

Present

Ian McEwan, Liz Seabrook, Michael Breslin, Steve Gillen, Linda Murry, Joyce McEwan, Eleanor Stevenson, Jan McCormack

Apologies

Alan Stewart, Cathy Fagan, Cllrs Forrest & Moreland, Claire Hendry

In attendance

Gill Judd, Martin Anstess, Alistair Lennie, Cllr Hampsey, Kyle Armstrong, 5 members of the public

Additional Item taken at start of meeting

The members of the public related a disturbing tale of what appears to be harassment of one of the 5. It was agreed that no names would be mentioned in this minute for safety reasons.

Declarations of Interest

None

Police Report

This was noted.

Minutes of last meeting held on 14 September 22

Proposed by Jan McCormack and seconded by Linda Murry.

Matters arising

None

Co-option of Additional Members

On the advice of Shona Barton at the inaugural meeting, this was deferred till the December meeting. The names of those seeking co-option (Martin Anstess, Kyle Armstrong and Gillian Judd) will be posted in the hall.

Treasurer's Report

Total funds are £3,878 including the community benefit hydro funds for 2023 of £2,668.

Planning Matters

Nothing to report although the glamping pod application in Innellan was noted.

Hydro Funds

After discussion it was agreed to wait till next year's allocation is received to allow larger grants to be applied for in 2023.

Education Service

1 After discussion on the proposed changes to school management, now abandoned, and the email dated 23 August 2022 from Iona Community Council, it was agreed to write to Pippa Milne, cc Jenni Minto MSP, Iona CC and others supporting Iona CC in their request for an independent inquiry into the matter.

2 The meeting discussed the paper circulated earlier which summarised the concerns of parents in the area. This paper outlined the wider context, ie of guidance issued to councils and the proposed changes to the Gender Recognition Act currently going through the Scottish Parliament. It was agreed unanimously that a letter should go to the council chief executive, cc the council leader Robin Currie, expressing concern at the lack of parental involvement and highlighting the fact that as the guidance was both non statutory and controversial, the implementation of this within Argyll & Bute should be a policy matter for elected members to determine at full council.

It was noted that there was no support from anyone present to the key changes proposed to the Gender Recognition Act, ie reduction in age, removal of psychiatric and medical procedures, introduction of "self ID" and the reduction in time living "in line" with your new gender from 2 years to 3 months.

Ground owned by ACHA

It was discussed at length and deferred to the December meeting. It was noted that Inspiring Innellan has carried out a huge amount very valuable work within Innellan. It was hoped this would be recognised formally by Argyll & Bute Council. Discussions will continue to see if a solution can be agreed before the December meeting.

Outstanding Items from the previous SCCC

1. Buses and timetables
2. Bus stop signs
3. Dropped kerbs
4. Signs for motor home bays at Sandy Beach
5. Eleanor Lane
6. State of the war memorial ground
7. Gates at Inverchoalain Church (fixed?)
8. Knotweed on the shore in various locations and at Innellan PS

9. Drainage at entrance to Innellan PS near school entrance
10. Stones placed in soft verge around Toward Triangle which have never been removed.
11. Sea wall at Joppa House, Shore Rd, Innellan is eroded and hasn't been repaired.

It was agreed to write to Jim Smith as head of roads and amenity service asking for his attendance at either the December or January meetings of SCCC. Councillors were asked to apply maximum pressure to get this department to carry out its responsibilities.

AOCB

- Phone boxes removed at Toward and Innellan Piers and the meeting agreed to request 2 bus shelters for these locations.
- Oil Spill Loch Striven. This was noted with concern and it was understood SEPA was involved.
- Tubes across road south of Toward PS have now been removed but we do not know what they were there for.
- Stairs to beach opposite former Braemar Hotel are a hazard as there are no railings.
- Blocked drains at Royal Brae
- Remembrance Sunday this coming Sunday 13 November. Donations and attendance welcome.