

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday 10th October 2018
Held in Rhu Community Hall**

In attendance:

Rhu & Shandon CC:

Jim Duncan Chairman (JD)
Fiona Baker (FB)
Linda Black (LB)
Jean Cook (JC)
Linda Duncan (LD)
Peter Knox (PK)
Tim Lamb (TL)
Andrew Nicholson (AN)

Councillors/Guests/Public:

PC Jeanette Speirs (MDP) (JS)
PC William O'Donnell (WO'D)
Laura Freeland (LF)
Cllr Barbara Morgan (BM)

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Election of Convener and Vice Convener	<p>There were no nominations or volunteers.</p> <p>Due to the unexpected and sudden resignation of the Convener as a result of having to relocate outwith the CC area the VC chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Discussions took place about interim measures to be put in place until a new Convener was appointed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the current VC would also chair the next scheduled meeting on 12th December and that the Convener vacancy would be reviewed again at that meeting. All Members agreed to help identify appropriate members of the community who would be willing to be co-opted onto the Council.</p>	All members of CC should help to identify residents who are willing to be co-opted
1. Apologies:	Apologies were received from: Olivia Birch, Derek Hall, Adele McGookin, Kevin Johnstone, Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson.	
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Guest speakers:	<p>3a. The police report can be found in Appendix 1.</p> <p>WO'D supplied the up to date figures for the total number of incidents reported, 36 in Rhu and 32 in Shandon. The Police report, published before the meeting, has been updated to include these figures.</p> <p>Police Scotland and the MoD Police were congratulated on the stewarding of the Peace Demonstration on the 22nd September. Despite the extensive use of buses to transport the demonstrators, at least 50 cars had parked on the cycle path and verge between the Briars and The Gables, causing damage to drain and services covers on both verge and pavement. WO'D and JS will feed this information back to their superiors so that the Police are aware of this for future events.</p>	Action:WO'D & JS
	3b. The Report from the Representative of MOD Faslane can be found in Appendix 2	

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	<p>Meeting with Captain Mearns. The Council welcomed his offer to meet and because the December meeting is usually not well attended, it was agreed that we should invite him to our February meeting.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Captain Mearns has agreed to attend our February meeting.</p>	Action JC
<p>4. Minutes of meeting held 8th August 2018:</p>	<p>The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed FB ,seconded LD</p>	
<p>5. Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:</p>	<p>5a(5b): Laigh Balernock Turbines 16/02662/PP. The development has not yet started. No reply has been received to the letter sent from the RSCC on September 1st 2017 with regards Community Benefits. It was agreed that the letter should be resent.</p>	Action JC
	<p>5b:(5c). Condition of the road and sidewalk on Upper Torwoodhill Road. There have been no improvements made in the condition of this road. To review: A resident asked us for help in this matter in December 2017. Since then various members of the CC and Cllr Paterson have logged this matter with A&B. It was agreed that BM would log this again and we should prepare a short note for residents, suggesting that they register a complaint on the "Report it" page of the A&B website. It will be an interesting exercise to see if this approach has any success. AN agreed to deliver the note to the residents.</p>	BM ,JC and AN
	<p>5c:(5f) Timber Harvesting. LF, a resident from Station Road, had read Timber Traffic Management Plan but shared her concerns about safety of public when accessing Pier Road and especially Station Road. She reported that on one occasion a convoy of two lumber trucks, a large house removal van and a bin lorry were trying to negotiate the road at the same time. The Risk Assessment carried out by Campbell Divertie rejected the proposals made by the CC for adequate signage, and the latter has not responded to communications from PK. BM offered to contact Campbell Divertie. It was agreed that in addition to chasing Campbell Divertie for a reply, the CC should contact Barry Harper of Scottish Woodlands and local residents should be encouraged to complain via the Argyll and Bute website highlighting the dangers along the extraction route.</p>	Ongoing action BM and PK and local residents
	<p>5d:(5i) Update on Local Defibrillators. Three defibrillators have been now installed in our area, all off the main road. The issue of suitably located signs has been raised with A&BC but there has been no reply. It was agreed to contact Jim Smith again on this issue.</p>	Action JC

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	<p>5e:(8e)Knotweed</p> <p>The season is coming to an end. Communications with local Landowners continue and outbreaks continue to be monitored.</p>	<p>PK, JC and knotweed Monitoring Group.</p>
	<p>5f: 14. Play Park Swamp</p> <p>We are still awaiting a reply on this. Again we suggest that residents log a complaint on A&B website.</p>	
6 Planning Matters	<p>6a. FB questioned whether the Weekly Planning list could be sent to all members of the CC. At present, Local Planning Applications are abstracted from the list and posted on the Planning/Weekly Planning Lists page of our website, where there is also a link to the full lists. These are also available directly on the A&B website.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the present procedure of posting local planning applications was sufficient.</p>	
	<p>6b. Helensburgh Leisure Centre:18/01614/</p> <p>.The meeting agreed with our neighbouring Helensburgh Community Council’s submission dated 3/10/18 following their extensive survey of local opinion on the proposed Waterfront Development. Like Helensburgh Community Council, Rhu & Shandon Community Council welcome the prospect of development at the waterfront site but object to the above planning application as presented. It was agreed that an Objection to the Application would be submitted on behalf of the Community Council.</p>	<p>Action JD</p>
	<p>6c, Planning Training</p> <p>FB, LB and JC attended a useful Training Session for Community Councils.</p>	
7. Consultations	<p>Procurement and Commissioning Strategy. Deadline 28th October. It was suggested that if any members of the CC, when they have read the documents, feel that we should respond as a CC, they should contact JC</p>	<p>Action: all members of the CC</p>
8. Other Matters:	<p>8a. Festive Lighting Update</p> <p>We are still awaiting confirmation from Mark Calder that the tree will be provided by A&B this year. BM confirmed that there will be no Lighting Officer in post in A&B from April next year. Free training covering the electrical connection and installation skills needs to erect a lighted tree is being offered to CCs and others. Whoever takes this on will be covered by A&B insurance, but would have to enter into a Service Level Agreement with them. Issues concerning continuity were discussed. It was decided to continue this discussion at our next meeting after we have heard from Mark Calder.</p>	

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	<p>8b WW1 Celebrations</p> <p>It was agreed that, as the spit is the property of the MoD, we should ask them if they are willing to provide a beacon for the community.</p>	Action JC
	<p>8c: Update on Health Related Issues</p> <p>LB had circulated a response to the consultation on the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan. 2019/22 Engagement process: Stage 1: Informing and Consulting on the Strategic Plan. The document was approved and LB was congratulated on the comprehensiveness of her responses.</p> <p>There is money available until the end of October in the Health and Well Being Budget, for health related projects.</p> <p>The website will be updated to provide information on Health Matters for the community</p>	LB will submit the response on behalf of the CC. Action LB& JC
	<p>8d Vermin in Rhu</p> <p>Many residents have reported a problem with rats in the Station Road area.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a letter on behalf of the CC to Environment Health on behalf of the residents. In addition residents will be encouraged to lodge a complaint on the A&B website.</p>	FB to draft letter.
	<p>8e Barge Garden Donation</p> <p>It was agreed that the balance of the Seat fund should be donated to the team who have been renovating the garden.</p>	Action LD
	<p>8f Partnership Working</p> <p>As a Community Council we are encouraged to engage with the other 5 Community Councils in pre-meetings prior the Community Planning Partnership meetings which are held quarterly. It was agreed that the Community Council did not wish to attend these pre-meetings.</p>	
<p>9. Opportunity for the Members of the Public to Speak:</p>	<p>LF contributed the discussion in item 5c above.</p>	
<p>10. Treasurer's report:</p>	<p>The Treasurer's report can be found at Appendix 3 on the website.</p>	

- 11. Correspondence:** Correspondence is circulated as and when it is received.
- a. Opportunity to advertise on the Frog Website. The decision was made not to avail ourselves of this opportunity.
 - b. Four Training sessions have been offered to members of CCs by the Community Development Team: Equality in Diversity, Dealing with Challenging Situations, Engagement and How to be Funding Ready. Linda Black has signed up for all of these, so will keep us posted.
 - c. Community Payback Scheme. A return will be made with the suggestions of beach cleaning, tidying the Graveyard at Rhu Church and, cutting down the brush on the verge of A814.
 - d. Royal Mail have confirmed that they are still committed to providing a service in Rhu, but it unlikely to be full time.
- 12. Website and related issues:** Newsletters has been sent out. The website page usage is marginally down on the last report.
- 13. Councillors' Reports:** None.
- 14. Members' Reports:**
- PK: Has attended the recycling meeting along with JC. He has also been on three knotweed forays.
- LB: Police Scotland Youth Volunteer scheme in was launched in Helensburgh in September 2018
- JD: on behalf of the Community Council wanted to record our appreciation to Jack Rudram, our previous Convener for his leadership, his skill, expertise and his patience over the past seven years.
- 15. AOB:** None.
- 16. DONM:** Wednesday December 12th 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. The Chairman will be JD.