

Seil and Easdale Community Council

Notes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2015 – Seil Island Hall

1. Present:

Community Councillors: Seumas Anderson (Convener), Charles Struthers, Anne Marie Robin, John Gordon, Graeme Bruce, Alan MacFadyen, Chris Dugdale
+ Julie Ferris (Secretary)

Council members: Cllr Elaine Robertson

Community Policing: PC Jeremy Moore

Members of the public: 25

2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Duncan MacIntyre, Iain MacDonald & Iain MacLean

3. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 27th May 2014, were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed: Henry Tarbatt, Seconded: Ann Reid

4. Matters arising: None

5. Convener's Report

Seumas Anderson, Convener, gave the following report:

Welcome to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Seil & Easdale Community Council. The members of the Community Council continue to work for you as individuals and for the overall benefit of the community.

This is done by holding at least six public meetings, another six interim meetings so that we can keep up with ongoing and new issues (such as Planning with time response issues) and lots of emails and conversations with you, the community, and each other.

Throughout the year, Seil & Easdale Community Council has commented on planning applications where the Community Council felt it appropriate to do so, and this will continue. One application (for the installation of a petrol tank) was controversial enough for a hearing to be held in the Hall here. Although the result did not please everyone, and by the nature of the beast cannot, it was the best one I have attended. Crisp presentations by all sides were followed by robust questions by the Councillor on the Committee, which I felt left the Council Planning & Roads Department Officers' answers wanting.

While looking back over the last year I came across my notes for the AGM of 24 July 2012.

Quote:

“The waste water system continues to be an issue.” “The plant has been modified and new membranes put in place.” “The system is only one year old and this does not bode well for

its ongoing performance. Well – the issue is still with us, with new proposals for Seil (update to follow in ordinary meeting).

The Community Council continues to work on many other issues affecting the local community directly and indirectly such as roads, lighting, health, mobile signal, seating, ferries, access and many more.

For those that may not know, Dr Hannah is retiring, and I would like to record here the Community's thanks for his service to us all, his input to maintaining and enhancing the health care provided to the practice area, and for making sure Easdale Medical Practice will continue to be here and providing for the community's future health needs.

Good luck, and a long and healthy retirement George!

To continue I'd like to thank those that attend the public meetings, yourselves and Cllr Elaine Robertson. We wish Cllr Duncan McIntyre a continued recovery. Thanks also to PC Moore, to Stuart Reid for auditing our accounts, to Jim Cunningham for printing the Seileachan and the Directory, and to the speakers who came to help enlighten us on many subjects.

I would also like to thank the Community Councillors and their families: Charles for his work with Roads and Scottish Water, John for all the work on the Directory, the Emergency Plan and the Vodafone Sure Signal application. Thanks also to Julie, our Secretary, to Graeme for his work on such issues as lighting and seating, and to Alan and Chris for their input.

Finally, I would like to thank Eileen Colston for her input over the past two years, and for taking over distribution of the Seileachan. Eileen has now decided to stand down, meaning that we now have a vacancy. There will be a by election later in the year – so look out for that if you think you can help.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Anne Marie Robin, distributed copies of the Statement of Accounts covering the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, and reported as follows:

Please find the Statement of Accounts and I hope it is easy enough to follow.

You will observe that we have a fairly healthy balance of £4661.60.

Two previous Administration Grants are included in this Statement and we can apply for next year's Grant following approval of the accounts.

The balance of £122.22 has been added following closure of the SECC Coastal Erosion account. This amount has been ringfenced for any related expenses.

Our thanks to Easdale Island Residents and Property Owners Association for their donation of £248.26. This amount has been ringfenced for any expenses involving defibrillators.

The local telephone directories made a profit of £109. Thanks to John Gordon, Jim Cunningham and Wendy Dugdale for their efforts.

Our thanks once again to Stuart Reid for auditing the Books.

7. Election of Officers: None

8. AOB

None