

South Cowal Community Council

Tuesday 17th September 2019

7.30 – 8.45 pm

1. Present – Eleanor Stevenson Liz Seabrook Dot Braham Sophie Gillen Alistair Lennie Martin Anstess Lisa Marle Joyce McEwan Councillors Jim Anderson and Bobby Good Claire Hendry from Police Scotland

2. Apologies – Michael Breslin Alan Stewart Linda Payne Gill Judd Councillor Audrey Forrest (Kyle Armstrong mistook the date and came on Wed instead of Tues!)

3. Declaration of interest – no declarations forthcoming

4. Minutes of last meeting – Approved Lisa Marle Seconded Dot Braham

5. Matters arising – a) sea wall – has been checked and the Council is aware of the problem of erosion. SCCC not reassured Matter will be discussed again at later date.

b) salt bins to be replaced – ongoing

c) grass cutting not being done often enough due to weather and staff shortages

d) dropped kerbs – scheduled to be done but will keep this on agenda for discussion - ongoing

e) road issues – including photographs sent by Michael to council officer – Jim gave a full account of answers received Copy of email to be added to minutes. Jim gave details of new method of reporting complaints which he thinks will be more efficient. SCCC to trial this by posting details of complaints so that reply can be monitored. Details of new means of reporting to be put on local face book pages etc

f) glass recycling at Toward Sailing Club – Commodore has been given contact name

6. Police report – 20 reported incidents which included 6 crimes Crimes include vandalism to gate at Fish Farm, graffiti on 3 bus shelters and 3 electrical boxes Speeding is being taken seriously and new signage is planned for Bullwood Road.

7. Planning – Alan is in Malawi so no report made

8. Treasurer's report – Balance of £7775 includes Trim Trail money and money from the Burnamakiman Hydro Scheme - £2838. The Council grant has still to come in. Some money has been awarded to Innellan from the winding up of Council's Christmas Lights funding. Jim will find out if this is being paid into SCCC's account or not.

Hydro scheme money is for distribution to local causes and will be discussed in detail at next meeting.

9. Peel Ports – On-going See their web site for full details

10. Inverreck closure – This was also discussed at a Caucus meeting. Reasons for closure include on-going annual debt, staffing problems and underuse.

11. Community Action Plan – This is to be discussed at a meeting to be held in Toward Sailing Club on Thurs 26th Sep. Time to be sent round by email when known and volunteers asked to attend. There should be approx 6 sessions during which an Action Plan will be drawn up. Funding for this has been awarded to SCCDC.

12. Trim Trail – still on-going

13. Graffiti – Alistair received from local resident. See Police Report

14. Flooding from Castle Toward – two areas identified Enquiries to be made for more info

15. Hydro Scheme –See Treasurer’s Report

16. War Memorial – holiday arrangements have held up progress but Eleanor will pursue this matter with Tom Murphy now that contact has been made.

17. Sandy Beach – on-going issues will be followed up as SCCC want to see a big improvement in this area, Council are aware of issues such as grass cutting, drains, car park surfacing, and access to beach from car park. To be kept on agenda

18. Inspiring Innellan – Beautiful Scotland awarded a Silver Gilt Certificate, Best in Coastal Villages trophy and a silver dish for Community Involvement to Inspiring Innellan at the recent Award Ceremony. Everyone well pleased with results which bring attention to the area in a positive way.

19. AOCB – a) attention drawn to meeting about Dunoon Project

b) donations will be required for Remembrance Sunday

c) School drew attention to Ceilidh to be held soon. Comment was made on the outdoor approach to education which both local schools advocate – good to see the children actively engaged in work on the beaches and in Forest School activities. At a recent beach survey a sweet wrapper dated 1986 was found. This brought home to the children (and adults!) just how long it takes litter to decay.

d) Children from Innellan Primary will be taking part in a sponsored cycle to raise funds for the Waverley.

e) Street light is not working outside hall. Floodlight at War Memorial needs attention. Drain at Star Garage door needs to be looked at.

Date and time of next meeting

Wed 13th November

Please note that there will be no Oct meeting.