

**SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

**Seil Island Hall**

**PRESENT:** Seumas Anderson, Charles Struthers, Ann Marie Robin, Eileen Colston, John Gordon, Graeme Bruce, Julie Ferris and 10 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Elaine Robertson, Alan MacFadyen, Chris Dugdale

The Community Council had sent its condolences to the family of Cllr John MacGregor, who had sadly passed away the previous day.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Graeme Bruce: a notified person re the installation of petrol tank application

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were agreed as an accurate record; proposed by Steve Patterson, seconded by Jess Hill.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Emergency Planning Preparation**

The Seil & Easdale Islands Resilience Plan had been completed. Argyll & Bute Council's Contingency Plan for Kilninver Bridge was still awaited, and the Community Council would continue to chase.

**Scottish Water**

Charles Struthers reported that the outstanding issues identified at the previous meeting were all progressing. Posts were in place for the new noticeboard at the shop. It was confirmed that Scottish Water would maintain the plots around the various installations.

**Roads**

The growth of vegetation restricting visibility splays remains a major concern. The Community Council had continued to press for the verges to be cut, and had received an update of the cutting schedule for Lorn. Doubts were expressed as to the low priority given to the B844 in this schedule, and the Community Council would continue to request verge cutting as a matter of urgency.

It was noted that visibility on the right turn from the shop is particularly limited. Charles would raise this with Scottish Water, since their screen planting contributes to the problem.

The 30mph signs continue to need attention, and the road sign from the main road to the B844 is overgrown and partially obscured.

The Community Council continues to seek resolution of ongoing pothole/drainage problems at Seaview, the Ardencaple Road and opposite the Old House. It was suggested that those affected should also report them to A&B Council direct to reinforce the message.

Distress had been caused to residents at Ellenabeich by commercial traffic rattling over the poor surface of the road to the car park. The Community Council had notified A&B Roads Department about this problem.

## **Health**

### ***Defibrillators***

Thanks were given to Dr Maggie Thorpe for organising training on the use of the defibrillators. The initial session had been very successful, and further training would be arranged. Although the British Heart Foundation had provided the first session free of charge, expenses would be payable for subsequent training. Anyone wishing to sponsor sessions should let the Chair know.

The defibrillators require regular checking. Thanks were given to Alice Clayton and Adele Knox who, with Alan MacFadyen, have offered to check the Easdale Island defibrillator. Arrangements are in hand to arrange regular checks for the defibrillator in Seil Island Hall.

## **Police Report**

The Chair reported that there had been an attempted break in of a car. Everyone was reminded to be vigilant and to keep all property locked.

## **Planning**

### ***New applications since the last meeting***

#### **Proposed Installation of telecommunications apparatus Orlig.**

Status: Permitted Development

This was a green telecoms box (part of the project to lay fibreoptic cable)

#### **Installation of oil fired heating boiler and installation of 1200 litre oil storage tank including erection of associated enclosures and formation of bin storage area.**

Cottage between 30 and 31 Ellenabeich

Status: Pending Consideration

The Community Council would submit a response to cover a number of concerns which had been raised , including the restriction of road width and traffic flow, the loss of amenity for residents (restricted parking and potential noise/fumes from an external boiler), and the major departure from the character of the village.

#### **Erection of replacement porch**

22 Balvicar

Status: Application permitted

#### **Erection of garden shed**

3 Clachandubh Cottages, Balvicar

Status: Application permitted

### **Erection of replacement porch with lift facility**

Ach St Clair, Clachan Seil

Status: Application permitted

### **Erection of fence (retrospective)**

The Old Engineering Works, Ellenabeich

Status: Pending Consideration

The Community Council had commented previously on the need to maintain vehicular access at this site, and would make a submission regarding this application.

### ***Still pending***

### **Site for the erection of 20 dwellinghouses**

Land South East of Oban Seil Farm Clachan Seil Isle of Seil Oban PA34 4TN

Ref No:14/00180/PPP Received Monday 20 January 2014 Status: Pending Consideration

The Community Council would comment once more detailed plans were submitted.

### **Change of use of land for the siting of timber shed, installation of petrol storage tank and erection of associated fencing**

Land Adjacent to Public Car Park Ellenabeich Isle of Seil

Ref No:14/00914/PP Received: Monday 7 April 2014 Status: Pending Consideration

A hearing was to be held – the Hall had been booked for 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Installation of electronic barriers (retrospective) Highland Arts Ellenabeich**

Ref No 13/02604/PP Received Mon 11 Nov 2013 Validated Wed 07 May 2014

Status: Application permitted

### **Any Other Competent Business**

#### **Easdale Island Residents' and Property Owners' Association (EIRPOA)– update**

At a Special General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 it was resolved that the Easdale Island Residents' and Property Owners' Association be wound up. At that meeting it was also agreed that the ring-fenced HeartStart funds be offered to Seil & Easdale Community Council to be used for the maintenance of Seil's and Easdale's defibrillators, for the benefit of both communities. Accordingly, the Chair took receipt of a cheque for £248.26, and confirmed that this amount would be ring-fenced for that purpose. Henry Tarbatt, outgoing Chair, was thanked for the funds, and for all the work he and the other members of EIRPOA had done on behalf of the community.

#### **Provision of Seating and Bins in Ellenabeich**

Graeme Bruce reported that we could apply for funding from A&B Council to provide seating and bins in Ellenabeich. The suggestion was for maybe 3 seats in the car park and 2 on the pier, together with the provision of bins as deemed appropriate. This would increase the time visitors spent in the village, thereby enhancing trade for local businesses and the area's appeal as a tourist destination, as well as improving the amenity for residents and

visitors alike. It was agreed to pursue this initiative, and to undertake an initial survey of residents to gauge support for such a scheme.

#### **Seil and Easdale Coastal Erosion Account**

At the AGM in May 2014 it was suggested that this account be closed and the remaining funds (£122.22) be transferred to the general account and ring fenced for any issues associated with coastal erosion. This was agreed, and would be actioned by the Treasurer.

#### **Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal**

This initiative is aimed at rural “not spots” to bring reliable 3G mobile phone coverage to 100 rural communities for the first time. Applications were invited on a first come first served basis, via local MPs. Alan Reid had been contacted to register Seil & Easdale Community Council’s interest in the scheme. There was discussion as to whether it would be better to pursue a scheme such as that on Coll, to provide a mast via Scottish Government funding.

#### **Tabled papers**

Scottish Natural Heritage magazine Spring/Summer 2014

#### **Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 23rd September 2014, 19.00, Seil Island Hall