

## South Cowal Community Council

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Innellan Village Hall

7.30 – 9pm

- 1. Present** – Eleanor Stevenson Dot Braham Cathy Morrison Ann Narraway Kyle Armstrong Joyce McEwan Richard McGilvray Lorna Alquist (SCCDC) Councillor Michael Breslin
- 2. Apologies** - Mary Lamb Alan Chapman Gill Judd Vicki Walkingshaw Councillor Dick Walsh
- 3. Declaration of interest** – The usual declaration of interest was intimated
- 4. Minutes of last meeting** – proposed – Richard seconded – Dot
- 5. Matters arising** – a) trim trail – matter still with Ross McLaughlin but progressing slowly. Council elections will delay matter being put before the Council until new Councillors have been elected in May.  
b) Old Innellan P School – there have been people viewing the building which will be marketed soon.  
c) No news from Kevin McIntosh re road safety issues raised at last meeting despite email  
d) Two meetings were held with Councillors Walsh and Breslin regarding the moving of the bus stop at Newton Road. Some parents also took part in one meeting with interested parties from the Council departments and West Coast Motors at the other. The result was agreement that the bus stop will be re-sited a few yards away from present position with a proper bus stop and hard standing being put in place. This should be put in place in April. Thanks in particular to Councillor Walsh for his prompt response to the issue.
- 6. Police report** – none
- 7. Planning report** – nothing to report from Alan (planning rep) but letter from Ann Cairns on behalf of herself and neighbours was presented to the meeting by Cathy. This related to retrospective planning permission for a jetty to be built on the foreshore at Tigh-na-Rhudha Toward. It was brought to SCCCs notice that work on this jetty has already been started and considerable disturbance to the foreshore has already occurred. It appears that this has happened despite the builder being advised to consult Marine Scotland before beginning the work. Potential damage could occur to the wildlife of the area – seals and otters in particular. There is doubt as to who owns some of the land on which the jetty is to be built and so SCCC will write with a formal objection regarding the matter.
- 8. Treasurer's Report** – No change in bank balance but this month £250 will be given to the Village Hall as a donation for Hall use throughout the year. £150 has still to be paid out to the schools for the road safety project confirmed last month. This will be done when schools return after the Easter break. Cheque also issued for Scottish Athletics re Fun Run and 10K run for Festival.
- 9. SCCDC** – Lorna gave a report about the recent AGM. Five directors have now been appointed and plans for the short, medium and long term development of the Company have been drawn up. The directors have various projects in mind but will start with small things owing to lack of funds. Immediate aims will be to raise some working capital and to liaise with local groups to find a way forward for the Company.

**10. South Cowal Community Festival** – Proposed programme of events was presented for information. Many of the popular events from the last few years will continue with some new events added to the programme. Programme will go to the printers next week.

**12. Hustings/local elections** – It was agreed to hold hustings in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May so that local people could hear what prospective candidates have to offer. Alan Chapman will be asked to Chair the meeting and all candidates will be invited to attend. An advert will go into the Observer and details will go on Facebook to encourage spectators to come along. A poster will be put into the Post Office too.

**13. AOCB** a) A letter will be sent to Councillor Dick Walsh on behalf of SCCC thanking him for his support in years past and wishing him well for his retirement. Councillor Breslin was thanked in person for all his considerable help over the last few years.

b) Cathy brought up the question of the Link Club closing and it was agreed that this was very unfortunate as many people receive valuable help from this enterprise.

c) Knotweed is rampant in many areas of South Cowal. Councillor Breslin will draw attention to some of the worst areas so that spraying can be carried out at the appropriate time.

**14. Date and time of next meeting** – AGM followed by the usual meeting will take place on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Innellan Village Hall.