrey Butler, Edna Muir, Peter Knox, Chris Lee, Jan Lee, Mairearad Whaley, Keith Whaley, Trevor Dacombe

**1. Apologies:** Fiona Baker, Gordon King, Linda Duncan, Jim Duncan, Martin Ritch, Scott Weir, Councillor Maurice Corry, PC Andy Crawford

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Decision / Action</b>
<b>2. Minutes of meeting held October 10<sup>th</sup> 2012</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 were considered. Proposed as accurate by RS, Seconded by PPM	The minutes were <b>approved</b> .
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>3a Orwell Lodge: Hole in boundary wall</b> This has been repaired: The Council has accepted responsibility for the fence which borders the playpark.</p> <p><b>3b. The Barge garden</b> Awaiting further response from Alistair Hope.</p> <p><b>3c Rhu Bowling Green</b> Mr Prow had been unable to attend this meeting, but would be available to attend the February one. Photos were circulated.</p> <p><b>3d Shoptsmart signage</b> Noted that the application had been declined. Applicant would be required to take appropriate action.</p> <p><b>3e Helensburgh Community Council</b> Noted that the "Magnet" would benefit Helensburgh &amp; Lomond - no action from RSCC.</p> <p><b>3f Broadband</b> Noted that the Loch Lomond tourist board would be speaking with Jackie Baillie as tourism suffers from its absence.</p> <p><b>3g Muck near Scout Hut</b> A meeting was scheduled for the following Friday between RM and Gerry O'Hare</p> <p><b>3h School Bus Service</b> Noted that the contract had been awarded to Garelochhead Coach Services for 3½ years with approx 20%</p>	<p><b>PPM</b> to monitor progress and report back at next meeting</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>RM to report to the next meeting.</p>

subcontracted.

### **3i Rubbish from village burns**

Noted with satisfaction that the burn through the centre of the village has been cleared – thanks to Billy Petrie.

## **4. Guest Speakers**

### **4a Constable Andy Crawford**

The Local Police Community Officer could not attend this meeting – but noted that enforcement action had been taken on the A814

### **4b Cdr James Leatherby HMNB Clyde**

JL confirmed that the Armed Forces Community Covenant continues with much good work undertaken often involving MC (ABC's appointed Armed Forces Champion).

A Northern Bottlenose whale has again been spotted in Loch Long with appropriate safety measures being enforced.

No new concerns reported in respect of trees on MOD land.

The recent flooding investigations had resulted in confirmation that extraordinary water pressure had caused the problems, not blocked culverts. He reported that the Council had accepted their responsibility in this matter.

## **5. Planning Matters**

### **5a Rhu Marina**

No real progress as the Master plan continues to be discussed. The Local Development Plan is under Council discussion – there is no real change to the 2009 Master Plan. It was thought that without a revised Master plan nothing could happen, but the situation should be monitored closely.

### **5b Cove Wind Farm**

A meeting had been held with the project team of the Rosneath Development Trust. 5 turbines were being considered – their invisibility claims were questionable. Note several members of the public had commented on these proposals expressing disquiet at the claims that they would not be intrusive. Planning permission had not yet been applied for.

JR posed the question as to whether RSCC wished to become involved. Agreed to express disquiet to the Trust and discomfort on visibility, and request clarification. If planning application raised before the next RSCC meeting, a special meeting to be convened. Matter to be put up on website as a "hot topic".

### **5c Local Development Plan**

GF reported that the Council are to

JC to write to Trust  
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decide what adjustments will be introduced prior to the Plan being published for public comment. Re-zoning of the green belt will be shown on the ABC website. He recommends that RSCC review the consultation document – there is a new plan every five years.

#### **5d National Framework**

PPM indicated that this was a wish list of ideas and appeared to be fine. Would be best to wait until publishing of Main Issues Report in March before commenting.

R&S CC should review the proposed Local Plan when published for comment as it is a key document in the planning process

### **6. Speeds on A814**

RLS had spoken with PC Crawford and continued to express concerns about evenings and weekends, and he would be meeting with Police Traffic Officers with advice on where best to observe. GF reported that the Council had conducted a survey by The Briars and he would further analyse the figures produced.

Observation points were thought to be at Station Road, Shandon; Aros Road, Rhu, and at Gullybridge/Lochside.

### **7. Flooding in the community area**

A summary of planned actions to avert problems in the future will be provided by Maurice Corry.

Aros Road – the farmer had agreed to dig out the rubbish.

Noted that this matter should be the subject of maintenance in a similar way to salt spreading.

Apparently, a schedule of culvert cleaning was to be introduced for Rhu Road Higher, Aros Road, Lineside Walk and the Peace Camp – any other points which needed inclusion to be advised to RM.

Members of the community will be encouraged to report problem spots on the feedback page of the website.

When the proposed actions are known, a letter will be sent to the council reflecting the Council's position.  
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### **8. Opportunity for members of public to speak**

No additional matters were raised by the public who had contributed to the debate on various agenda items.

### **9. Treasurer's Report**

Noted that there was no change to the bank account balance which stood at £1,043.26

### **10. Correspondence**

JR had received one letter regarding the Cove Wind Farm, and also a Christmas Card from Jackie Baillie.

He also distributed leaflets on the Council's digital TV service called "Looking Local". Details of this to be

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highlighted on the website.

### **11. Website Progress**

JC reported that progress continued to be made. Feedback was called for and when it was further developed, an appropriate method of publicising it should be considered

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### **12. Members Reports**

**PPM** queried what action had been taken regarding the road surface on School Road which became a skating rink when frosty: noted that a meeting would take place on Friday of that week and this would be on the agenda.

**JB** advised all of the school dates: closing on 21<sup>st</sup> December, re-opening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January; there would be no Christmas Fayre. There would likely be a Spring Fayre in March (possibly 21<sup>st</sup>). A bike sale was also envisaged.

**JC** raised the subject of Japanese Knotweed and proposed that a "Task Force" be set up to raise awareness of the danger it poses to both property and the environment and to help the community in identifying the weed.

The Task Force was approved and both the press and the website will be used to publicise its activities

### **13.AOB**

JR spoke on the Council's emergency planning circular and his proposed draft letter was approved. RSCC do not accept any requirement to provide any support.

Appendix 1 Letter to Council

Date of next meeting confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 with the AGM being convened at the very start.

The notice of the meeting will be publicised in the press and on the website Action JC