

SCCC MEETING 13 March 2024

1. Present

Alan Stewart, Alistair Lennie, Michael Breslin, Martin Anstess, Jan McCormack, Eleanor Stevenson, Liz Seabrook, Kyle Armstrong, Linda Murry, Joyce McEwan, Ian McEwan.

2. Apologies

Gill Judd, Cathy Fagan

3. In attendance

Cllrs Forrest, Hampsey and Moreland.

4. Declarations of interest.

None

5. Police report

Report issued, no comments on this.

6. Minutes of last meeting held on 14 February 2024

These were proposed by Linda and seconded by Alistair.

7. Matters arising

- a. Lights at Toward PS are still not working, despite councillors being told they had been repaired.
- b. Work has started on Eleanor Lane.
- c. Bus shelters. Quote provided for shelters (that do fit the 2 spaces) was given to council officers on 18 January 2023.
- d. Tree not fully cleared at Toward triangle.

Treasurer's report

£1,751.82 in the bank less £900 for Bowling and Tennis Club.

Planning issues

- Proposed development on site of former Royal Hotel: much discussion on this application, with the outcome that there was no support for the development as shown and Alan will submit comments on the application.
- Giant's Burn Wind Farm. There was general support for wind farms and an invite will be issued for the developer to attend the May meeting of SCCC.
- Achafour Distillery application is non contentious.
- Bakka Frost at Toward wish to use hydrogen peroxide at the site. No comments.

Dunoon to Gourock Ferry

It was agreed SCCC would try to get some agreement from the other local community councils to seek support for the plan proposed by Neil Kay.

Mid Term Elections

The discussion on this was inconclusive so it remained to be seen what vacancies would be filled.

10% Council Tax Increase

There were mixed views on this, ranging from strong opposition to an understanding of why the council felt they had to push through this increase. A number of inefficiencies were identified. Councillors present also had differing views on this, understandably.

AOCB

- Kyle thanked the council for the work that has started on the high road in Innellan to resurface the road.
- The Lido: Ian updated SCCC on the meeting held in December. Shop use still needs to increase to take the pressure off financially. Staff rotas are being reviewed again. Work continues to improve matters and the committee are making the efforts required. Some specific issues were discussed, eg lottery/scratch cards and ferry tickets.
- Wall at top of war memorial gardens is in a dangerous condition.