

## Meeting of South Cowal Community Council

13 October 2021, by Zoom

### Present

Eleanor Stevenson, Michael Breslin, Alan Stewart, Alistair Lennie, Dot Braham, Gill Judd, Jan McCormack, Linda Murry, Lisa Marle, Martin Anstess, Mary Fryer Steven

### In Attendance

Cllr A Forrest

### Apologies

Joyce McEwan, Linda Payne, Claire Hendry, Cllr J Anderson

### Declarations of Interest

Those with an interest in the item on the trim trail will not take part.

### Police Report

Claire's report had been circulated. There were no comments.

### Minute of Meeting held on 11 August 2021

Proposed by Linda and seconded by Alan

### Matters arising

- 489 service is as was but councillors are maintaining pressure to reinstate the service along the high road.
- Bus stop sign at foot of Royal Brae. This has not been reinstalled.
- War Memorial. There were some workers there today but it does not seem to have been tidied up as requested.
- Dropped kerbs. These are still outstanding.
- Motor caravan spaces were to be relocated to the south side of Sandy Beach car park and signs installed but this has not been done.
- Steps at Jacob's Ladder have still not been renovated.
- Sea wall at Joppa is still outstanding.
- Road markings on resurfaced roads have still to be carried out.

### Treasurer's Report

Joyce had reported that the community council has £7,599 in the bank account. This includes funds allocated for the Trim Trail and Hydro Funds.

### Trim Trail Funds

The proposal previously circulated for the trim trail funds was approved. This awarded £600 to Inspiring Innellan, £1,135 to Innellan Tennis Club and £1,530 to Toward Seaports Club. It was agreed that we would issue a press release and that a condition of the funding would be that SCCC is mentioned as the funder in any publicity the 3 organisations issue. It was noted that this way of

distributing the funds only came about due to the difficulty in getting the agreement of Roads & Amenity Services on using ground at Sandy Beach for a trim trail.

### **Hydro Funds**

The situation over the proposal to use the funds, in whole or in part, for radar controlled speed signs was noted. The negative attitude of the roads department was again a matter for concern. There was discussion on the verbal proposal to use up to £2.4k of the money to buy a Rensair air cleaner for use in the village hall. This was approved and Michael will negotiate on price with Rensair.

### **Plaques from Matheson Church**

Eleanor outlined the position with the plaques in the church and wanted to retain these and other items for local interest, some in the village hall. The community council supported the retention of these items.

### **Web site**

Michael outlined the position with the web site and asked for an additional £100 to £150 to produce a brief training manual. This was agreed.

### **Cop 26**

The email from Robert Trybis was noted and discussed. Tree planting was deemed to be a good idea but there were differing views on street lighting, especially with the lights now using low energy LED lights. Security issues were raised if lights were switched off at night. Eleanor will reply to Robert.

### **Holy Loch**

The email from Brian Tester was discussed. It was agreed to give SCCC support to carry out a survey of the Holy Loch. Eleanor will reply to Brian.

### **Speed Limits**

The email from David Johnston was discussed. The council is already involved in carrying out surveys on this stretch of road and Cllr Forrest will check out the latest position with the council and/or the police. Eleanor will reply and Michael will speak to David when he sees him. Alan commented that the radar controlled sign at Bullwood was reading around 10% too low.

### **Planning**

Alan Stewart spoke about 2 applications at the Meider in Toward which were deemed acceptable. The energy building at Castle Toward had been withdrawn. A third, an extension to a cottage, was also deemed acceptable.

### **AOCB**

- Gill raised the overgrown pavement on the north bound carriageway before the Balaclava Garage. Michael agreed to put this on the council reporting system.
- Dot raised the rubber debris at the artificial grass playing field at Innellan PS. The school will ask when the surface was last cleaned as there were concerns it may be a respiratory irritant.

The meeting closed at 2040.