

South Cowal Community Council

Wednesday, 10th Aug 2022

7.30 – 8.45 pm

Innellan Village Hall

1. **Present** – Joyce McEwan Alan Stewart Dot Braham Linda Murry Alistair Lennie Kyle Armstrong Lisa Marle Martin Anstess Cathy Fagan Jan McCormack Eleanor Stevenson Councillor Ross Moreland Liz Seabrook
2. **Apologies** – Linda Payne Michael Breslin Gill Judd Councillor Daniel Hampsay Councillor Audrey Forrest
3. **Declaration of interest** – none declared
4. **Police Report** – none available
5. **Minutes of last meeting** – Proposed – Alan Seconded – Joyce
6. **Treasurer’s report** - £1412 in hand Other funds in bank are for designated use – eg website £100 cheque outstanding to Innellan Nursery Lisa gave thanks for the cheques sent to Toward and Innellan Primary schools for use in outdoor learning activities
7. **Planning** – nothing of note
8. **Bus services** – no progress on this issue Some services in evening not connecting with ferries, 489 not going up Wyndham and North Campbell Roads Meeting with Transport Manager needed for next meeting to progress these issues. **(Michael/Ross)**
9. **Outstanding issues** – These have been on-going for some time. Letter to Chief Executive proposed if no progress before next meeting. Issues which are on-going – Eleanor Lane, bus stop sign at pier toilets, War Memorial and dropped kerbs from Sandy Beach to Lido shop, Issue of dropped kerbs has been on-going for over five years and it causing safety concerns. War Memorial is left untidy for long periods and only looks respectable because local volunteers step in to tidy it. Bus stop sign needed as tourists are often unsure of where to stand when waiting for bus into town. Eleanor Lane is a main connector for North Campbell Road and Shore Road – has caused inconvenience through extended closure.
10. **Dunfeurach** – there was an issue with hedge cuttings being left and causing safety issues for pavement users. Letter sent on behalf of SCCC reminding home owner of necessity of removing hazards (this has been an issue in the past too). Initially well received but later the house owner was suggesting he would make a complaint to the Council. On-going. Drainage in this area is also a problem. **(Ross)**
11. **ACHA** – Correspondence sent out by email Issue of safety at two local areas raised by ACHA who say they own the land and are concerned about access by the public. Email

originally sent to representative of Inspiring Innellan suggesting that ownership of the areas could be taken over by them for a peppercorn rent. This is not a viable proposition. SCCC thinks one area of land is not owned by ACHA so suggestion put forward that ACHA is asked to show proof of ownership before we meet up with ACHA representative to discuss a way forward. Eleanor will email ACHA.

12. **Forestry report** – sent by email Details work being carried on locally. Also draws attention to mini but tours of Corlarach Forest for members of the public. Eleanor has details of this for those interested.
13. **Forthcoming elections** – All those wishing to remain on SCCC will require to fill in forms which should be available soon. New members will be needed so everyone is asked to try to find suitable people and encourage them to fill in the forms.
14. **AOCB** – a) Alistair drew attention to unnecessary road markings on Toward Straight
b) Knotweed in school grounds – **Lisa** will contact appropriate council officer
c) Water on road at steps leading to school gate on Knockamillie Road. Drainage needs attention as this area is very icy in winter and road is difficult to cross. Camber of the road also poses a safety issue when ice is on road. Children use this area to get to school.
d) Ragwort is growing in many areas where it could be potentially hazardous. The sea wall near Ferry Lane is full of this and other weeds which are hiding the wall and causing traffic to stray into on-coming lane Needs to be cleared. (**Ross**)