

South Cowal Community Council
Minutes of 2018 AGM and Meeting of 13 June 2018

Present Martin Anstess, Kyle Armstrong, Dot Braham, Michael Breslin,
Helen Campbell, Alan Chapman, Sophie Gillen, Gillian Judd, Alistair Lennie,
Lisa Marle, Joyce McEwen, Eleanor Stevenson, Alan Stewart, Vicki
Walkingshaw

Apologies Cllr Audrey Forrest, Linda Payne

AGM

Minutes of 2017 AGM

Minutes proposed by Alan Chapman and seconded by Dot Braham

Adoption of Accounts to end March 2018

There were a number of questions on the restricted items on the accounts. Stewart & Bennet had inspected the accounts and Eleanor will forward signed copies to Argyll & Bute Council

Convener's Report

This is appended as convener's report.pdf

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No matters

Ordinary Meeting of 13 June 2018

Co-Option of new members

Alan Stewart, Alistair Lennie, Lisa Marle, Sophie Gillen and Vicki Walkingshaw were co-opted to the new community council for a 2 year period until the mid-term election. The decision was unanimous. One vacancy remains.

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of 14 May

Noted

Adoption of complaints procedure

Unanimously agreed

Adoption of policy on declarations of interest

Unanimously agreed

Adoption of SCCC Privacy Policy

Unanimously agreed and Michael Breslin agreed to act as data controller

Update on Inspiring Innellan

Eleanor updated the meeting on the range of works carried out. She thanked everyone who had helped. There was much praise for what had been done. The works were to be judged by Beautiful Scotland. Consideration will be given to Inspiring Innellan being a subcommittee of SCCC.

Police Report (Clare was unable to attend)

14 reported incidents in the area since May.

Planning issues

Alan Chapman updated the meeting on current planning applications. One, relating to Castle Toward, created some discussion. The owners have asked for a number of conditions in their current planning to be altered including what were to be holiday homes, now to become permanent residences.

AOCB

There are many areas in South Cowal with **Japanese Knotweed**, some in private hands, some public. Councillors are asked to raise this with officers and to ask again if the council can arrange training for local people to be able to spray and to advise others. Kyle repeated his offer to come and spray any private properties with Knotweed.

Roads. There were a range of issues raised about the state of roads and pavements but thanks were also expressed to councillors and the council for the works that have now been started. Some of the issues raised were:

- Spraying of weeds on pavements at Toward where children from Toward Primary walk on a daily basis.
- What has happened about the promised speed and traffic survey at Toward?
- There are many areas where dropped kerbs are needed.
- The widened road at Sandy Beach corner is still poor and the road needs a centre line.
- The promised lining at the former shops in Innellan has not been done so will it be done once the Scottish Water works are completed?
- Excess rock from the widened Sandy Beach corner has been dumped near the beach, impeding access.
- Water coming from Innellan Primary School site comes down the road and blocks the drains. A drain is needed to trap this water at the school. There are also a number of drainage issues at the end of Knockamillie Terrace where it joins the main road.
- Astro turf needs cleaned at Innellan PS.
- No works have been carried out at the Toward triangle.

What is asked for is for councillors and officers to arrange a tour round all these sites with some of the community councillors as there are more areas of concern than the above list.

Rats: is there any update on the rats issue in Toward

Trim trail: progress is needed and a group of those present will action this.