

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday October 19th 2016
Held in Rhu Community Hall**

In attendance:

Rhu & Shandon CC:

Jack Rudram (JR)
Pat Pollok-Morris (PPM)
Jean Cook (JC)
Fiona Baker (FB)
Brian Fleming (BF)
Tim Lamb (TL)
Maggie McCowan (MMC)
Jayne Burnett (JB)
Brian Fleming (BF)
Peter Knox (PK)
Andrew Nicholson (AN)

Guests/Public:

Cdr James Leatherby RN (JL)
George Wilson (GW)
Derek Hall (DH)
Cllr George Freeman (GF)

Topic

Minute

**Decision/
Action**

1. Apologies:

Olivia Birch, Jim Duncan, Linda Duncan, Edna O'Brien, Audrey Butler, Gordon King

2. Declarations of interest:

2. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Guest speakers:

3a. Police Report – see Appendix 1

No Police officer was present at the meeting. PPM noted our disappointment that the Police were not present.

JC noted no road report included despite the recent speeding crackdown.

3b. Cdr James Leatherby: His report can be found at Appendix 2. He also provided an update that the X51 submarine has now left HMNB premises and is now at the Submarine Museum.

Regarding the 3G pitch at Ardenconnel JL advised experts were coming in the second week of November to review the options with a view to reaching a final decision on how to proceed. He noted that the original funding bid had failed and this grant would have had to be spent on MOD owned land. New funding opportunities are not restricted to only MOD owned land and the options for the development are broader as a result.

JB asked for the best telephone number to report activity at St Andrew's House. After checking this, JL subsequently supplied the telephone number 01436-674321 Faslane Ext 3812 or 3817

4. Minutes of meeting held 10/8/16

4. JC sought a change in wording to Item 14 AOCB, the last sentence to be changed to 'It was thought that raw sewage may be present and if this was suspected, the resident should contact SEPA'

With this amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 August 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed PPM, Seconded BF.

5. Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:

5f. Maurice Corry (MC) comments on road repairs to main shore road through Rhu. GF advised there is no update on the situation. JR noted winter is coming and things are in a dire state. JC noted the Community Planning Meeting in August stated the road would be resurfaced in September. Scottish Water is involved and wished to send a representative to meet the CC but no meeting has been arranged yet.

JC to contact Scottish Water again.

6e. PPM, a member of RNCYC, reported that the Club had voted to move to a new build clubhouse at Rhu Marina. The developer says the new clubhouse will be built before the members depart the present one. The timescale is 2 – 3 years. A possible association with the Navy Sailing Association is suggested at the new facility. The developer has had a pre-application consultation with the Council but there is no planning application yet. A public pre-application consultation is expected but it is too early for discussion as there are not yet any detailed plans for the proposed development. The Marina is a PDA and as such a Masterplan will be required.

10. Derek Hall was elected as the recent CC by-election and will formally join the CC on 11 November 2016. DH was present at the meeting and welcomed by the CC.

Angelina Wassell had resigned from the CC.

12a. GF updated the CC on the possible changes to school holiday dates e.g. the proposal for 2 weeks holiday in October. The matter is ongoing and no decision or update is available

13b Planning application for new roof and dormer windows at the buildings at corner of Manse Brae and Gareloch Road.

JR to send a letter in support of the application

13c The vegetation between the A814 and the cycle path just south of Shandon Church has been cut back.

13d. New rubbish collection system starts on 31 October but nobody has received an information pack yet.

6. Planning Matters:

6a. Ardenconnel Sports Pitch: 15/02729/PP.

FB did not have a meeting with MC and Captain Mearns.

JL has updated us (see above).

We await news.

6b. Siting of Metal Storage Container (retrospective):

15/03082/PP. There has been no movement on this issue since March.

6c. Persimmon House Proposals: Glenoran Road.

There is no new information.

6e. Other Planning Applications.

TL noted earthworks in the Empress Field and was concerned about what it was for. AN and PPM advised it is a drainage ditch.

Laigh Balernock Wind turbines 16/02662/PP (and see earlier February anemometer application 16/00230). This planning application for 2 x wind turbines (48m to blade tip), road and substation was notified today. The Council write to JR directly as the CC had submitted a comment on the anemometer application.

The anemometer application was approved and is valid for three years. It suggested a 15m high turbine to power the farm.

TL advised the developers have already visited Garelochhead to offer community benefit.

Farmer is Robert Hamilton.

There is an Environmental Impact Assessment report.

Post meeting note – JR obtained an extension in time for responses from 9 November to 30 November 2016.

Planning Group to look into windfarm application and draft a response

7. Other Matters:

7a. Update of Broadband.

On going. No update or progress. JC thanked for her continuing efforts on this matter.

JC – ask MC to contact Brendan O’Hara MP again as no response from him.

7b PPM advised the rose bed will be grassed over by A&B C.

FB and PPM reported on progress at the Barge Memorial Garden. A small work party of residents have cut back dead vegetation, pruned trees, cleared the course of the burn and done some preliminary new planting (more planting planned for Spring). The Community Payback Team (Bill Freeland and Eddie) have been extremely helpful and took away all the prunings and returned to rod out drains and do some more serious tree cutting exactly as requested by FB. PPM was unable to get any response from Stewart McCracken at A&B C in advance of the work. PPM has reported the erosion of the burn bank and collapsed revetment and the broken down and loose wall at the N end by the road to Mr Daly of the Roads Dept as a matter requiring urgent attention. Mr Daly of A&B C has confirmed the Barge garden land was transferred to ACHA by the Council.

JR proposed a vote of thanks to the workers and Community Payback Team.

7c. Beach Clean

PK reported on the successful beach cleaning events and the report on the September beach cleans is on-line at the Marine Conservation Society website.

Audrey Baird has adopted a 100m stretch at Blairvadach and knotweed is present there.

PK has applied to Seachange for a £500 grant to pay for beach clean advertising banners, gloves, bag grips, litter pickers.

JB suggested we apply for a Health and Well Being grant if we don't get the Seachange money. (contact Morevain Martin at Argyll TSI). JB said she can also help advertise future events and get volunteers via Argyll TSI.

Post meeting note – Jackie Baillie MSP tabled a motion in Parliament noting appreciation for the beach cleaning efforts.

7d.

CAA – no progress

Development Briefs – no progress

KEFS – draft has been prepared by FB and edited by JR and further editing and finalising document required.

There are three outstanding actions from the August meeting

1. JD and TL contact with Charles Reppke re CAA.

2. JR to write to A&B C regarding Glenoran Development Brief.

3. FB and JR to finalise draft of KEFS.

8. Opportunity for the Members of the Public to Speak:

No comments from the public.

9. Treasurer's report:

9. Treasurer's Report: Appendix 3.

A discussion followed about a possible purchase from our funds. This is reported in AOB

10. Correspondence:

- Napier University research project on how CCs can become 'digitally liberated'.
- Third Sector training for CCs on computer use on 2 November on offer – nobody interested. Noted an earlier training session had been very poor and the level is extremely basic. GF noted A&B C need to consult with CCs on what training we need and CCs need to tell A&B C what we need.
- Procurement consultation – CC did not respond.
- A&B Citizens' Panel – inviting people to join a new on-line panel, details in R&S CC Newsletter No. 19 if anyone wishes to join, noted the deadline for applications has been extended.
- JC handed out 'Help to Adapt' leaflets aimed at elderly residents
- JR had received The Crown Estate Scotland Portfolio Update 2015-2016. TL examining this.
- Health and Social Care Standard meeting on 1 November 2015. MMC and PPM will attend. Argyll and Bute Social Care Partnership and Integrated Joint Board – MMC has given a report on how this works below under Members' Reports.

TL to report back on Crown Estate Portfolio Update.

11. Website and related issues:

In order to allow residents to contact members of the Community Council, either their phone number or the email address, or both, is currently published on the website. The proposal to post postal addresses on a secure page of the website, accessible only to members of the Community Council was discussed and rejected.

JC will keep a private list of members' addresses which she can provide to other members or members of other CCs on request.

12. Councillors' Reports

GF

- School lollipop patrols have been withdrawn due to Council cuts.
- Bin collections every three weeks due to cuts.
- Houses for Heroes at Cardross planning appeal granted by the Reporter after PPSLC refused it on a vote of 9-2 based on A&B C LDP policies.

13. Members' Reports:

Maggie McCowan post-meeting note explaining what IJB is - **Integrated Joint Board (IJB)**

The IJB is the governance board for the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and has responsibility for the planning, resourcing and overseeing of the operational delivery of integrated services. The membership includes elected councillors from Argyll & Bute (A&B) council, NHS Highland Board members and a number of other members from a range of sectors and stakeholder groups including the Third sector, Independent sector, patients/service users, staff and carers.

The challenge facing the IJB is to deliver services, based on the strategic plan, to a changing demographic population. This will not be easy.

All Board members will listen respectfully and sensitively to the views of others and work for consensus. Together the hope is that people in Argyll and Bute will live longer, healthier, happier and independent lives.

TL raised Ardenconnel Pitch development and wondered if we should be doing anything. **JL** reiterated his earlier update and suggested we wait for further information.

14. AOB:

From item 10

FB asked if it was possible to spend CC money on benches for the Barge Garden. **PPM** said we should ask **ACHA**. **AN** suggested we ask Barge Memorial Trust.

To ask **LD** to check and advise on how we can spend CC money.

PPM to contact **ACHA**

LD to advise on how we can spend CC funds.

15. DONM:

15. The next ordinary meeting of the R&SCC will take on 14th December 2016 in the Community Hall.