

## **Meeting of South Cowal Community Council**

**Wednesday 13 November 2019**

### **Present**

Eleanor Stevenson, Martin Anstess, Kyle Armstrong, Dot Braham, Michael Breslin, Liz Seabrook, Sophie Gillen, Gill Judd, Alistair Lennie, Lisa Marle, Joyce McEwan, Linda Payne, Alan Stewart.

### **Apologies**

Claire Hendry (Police Scotland)

### **In Attendance**

Cllrs Audrey Forrest, Bobby Good and Jim Anderson. Susan Chandler, Robert Trybis

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

### **Police Report**

This was previously circulated and noted.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting held on 17 September 2019**

Proposed and seconded by Kyle and Martin

### **Matters Arising**

Salt bins, dropped kerbs are still outstanding. (Bobby Good stated that the dropped kerbs were planned to be completed by February next year.) Eleanor thanked the fundraising efforts of local children.

### **Recycling Bins at Toward**

Susan updated the meeting on the can recycling bins that had been left at the sailing club, with no consultation with the sailing club. The request had been to bring back the glass recycling bins. Audrey outlined what she had done as a councillor.

### **Burnamakiman Hydro Scheme**

- Draft rules were agreed as circulated and amended, copy below.
- A draft set of criteria will be circulated for approval by the community council before the next meeting in December.
- An advert will go into the local paper asking for volunteers to be on the sub committee to consider the applications and asking for applications to be submitted. It was agreed there would be a public meeting at the start of the December CC meeting.
- The adverts will be copied to Facebook (Dot) and to the website (Lisa)

### **Road Safety Initiatives**

Agreed MB will investigate funding for radar controlled speed signs and councillors to speak to roads who will need to be involved in this.

MB to write to Laura at Police Scotland re cost of stickers and to ask about 20mph ones.

### **Roads Issues**

Drainage issues were raised again, with some instances of roads saying gullies had been cleared which had not been cleared. White lining has not been carried out consistently in the Toward area. Bend immediately south of Sandy Beach will be resurfaced at some point. Council has stated that the works to the beam at the entrance to the old Star Garage in Innellan will be completed by January.

### **Castle Lodge Dunoon**

There was discussion on the funds spent on this property. £170k upwards? It was noted that the property was not able to be used as only external works had been carried out.

### **Planning Matters**

Cllr Forrest took no part in this item on the agenda other than on the process for making objecting on planning applications.

- There is a planning application for part of the old Royal Hotel site and there was a view that the access issues made this problematic. The community council agreed to object on the grounds of access.
- Castle Toward and public access to the site. Robert Trybis outlined the extent of the issues. At the eastern gate the planning approval for pedestrian entrance does not seem to have been complied with. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the owners to ask for the paths for the public to be upgraded to a higher standard.

### **War Memorial**

Tom Murphy was to contact Eleanor but there has been no contact as yet on the issue of taking over the war memorial site.

### **Firework Display**

A £50 contribution will be made to the Sandbank CC firework display.

### **AOCB**

- Eleanor handed over the It's Your Neighbourhood certificate to Lisa as HT of Innellan PS.
- Eleanor suggested a candidate for the young person of the year and this was agreed.
- September bank balances were boosted by the council grant and £7,758 was closing balance. This includes the Burnamakiman Hydro Funds.
- Peel Ports are saying they do not need to carry out an environmental impact assessment due to the nature of the facility at Fairlie.
- The sign post in Innellan Pier car park has fallen down.

The agreed rules for the Burnamakiman Hydro Scheme grants is on the next page.

1. A subcommittee of the community council will take applications and recommend approval to SCCC.
2. Subcommittee to comprise 3 people from a group of 5 to enable any conflicts of interest to be handled.
3. Applications will be submitted:
  - a. once a year by end December;
  - b. the subcommittee will consider them in January;
  - c. their decision will be ratified by SCCC at the February meeting, and
  - d. payment will be made by SCCC by end February each year.
4. The decisions of both the subcommittee and SCCC will be final, with no appeals considered or correspondence entered into.
5. Applications must be from charities or not for profit groups/individuals located and or operating in South Cowal area. Priority will be given to local groups in the South Cowal area.
6. Applications may be for any amount up to the budget limit of £2,500.
7. The key assessment criteria will be the amount of benefit to the South Cowal community, ie the greater the community benefit the higher applications will be scored.
8. Assessment criteria will be agreed before the first applications are submitted.
9. Successful applicants must recognise in any publicity that the award was made by SCCC using community benefit funds from Burnamakiman Hydro scheme.
10. If for any reason the community benefit funds cease to flow from the hydro scheme, this scheme will be wound up.