

South Cowal Community Council
Meeting held on 17 February 2021
Attendance by Zoom VC

Present

Kyle Armstrong, Michael Breslin, Eleanor Stevenson, Dot Braham, Martin Anstess, Linda Payne, Lisa Marle, Alistair Lennie, Alan Stewart Gill Judd, Dot Braham, Joyce McEwen

In attendance

Councillors Anderson and Forrest and Janet McCormack

Apologies

Claire Hendry, Linda Murry

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of last meeting held on 14 October 2020

These were agreed, proposed by Martin and seconded by Alistair.

Matters arising

There was still no progress on the installation of dropped kerbs in Innellan.

Police Report

The report from Claire was noted with thanks.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce reported that the bank balance was £8,229 including commitments for the hydro scheme and the trim trail at Sandy Beach.

Planning Issues

The planning applications circulated were all deemed non contentious.

Hydro Grants 2020

It was confirmed that the alternative use by Ellie Judd for last year's award was acceptable.

Hydro Grants 2021

The sub committee's recommendations were agreed, as follows:

Applicant	What For	Amount Requested		Awarded	
Inspiring Innellan	Picnic benches & slabs at Sandy Beach	£	750	£	620
Innellan Village Hall	Upgrade of garden area	£	270	£	270
Innellan Golf Club	Purchase of wet weather tee mats & bases	£	1,020	£	800
Innellan Tennis Club	Net posts and storage shed	£	1,139	£	900
Cowal Beekeepers Assc	Beekeeping equipment for training	£	580	£	450
Waterbaby Arts	Zoom costs to allow them to continue	£	100	£	120
		£	3,859	£	3,160

Michael will write to each of the above and get confirmation of the name to be on the cheque.

Cemeteries Consultation

After discussion it was agreed Michael will draft a response and circulate for comment. There will be a question at the end asking if the longer term plans would lead to a single cemetery for Argyll & Bute.

Sandy Beach Trim Trail

A sub committee of Eleanor and Joyce will now progress this.

War Memorial

There was no progress as yet so it was agreed that SCCC would end its interest in taking this site over unless the agreement was mutually approved by the time of the next meeting.

Public Toilets

It was understood that closure of toilets was not on the list of cuts being considered by the council but SCCC will monitor the situation.

SCCC Website

Linda will ask her contacts to see if someone can update the site for accessibility and use by mobile devices. Michael will make a back up of the site.

AOCB

- Is it possible to **relocate the glass bins** to the seaward end of the pier carpark to minimise noise to neighbours? The issue of glass bins overflowing at Toward was raised and this site needs a code to be able to notify the council.

- Fence at Eleanor Lane. The information from councillors is that the works will start to allow this to re-open.
- Lights are out at Knockamillie Terrace.
- The state of the road at the junction of Knockamillie Road and Terrace was very poor.
- Dot said rats have again been seen and commented the high costs of calling the council out will put people off.
- Dot also asked why taxi drivers do not need to wear masks or have a plastic screen in their cabs?
- Michael, Kyle and Roy will install the signs on the grass area near McLennan Cottages within the next few weeks.
- Michael reported that after correspondence with Melissa Stewart of Argyll & Bute Council, she had agreed that electronic banking could be carried out by a single person provided there was prior authorisation. Joyce will speak to the bank about this and the internal SCCC procedure for electronic banking will be as follows:
 - The treasurer will request email authorisation of any payment to be made, in advance, by a member of SCCC.
 - That authorisation will be filed with the invoice or other voucher so that when the accounts are examined it can be seen that there was prior authorisation of the payment.
 - The treasurer is then authorised to make the electronic banking payment by his or her self, ie single authorisation electronically provided there is a pre-authorisation by another SCCC member.