

South Cowal Community Council

10th May 2017

Innellan Village Hall Ante Room

Following on from AGM 7.30 – 9pm

1. Present - Eleanor Stevenson Gill Judd Richard McGilvray Ann Narraway Cathy Morrison Helen Campbell Dot Braham Sophie Gillen Joyce McEwan Kyle Armstrong Alan Chapman Ali McCrossan (SCCDC) Councillors Bobby Good, Jim Anderson and Audrey Forrest Stephen Carr and colleague from Police Scotland

2. Apologies – Vicki Walkingshaw Mary Lamb Iain Cairns

3. Declaration of interest – usual declaration of interest brought to notice of councillors

4. Minutes of last meeting – proposed – Cathy seconded – Richard

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda – a) trim trail – still awaiting confirmation from A@B Council that we can rent the land needed for this project b) hustings for local election went well. New Councillors welcomed to the meeting. All intend to work together for good of those who elected them. Very good turn-out of voters for South Cowal area. c) Dick Walsh – letter of best wishes for retirement written d) knotweed – on-going issue which requires much more attention. Problem around Innellan Primary worse than ever despite spraying. Kyle and Alan are willing to help when possible. Suggestion that SCCDC could look into training for people who could tackle problem. f) bus stop – still no progress with bus stop relocation. Should be completed by June. g) Road safety – Kevin McIntosh has still not given progress report on various issues but Helen intimated that Paul Farrell had given a report to Toward Primary PTA that there was no problem with congestion at Toward Primary. Car park is too small and bus turning into it does cause some delay but nothing untoward.

6. Police report – Twenty five incidents including 2 internet fraud reports. Crime reports on housebreaking, theft, vandalism and careless driving. It is possible to sign up for Rural Watch email alerts through Police Scotland website.

7. Planning report – none

8. SCCDC report – Ali gave a report on the various ways in which it is hoped that SCCDC can become more pro-active. Will have a presence at the Sailing Club event during the Festival and hope to organise a community consultation event. Would like local residents to renew membership. Fund raising initiatives are needed and it is hoped that some progress can be made soon with some of the ideas the directors have.

9. Festival Report – Programmes and adverts are organised. Everything ready for Festival beginning. With the Fun Run and 10K runs unfortunately cancelled there will be a funding shortfall as only revenue will be from Quiz and adverts in brochure. Advertising in Observer has become very expensive. Thirty different events in programme. Pier Art Group have painted the display boards and will make a generous 10% donation from paintings sold to help with funding of Festival.

10. AOCB – a) Eleanor is interested in taking Innellan into the Keep Scotland Beautiful competition next year and is going on an interest raising trip to East Haven in Angus with some people from Blairmore to find out more of what sort of things can be done to improve Innellan.

- b) Eleanor has also suggested that there could be a newsletter sent out two or three times a year to let folk know what is happening in South Cowal. Costs could be covered by advertising. To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.
- c) Another attempt will be made to see if it is possible to get paint for the railings between here and Dunoon so that Community Pay Back participants can take on the task. Councillor Forrest to enquire.
- d) Defibrillator would be useful for potential emergencies in the village. Helen and Cathy to make enquiries. This is also a possible project for SCCDC.
- e) State of playground in Innellan Primary is very poor. Resurfacing is necessary as tar is breaking up causing a potentially nasty surface when children fall. More enquiries need to be made to see if funding can be found.
- f) Councillor Anderson gave a positive report on how the refurbished Queen's Hall and swimming pool will provide improved sport and leisure facilities. Along with the Burgh Hall these should provide a much needed boost to the tourist industry.
- g) Indications that our three new councillors are willing to work together for the good of the community are very welcome. They will ensure that there will also be one of them at each of our meetings and will liaise with one another to help solve problems.
- h) Resilience plan needs to be updated. Sub group could tackle this – discuss at next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 14th June 2017

7.30pm in Innellan Village Hall