

SCCC MEETING 9 October 2024

1. Present

Alan Stewart, Cathy Fagan, Michael Breslin, Joyce McEwan, Ian McEwan, Linda Murry, Jan McCormack, Eleanor Stevenson, Alistair Lennie

2. Apologies

Moir MacInnes, Cllr Forrest

3. In attendance

Duncan Lauder, Cllrs Moreland and Hampsey

4. Declarations of interest.

None

5. Police report

This was noted with thanks.

6. Innellan Golf Club was represented by Duncan Lauder to thank SCCC for the grant to buy the defibrillator. A photo was taken so that a newspaper article could be written to publicise the fact the club and the upper area of Innellan has a defibrillator.

7. Minutes of last meeting held on 14 August 2023

These were proposed by Alistair and seconded by Joyce

8. Matters arising

- Progress was being made towards a better ferry timetable to meet the trains and West Coast Motors were in the process of amending the bus timetable. It was hoped to get the amendments in place soon.
- Bollards at Castle Toward: actions in place to fix this.
- Pingo Bus: Alistair raised the costs of the Pingo bus and related this to the costs of repairs and rental to the food bank. FOI requests had shown there was a significant loss on the Pingo bus. Concerns were expressed at the fact Pingo buses often operated around the same time as the service bus. The wider issue was that people wanted value for money from the council. Councillors agreed to discuss the costs with West Coast Motors and the council.
- Benches at Sandy Beach. Outcome awaited.
- Toward triangle corner has been fixed but time will tell if the fix will last.
- Meeting this evening on the windfarm to try and set up a framework for distributing the community benefit funds.
- Toward PS solar lights still not working properly,

9. Possible co-option of new member

Moira MacInnes was willing to be considered for co-option and this will be dealt with at the November meeting.

10. Treasurer's report inc Hydro Funds

Joyce reported we have £845.92 in the bank but hydro funds are not in yet. Amount is not yet known. It was agreed to donate £250 to Innellan Village Hall for a year's use of the hall.

11. Planning issues

None

12. Correspondence with councillors prior to cancelled September meeting

The outstanding points are summarised by:

- Concrete bollards is in hand.
- Weeding at Toward Triangle is in hand.
- Dropped kerbs are in hand.
- Parking on pavements will be in hand once a new warden is employed.
- No contact with Inspiring Innellan from Mark Calder, as yet.
- From 2026 waste will need to be removed from Argyll & Bute by lorry.
- Toward Triangle corner has been fixed.

13. Access to Forestry Rd

Access to forestry road from Knockamillie end is restricted due to the school signage saying no access over the school grounds at the astroturf pitch. MB to email Lisa to ask why the signage is there and not there for the reverse journey.

14. Remembrance Sunday

Donations of food for those attending the parade are requested. Martin Anstess to be asked to lay wreath along with Linda Murry.

15. Ferries and buses update

Transport Scotland held their consultation events last week and a key point made by a number of people was to do with the figures for Western Ferries for so called passengers. The figures included all vehicle occupants. Michael has subsequently written to TS and there have been some reassuring words given about the service, eg "high level of dependency and therefore need". Questions had been asked of TS about why it took 13 years before they acted on the unreliability issue.

16. Bus shelters at Innellan and Toward

The issues had been the subject of written correspondence with councillors and community council members prior to the meeting but a key issue was that preparatory work was being carried out after the shelter installations, instead of beforehand.

17. AOCB

- Pavement condition is still poor in places.
- Ian updated the meeting on The Lido. Lido only has 3 trustees. Treasurer has resigned and Mrs Mac's Books is contracted to carry out elements of the bookkeeping. Files need a central location. Social media will be used to try and attract new trustees. 2023 accounts have been signed off by local accountants. FCA is aware of the delay situation. AMM organised for November, members to be notified. EPOS training will be continued in January. Grant funds from HIE will end in March 2025. In discussions with the Lottery over continued grant funding for the project officer. Thanks to Ian for his efforts.
- Weeding at Toward Triangle raised by Alistair.
- Street signs that had faded have been replaced so thanks were due to all concerned for attending to this.
- Care at home service issues will be raised by Michael at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 1930 in Innellan Hall.