

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday 12th December 2018
Held in Rhu Community Hall**

In attendance:

Rhu & Shandon CC:

Jim Duncan Chairman	(JD)
Fiona Baker	(FB)
Linda Black	(LB)
Olivia Birch	(OB)
John Clark	(JC)
Jean Cook	(JC)
Linda Duncan	(LD)
Ken Glen	(KG)
Derek Hall	(DH)
Kevin Johnstone	(KJ)
Patrick Johnstone	(PJ)
Peter Knox	(PK)
Tim Lamb	(TL)
Andrew Nicholson	(AN)

Councillors/Guests/Public:

George Freeman	(GF)
PC Ian Mustarde.	(IM)

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1. Apologies:	Apologies were received from: Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson.	
2. Election of Convener and Vice Convener	Convener: Jim Duncan, Proposer KJ, Seconded by FB Vice Convener: Andrew Nicholson. Proposer JD. Seconded by OB Both these appointments were unanimous.	
3. Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
4. Co-option of new members	John Clark: proposed by JC, seconded by LB Ken Glen: proposed by Robert MacLean, seconded by LD Patrick Johnstone: proposed by KJ, seconded by OB. All three were unanimously elected.	
5. Guest speakers:	<p>5a. The representative of Police Scotland was attending to an emergency and the previously posted report was updated and presented by IM. This revised Report can be found in Appendix 1.</p> <p>5b. The Report from the Representative of MOD Faslane can be found in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Captain Mearns will ensure that a representative of the MoD is assigned to the Community Council to replace Adele McGookin.</p> <p>The new gate will open on 7th January.</p> <p>The possible new rail stop by the North Gate will be discussed with Captain Mearns in February.</p>	

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6. Minutes of meeting held 10th October 2018:	The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed AN, seconded FB	
7. Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:	7a(5b): Laih Balernock Turbines 16/02662/PP. The development has not yet started. A recorded delivery letter was sent on 19 th October regarding Community Benefits. No reply has been received so far. This matter will be closed until the development commences. The situation will be monitored.	Closed
	7b(8d) Vermin In Rhu A letter was written Jo Rains, Environmental Health Manager, and a full and prompt reply was received. She states that she will ensure that appropriate action and investigation will be undertaken for any addresses that are made known to the service by either members of the public or the Amenity Services Environment Warden. She also confirmed that because Rhu has had a high incidence of rat problems near Manse Brae, a program of baiting is being maintained and it is having a positive effect.	Closed
	7c(8e) Barge Garden FB conveyed the thanks of the Barge gardeners for the Community Council's contribution.	Closed
8 Planning Matters	8a. Helensburgh Leisure Centre:18/01614/PP .A seven hour Discretionary Pre-Determination Hearing was held on November 19 th . The presentations emphasised the concern felt about the location because of the potential for flood risk. New information on Climate Change Projections was due to be published a few days after the Hearing and SEPA will be invited to respond. The conclusion was: To continue consideration to a future meeting of the committee to allow members to seek advice to put forward a competent amendment reflecting the UK Climate Projections changes due at the end of the month and other relevant issues raised in the hearing The minutes of the Hearing can be found by following the link below https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=199&MId=8056&Ver=4	

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	<p>8b, MoD Demolition 18/02221/PNDEM</p> <p>This application has been approved.</p> <p>It was felt that it is unlikely that the Defence Infrastructure would sell the land.</p> <p>Captain Mearns has indicated that he wishes to consult the community on the development of this site.</p> <p>Several suggestions were made and it was decided to undertake a community survey prior to our February meeting</p> <p>FB and PJ agreed to coordinate their own ideas plus suggestions from other CC members to put to Captain Mearns in February. They also agreed to consider the feasibility of conducting a survey of the residents and the community before the February meeting. JC will assist if required.</p>	<p>Action: FB, KJ</p>
9. Other Matters:	<p>9a. Condition of Road and Sidewalk On Upper Torwoodhill Road.</p> <p>This matter was first raised by a resident in December 2017. In the light of zero response from A&B, advice to the residents on further action was circulated to all accessible properties on the road after our last meeting. At least 4 residents have written to A&B and none has had a reply.</p> <p>Cllr BM logged this item in her casebook and reports that she received the following reply “We can advise that we will implement repairs in due course when resources allow”. JC will check with Cllr Paterson to see if he has received a response.</p> <p>It was reported at the meeting that this road has had no maintenance since residents paid handsomely prior to its adoption some 15 years ago. JC will send DH a copy of the advice note and he will liaise with local residents to encourage them to make complaints on the A&B website.</p>	<p>Action DH, JC</p>
	<p>9b. Update On Local Defibrillators</p> <p>Campbell Divertie will arrange to have signs on the A814 identifying the location of two of the defibrillators. The sign for that on the Lifeboat Building will be on the light pole at the end of Pier Road, and the other one, on the wall of the Outdoor Centre in Shandon will be on the sign for the centre. Sheenagh Nelson and Keith Shipman have both promised to liaise with Rosslea Hall with respect to signage for the one that is located in Reception at the Hotel.</p> <p>The App has now been corrected indicating the location of the two machines in Rhu and the one in Shandon. There was agreement</p>	

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	<p>that ongoing training in the use of defibrillators should be considered. Piggy backing the training onto an existing event, as the St John's Ambulance Society do was suggested as a way forward. FB offered to speak to the Gala Committee and JC will contact Sheenah Nelson with a view to arranging a session over the winter in Rhu.</p>	<p>Action FB and JC</p>
	<p>9c. Harvesting Timber</p>	
	<p>The residents are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety aspects of this operation and are on the point of going to the press.</p>	
	<p>A survey of traffic movements has been compiled including time-stamped images of the trucks. This has identifies several breaches of the TTMP. It has been sent by PK on behalf of the CC to Peter Harper and Campbell Divertie. GF has received a response from the latter. Concern was expressed that PK had not received a reply.</p>	
	<p>Post Meeting note. The letter was ccd to CD.</p>	
	<p>9d. End of Season Report on Knotweed</p>	
	<p>All large Landowners have been approached at least twice this year and all claim to have a control plan in place. This has been a peculiar year because of the weather in the spring.</p>	
	<p>9e. Play park Swamp</p>	
	<p>It was reported that the Roads Department have handed this over to Amenities Department, since all of the culverts are flowing freely. The reply from the latter indicated that when Manpower and Resources allow they will look to investigate further. GF is pursuing this independently.</p>	<p>Action GF</p>
	<p>9f. Horses in Shandon</p>	
	<p>SSPC have been monitoring the situation for years and will not act until the horses are much closer to death. Hamish McIntosh, the Chief Inspector accepted that tethering the horse with a polypropylene rope for 4 days is a step too far. A&B could seize the horses as they have a court order requiring the owner to remove the horses from Blairvadach, but then they would have to go back court to get a disposal order and this could take a year to 18 months, meanwhile the horses would have to be cared for.</p>	
	<p>The only option now open to the concerned animal lovers is to publicise the plight of the horses,</p>	
	<p>9g. Festive Lighting Update</p>	
	<p>At a recent meeting with Mark Calder he assured us that there was no obligation or expectation of the Community Council to</p>	

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	<p>provide festive lighting. The trees will still be provided by A&B; it is the lighting that A&B are not prepared to fund in the future.</p> <p>Mark Calder will be arranging a meeting in the new year to consider the way forward with Helensburgh & Lomond community groups and CCs excluding HCC</p>	
	<p>9h. Update on Health Related Issues</p>	
	<p>The Healthy Network meeting has been postponed until the end of January.</p>	
	<p>The Health and Social Care Board Minutes indicate an overspend of £4M for 2018-19 and if it is carried into the next year there is need for another £10.6M saving.</p>	
	<p>Various Training courses are on offer on adverse childhood experiences, We need to decide if the CC is prepared to get involved, in these activities.</p>	
<p>10. Opportunity for the Members of the Public to Speak:</p>	<p>No members of the public were present.</p>	
<p>11. Treasurer's report:</p>	<p>The Treasurer's report can be found at Appendix 3 on the website.</p>	
<p>12. Correspondence:</p>	<p>Correspondence is circulated as and when it is received.</p> <p>a. Royal Mail have confirmed that they are still committed to providing a service in Rhu, but it unlikely to be full time. Unless someone is willing to prepare a Business Plan for the Post Office and negotiate a lease with the owner, no progress will be possible.</p> <p>b. Waste and Recycling. The pilot involving a container provided by Home from Home will be located in the dump. When this is confirmed to be in place, a note will be put on the website and in the Newsletter.</p> <p>c. . Christmas card from Jackie Baillie</p>	<p>Action JC</p>
<p>13. Website and related issues:</p>	<p>Two Newsletters has been sent out since the last meeting.</p>	
<p>14. Councillors' Reports:</p>	<p>a. The new Police Area Commander for Cowal, Bute and Helensburgh is Douglas Wilson. He will be based in Dunoon,</p> <p>b. The issues with Connel Community Council are of concern to all CCs.</p>	
<p>15. Members' Reports:</p>	<p>AN. The only Christmas service in Rhu Parish Church will be the one at 11.30pm on Christmas eve.</p>	

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	<p>KJ. Update on the Bowling Club. In a visit to the site with representatives from Luss Estates, it was noted that one of the buildings is in a collapsed and hazardous state and gate is insecure. The Land Agent from Luss Estates confirmed that they are not the owners and in their opinion ownership now lies with the Trustees of Rhu Bowling Club.</p>	
	<p>It was agreed that some action should be taken in order that this site does not become dangerous playground for local children.</p>	Action JD
	<p>LD: SHIP Report. Request was been made to GF on where the six Low Cost Houses in Rhu were to be located. GF has not yet had a reply. Post meeting note. GF reports that ACHA have no plans, at the moment, to build 6 new homes in Smugglers Way.</p>	
	<p>KG. Suggestion of Cycle path in the MoD Report.</p>	
	<p>It was agreed to raise this issue with Captain Mearns at our February meeting. The question of whether it would make more sense to upgrade the existing cycle path rather than create a new one along the Lochside will be discussed.</p>	Action JD
	<p>OB. When there is a holdup on the A814, impatient motorists take a short cut up Manse Brae and down Pier Road. This issue will probably surface again in the future.</p>	
	<p>PK. PK received an email from Kate Williams from a CIC, Society Zero, asking to borrow litter pickers in order to clean up the beach. The request was declined.</p>	
	<p>LB .A member from HCC has approached LB asking what action RSCC are taking in Emergency Planning. The CC decided not to get involved with this in the past.</p>	
	<p>JC. SPT have not completed the upgrading of the bus stops on the A814 to allow disabled access. At the Peace Camp they created a new stand, but did not move the shelter. In either its old or new position, approaching buses are not visible from the shelter because of signs and bushes on the Peace Camp. According to JCI the bus stop at the bottom of Station Road has not been upgraded. JC will approach SPT and Amenity Services.</p>	Action JC
16. AOB:	None.	
17. DONM:	Wednesday February 13th 2019 at 7.30pm.	