

SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 2017 Seil Island Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green, John Gordon, Seumas Anderson, Graeme Bruce, Charles Struthers, Anne Marie Robin, Alan MacFadyen, Julie Ferris, Chris Dugdale, Uta Binnie and 12 members of the public

APOLOGIES: PC Jeremy Moore

The Chair welcomed Uta Binnie to her first meeting as Secretary to the Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Seumas Anderson as a landowner potentially affected by the Scottish Water waste water proposal.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016 were agreed as an accurate record; proposed by Seumas Anderson, seconded by Charles Struthers.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 22nd NOVEMBER 2016

Scottish Water

Scottish Water Stakeholder meetings were held on 16th January 2017 attended by 8 local representatives, 5 Scottish Water employees, Councillors Robertson and Green, the Independent Expert Chris Chubb and chaired by Mike Russel. Apologies from Jim Frame, SEPA.

Meeting the independent expert in advance of the formal SW meeting was considered very helpful by the local representatives. A variety of draft sewage solution options were presented and discussed at the main meeting. Scottish Water has been asked to report back with more detail and figures on 3 options before the next Stakeholder meeting on April 24th. The community will then be consulted.

At the meeting the local representatives were advised not to share the draft option details with the community at this stage. In the meantime, the local representatives, the independent Expert and Scottish Water will be communicating in order to achieve the most appropriate sewage solution for our community.

Roads

Following inspection of Kilninver bridge and the undermining of the road verge in Ellenabeich, A & B Council can confirm that these are minor failures and that the roads in general are in reasonable condition. Reported potholes are being filled.

Regarding Tramway cottages road/drain repair, Graeme drew attention to a letter from Mr MacPherson, written by the roads department dated 18 August 1995. This letter suggests the roads department would adopt the road in question from 1st July 1995 and supports the request that the Council should repair the damage reported. Mr MacPherson, who no longer owns any of the properties associated with this section of road, has also given a copy of this letter to his lawyer.

A letter with community feedback regarding the **Proposed traffic regulation order and Prohibition of waiting at North Cuan Ferry** was read out, suggesting that there was considerable support by the residents of Cuan to the motion that buses need to be able to turn, the bins need to be better located and not allowed to spill over, particularly during the summer with waste from passing

tourists, but also that there needs to be parking for people leaving vehicles on the north side so a complete ban would not be welcomed. The problem of dog fouling on the North Cuan approach was also highlighted.

Graeme provided photographs recording the challenges (forwarded by email to Councillors Robertson and Green). The suggestion was made that some of the difficulties might be alleviated by keeping the grass verges cleared and cut back. Charles is in communication with Graham Stone and Derek Crooks (Roads Department) about this matter and awaits their feedback. It was also suggested that Seil and Luig CC come together for solutions regarding management of dog fouling.

Health

Lorn and Oban Healthy Options, a charity based in Oban which works with communities to improve health and well-being, is running a free course "Active balance and Fitness Course" which will run weekly at 12 noon from February 3rd in Seil Hall. Posters to advertise the course are up.

John provided brief feedback about the Hospital Community Council meeting in Oban on 13th January and Councillors Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green provided more detail on the background. All agreed this was a very positive meeting with many interesting questions raised by the public and well answered by Dr Richard Wilson of the Lorne Medical Practice and Peter Thorpe. There had been accusations of rumours of closure which are unfounded. The unit will remain a consultant lead care unit with 24/7 care.

There are challenges of funding but the biggest problem is recruitment. There are too many specialists and not enough general physicians and at the local level GPs and district nurses are overstretched. Training opportunities in Argyll are possible solution. Public awareness and dissemination of information is also major problem and terms of reference and future minutes will be available via the NHS Highland website (<http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk>). It was noted that Oban Hospital has set up its own website as an aid to recruitment. It also has useful information for patients (<http://www.obanhospital.com/>).

Police Report

PC Moore sent a report which was read out at the meeting, highlighting recent petty thefts of cars in the Balvicar area. All of the vehicles were insecure and in some cases with the keys in the ignition, one of the vehicles also had a wallet in it. PC Moore reminds us that any vehicle left insecure AND with the keys in it are deemed uninsured, so if the vehicle was stolen the insurance company would not pay out. Please, please keep your vehicles and your property secure let's not make it easy for them.

Second PC Moore notes that sheep worrying appears to be on the increase. In respect of Livestock Worrying, the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 is the primary legislation for offences of this nature. A farmer may in some specific circumstances kill a dog if it is worrying sheep and has legal justification for doing so. A common denominator appears to be that the dogs causing problems are often staying in holiday homes in the areas affected.

A note was made regarding the Easdale RIB Rendezvous to be held Saturday 29th April, Sunday 30th April 2017. Tony Hill from Seafari Adventures has issued notifications to all appropriate authorities about the event.

Planning and Listed Building Consent for Building: *New since last meeting*

[Erection of garage with first floor studio.](#) Clachandubh Lodge Balvicar Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4RA .Ref. No: 16/03285/PP | Received: Fri 09 Dec 2016 | Validated: Mon 19 Dec 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Internal and external alterations including; changes to internal layout, erection of rear extension, conservatory and external covered walkway to form smoking shelter.](#) Tigh An Truish Hotel Clachan Seil Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4QZ .Ref. No: 16/03261/LIB | Received: Tue 06 Dec 2016 | Validated: Tue 13 Dec 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Alterations including; erection of rear extension, conservatory and external covered walkway to form smoking shelter.](#) Tigh An Truish Hotel Clachan Seil Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4QZ .Ref. No: 16/03262/PP | Received: Tue 06 Dec 2016 | Validated: Wed 14 Dec 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Erection of store](#) Land North West Of Dunearn Ellenabeich Isle Of Seil Argyll And Bute. Ref. No: 16/03212/PP | Received: Tue 29 Nov 2016 | Validated: Thu 08 Dec 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

Bus Shelter

A Victorian bus shelter design offered by A & B Council has been approved by the Heritage Trust. Charles is awaiting further feedback from the Council regarding timelines.

Parking in Oban

Councillor Green confirmed that the Oban parking review is still in progress and that further feedback will be available soon. He hopes to provide another update at the next Community Council meeting. Another public consultation may follow if required.

Graeme asked about the possibility of gritting car parks in Oban, which currently do not appear to be gritted.

Forward Planning

An open meeting is being planned for 7.30pm 23rd Feb 2017 Seil Hall, to progress the forward planning project. Watch out for posters and advertising entitled "Let's get started!" All interested in protecting and enhancing our communities future are invited to attend. It is hoped to make a start with YOUR top selected projects. It is also hoped to contact all those who have already indicated their interest and willing to help (65 have put their names down). To date, top projects are: sea access, a footpath network, social housing for rent, care services based and run locally and a cafe.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Bins

The A& B Council is addressing the request for more bins on Easdale Island and is also looking into a shelter option for Ellenabeich.

Feedback was provided to Councillors Robertson and Green regarding the current bin collection schedule. Although concerned about the irregularity of the collection service over the Christmas period, Seil residents were more concerned about the about not knowing when the bins would be collected and the consequences this would have on the island if bins were left out over stormy days. It was also suggested that reminder stickers are sent out again about what can go into bins. Concern was raised that if incorrect materials went into the bins then the whole load could be rejected.

On 11th February two 30 minute sessions about all kinds of waste management being held in Easdale Hall 12 noon Anaerobic Digestion and Living Systems- an alternative approach; 14:30 Going in Circles? A better way of thinking outside the Box with Dr Michelle Morrison of CPI UK (look out for posters).

Seileachan

Sue Fenton was thanked for taking on the publication of the Seileachan and thanks went out to Jim Cunningham for doing such a wonderful job over the last years.

TABLED PAPERS None

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28th March 2017, 6.30pm, Seil Island Hall