

## **SCCC MEETING 11 March 2026**

**Present:** Alan Stewart, Jan McCormack, Eleanor Stevenson, Moira MacInnes, Joyce McEwan, Cathy Fagan, Glenda McLaren, Jack Hutcheon

**Apologies:** Michael Breslin, Linda Murry, Cllr R. Moreland. Cllr A. Forrest

**In attendance** Cllr. Daniel Hampsey. Alistair Lennie

**Declarations of interest.** None

### **Police Report:**

Letter received from PC Michael Cunningham (in Alan's possession) regarding the non availability of a police officer attending SCCC meetings on a monthly basis. The motion was carried that Alan would respond by asking that police attend on two meetings a year to allow some contact.

### **Minutes of last meeting dated 11 February 2026**

Agreed: Proposed Joyce McEwan          Seconded Jack Hutcheon

### **Matters arising**

- 1          Statkraft Wind Farm and community benefit funds: this was deferred from February and was discussed again. Deferred to the next SCCC Meeting in May 2026
- 2          Flooding was also deferred from last meeting: Deferred to the next meeting in May 2026

### **Resignation of Ian McEwen:**

*It is my intention to resign from SCCC with immediate effect. I will continue to keep working on behalf of the Lido. As we have often stated other people in this community need to step up.  
Regards, Ian*

Alan recorded his thanks to Ian for his work with the community and wished him well with his sterling work with the Lido.

Discussion ensued over methods of attracting new members to the CC. Cathy suggested contacting all groups that were in receipt of hydro funds and ask if any would like to join the CC

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance: £1,565.67

Outstanding Hydro Grant for the Lido £365.67\*

### **Planning Issues:**

First of the year:- Concerns Pontoon at the fish farm and of no concern of SCCC.

### **Hydro Grant to the Lido:**

The Lido has sought estimates for three (3) quotes regarding work required to the external surfaces of the Lido building. Ian was also considering a further option of cleaning only and not painting. A decision will be made soonest

**\* LIDO Refurbishment Grant. - Ian McEwan**

*This is a formal request to extend the award period for the Lido refurbishment grant, I would think that 3 months would suffice.*

*Update: The lead from Jack was not useable as the company he suggested does not do exterior of buildings. There is a company in Elderslie that specialises in this work, they will give us a quote for cleaning the 2 gables plus the front by next week, so we can hope this is reasonable.*

*Regards, Ian*

The grant extension was approved

**Roads & Infrastructure Services:**

**a. Pavement Parking:-**

It is intended that SCCC will write to the council and ask them to adopt Renfrewshires position of having a moratorium on enforcing pavement parking while exemptions were considered.

**b. Caravan on Pier Road.**

The A&BC Warden is in contact with the owner.

**c. Drainage Issues Outstanding?**

A new complaint/observation was noted that concerned the sewage outlet/trap located at Sandy beach in Innellan which has developed a leak and a video recording of the effects has been passed to Cllr. Daniel Hampsey for his action.

**d. Lights at Toward Primary School (still not working)**

Alistair Lennie reminded the one and all that the electronic speed reduction signage located at Toward Primary School are still inoperable after FOUR (4) years. It was pointed out that in December of 2024, the CEO of A&BC had assured Mr. Lennie that repairs would be carried out prior to commencement of the new school term in January 2025. Still no repairs and lights inoperable. Cllr. D. Hampsey stated that a new contractor has agreed to try and rectify the failed signage.

**e. Maintenance of pavements at Toward Triangle (still in progress)**

Cllr. D. Hampsey stated that some work remedial work had been undertaken and that further work required would be undertaken after April.

**10. Cowal Transport Forum and Bute and Cowal Area Committee (see motion below in red for consideration).**

**Motion proposed by:** Michael Breslin      **Seconded by:** Jack Hutcheon

South Cowal Community Council is appalled at the way in which the appeals from our own community council, Dunoon Community Council and Strachur Community Council were ignored on 3 March by the Bute and Cowal Area Committee.

To support and add to the subsequent complaint to the area committee made on behalf of Dunoon Community Council, South Cowal Community Council regrets that it no longer has confidence in Cllrs Moreland, Blair, Sinclair and Kennedy-Boyle.

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Much discussion ensued regarding whether SCCC should proceed with the no confidence of the four councillors as this might impede further cooperation between A&BC and SCCC in the coming months. A vote was sought and carried in favour of proceeding by 6 to 2 with no abstentions.

**11. AOCB**

- a. An abandoned car still remains in the adjacent car park to Innellan Hall.
- b. Jack Hutcheon expressed his concern that traffic is regularly exceeding the 30mph speed limit through Innellan and especially the 'choke point' in the vicinity of the Lido, Osborne Hotel and Innellan Village Hall.

**Next meeting;** The next meeting planned for April has been deferred to May as several members will be unable to attend.