

## **South Cowal Community Council**

### **Minute of meeting held on 14 November 2018**

**Present** Martin Anstess, Kyle Armstrong, Dot Braham, Michael Breslin, Gill Judd, Alistair Lennie, Lisa Marle, Eleanor Stevenson, Alan Stewart, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Good, Vicki Walkingshaw, Mark Wilson (police), Liz Seabrook.

**Apologies** Helen Campbell, Joyce McEwen, Cllr Forrest, , Linda Payne

It was noted that Alan Chapman has resigned from the community council.

#### **Police report**

31 incidents since last meeting but little of note. Two senior police retirements in the offing.

#### **Minutes of last meeting held on 12 September 18**

These were approved by Alistair Lennie and seconded by Lisa Marle.

#### **Minutes & SCCC Website**

Eleanor wanted to see minutes displayed in the hall and asked for a volunteer to put the minutes on the website. Lisa agreed to do the latter. Michael will mark minutes as draft when circulated.

#### **Matters Arising**

- Astro turf cleaning at Innellan Primary. Debate about the need to do this but Cllr Anderson said he would investigate this.
- Speed limits: Michael to chase Paul Farrell, cc to councillors.
- Lido having a jumble sale on Saturday to raise funds, apparently related to the sale of the Post Office.
- The issue of rats was discussed but was inconclusive.
- Inspiring Innellan has decided not to become a part of the community council and has its own insurance.
- Eleanor updated the meeting on the events at Armistice Day which went well.
- Defibrillator is now operational located on the external wall of Innellan Hall.
- Fundraising for Inspiring Innellan is now a matter for the group itself. Work parties have started again.

#### **Loch Striven and possible use by redundant oil rigs**

Alistair Lennie outlined the background of Peel Ports and what may be proposed for Hunterston. Alan proposed that we contact Peel Ports asking them to confirm if redundant rigs were to be kept in Loch Striven. Other community councils had concerns, eg Fairlie and Colintrave. Alistair agreed to contact the other community councils. Cllr Good agreed contact Peel Ports. Michael to contact Scottish Salmon Company.

#### **War Memorial Land**

The options outlined by Alan Chapman were discussed. Cllr Good read out a statement from Jim Smith which was similar to the view given by Alan MacDonald via Alan Chapman. The option of taking on the land for a trial period of 3 years was the preferred one. Alan Chapman will be asked to continue the work he started.

At the end of the discussion Kyle donated £40 to the community council for some work he had carried out for someone.

### **Japanese Knotweed**

The caucus of community councils has already discussed the knotweed problem. Councillors to ask what the inspection and treatment regime is for knotweed on council land and whether the inspection could be done at the same time as the inspection of road surfaces. The discussion moved onto the lack of maintenance of gullies and the cutting of private grassland etc.

### **Local Infrastructure Matters**

There had been a request previously to install dropped kerbs in Innellan. Cllr Anderson will investigate why this work has not been done. Cllr Good gave an update on various issues raised by members of the public. North Campbell Rd was of particular concern.

### **Planning Matters including the email from Dunoon Community Council.**

There was discussion on the position of Dunoon Community Council towards the development of the land to the west of Alexander St Dunoon. There was agreement that SCCC could not support Dunoon CC on this matter. Michael will let Dunoon CC know.

Michael updated the meeting on the progress of the planning application for the former Inverchoalain Church.

Alan outlined the issues over the septic tank installation at Toward Primary School.

Alan Stewart agreed to take on planning matters from Alan Chapman.

### **Any Other Business**

- Year of Young People: Eleanor updated the meeting on 3 examples of young people. 1) a local child who had entered the recent competition at DGS; 2) The local Cadet Force was praised by Eleanor for their good behaviour and general helpfulness and 3) Inspiring Innellan has a 7 year old from Toward Primary who has volunteered to help.
- Cllr Anderson updated the meeting on the lorries in Glenmorag Car Park, the successful MOD and the replacement picnic benches at the Balaclava.
- There was discussion about the sale of the Villagers' Royal.
- The breaches of planning conditions at Castle Toward were raised, apparently related to access to the ground.
- Crossroads calendars were available and the £40 earlier donated went to Crossroads.
- The ditch, and drainage from it, immediately opposite the former church at the top of Wyndham Road is a problem. Council has cleared a ditch at Knockamillie which has improved drainage. Dot also reported street lights out on Wyndham Road and one in Knockamillie. Others raised specific roads issues. Cllr Anderson took a note of these.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 December at 1930 in Innellan Village Hall.