

## **SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### ***DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 Seil Island Hall***

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green, John Gordon, Charles Struthers, Anne Marie Robin, Julie Ferris, Dr George Hannah and 10 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Seumas Anderson, Chris Dugdale, Graeme Bruce, Alan MacFadyen

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Charles Struthers re Planning Application 16/02080/PP

The Chair thanked Julie Ferris, who is stepping down as Secretary, for all her work over the years. Julie will remain a Community Councillor.

Cllrs Robertson and Green could only be present at the beginning of the meeting as they had another commitment, so the order of the Agenda was amended accordingly.

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed as an accurate record; proposed by George Hannah, seconded by Charles Struthers.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 26th JULY 2016**

##### **Health - home care**

Cllr Robertson and Cllr Green, the policy lead for Health, gave an update on the Appin and Lismore project. A Care Co-ordinator has been appointed and recruitment for locally-based carers will take place over the coming weeks. Cllr Green explained that the intention was for community-led care in rural areas which would also have the benefit of relieving pressure on core services in Oban.

##### **Roads**

Charles Struthers reported on a very constructive meeting on the way forward in the fight against Japanese Knotweed, which had been held with representatives from A&B Council, landowners adjacent to the B844 and the Lorn Natural History Group. It was recognised that a concerted and ongoing effort is required, and that A&B will continue their programme of spraying despite budget constraints, with a second spray of the year planned. Thanks were given to the volunteers who had sprayed outbreaks along the verges. Cllr Robertson suggested a follow-up meeting be arranged to maintain momentum on the project.

There had also been a meeting to consider drainage and line marking in the car part at Ellenabeich. Charles is following up with the Council regarding the blocked central drain; detritus around the perimeter has been cleared and the marking will be completed as soon as possible. It was noted that there should be a "No Overnight Parking" notice – Charles will follow up on this also.

There was discussion of the impending change to three-weekly rubbish collections, with recycling remaining a fortnightly pickup. Cllr Green reminded everyone that additional blue recycling bins can be requested, and an additional green bin (also free of charge) can be provided to large households or those with particular needs such as disposal of medical waste, or nappies. Everyone should remind visitors to B&B or holiday homes that it is very important to separate waste from recycling.

### **Bus Shelter**

Charles confirmed that A&B Council have agreed to provide a bus shelter from next year's budget, on a site at Ellenabeich identified by the Community Council. The request would be finalised once Graeme Bruce had consulted with residents in the locality.

### **Parking in Oban**

There was nothing further to report at this time.

### **Boundary Commission Proposals**

The proposals for our area have been rejected and our representation remains unchanged. To quote from the official press release "there has been strong local opposition to the proposed changes to ward boundaries affecting parts of the Argyll and Bute area". It was agreed that this is an excellent outcome; congratulations to everyone who submitted an objection.

Cllrs Robertson and Green left the meeting.

### **Scottish Water: New Waste Water Proposals for Seil**

Anne Robin gave an update: the eight local representatives on the Stakeholders Group are David Ainsley, Janice Baxter, John Gordon, George Hannah, Stevie Jarron, George MacKenzie, Anne Robin and Alex Wright. The representatives encourage any members of the community with valuable expertise, advice, questions or concerns to get in touch with them.

The group has informed SW that none of the three options were acceptable, and further proposals were needed. They have submitted names of potential candidates for the role of Independent Expert. Copies of meeting notes, amendments and submissions were tabled and are available in Balvicar Stores.

### **Police Report**

No report had been received, and no new issues were raised.

### **Planning –**

#### **New since last meeting**

1. Erection of wooden garden shed. Ref 16/01473/PP  
Braehouse Ellenabeich. Status: Pending Consideration
2. Erection of garden shed. Ref 16/01392/PP  
Achabeag, Acha, Balvicar. Status: Application Permitted
3. Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works (renewal of Planning Permission in Principle 13/01932/PPP) Ref 16/02412/PPP

Balvicar Farm, Balvicar. Status: Pending Consideration

Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse (renewal of planning permission in principle 13/01543/PPP) Ref 16/02234/PPP Status: Application Permitted

4. Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and garages. Ref 16/02116/PP  
Land North East of Cuan House, Cuan Ferry. Status: Pending Decision
5. Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank. Ref 16/02080/PP  
Land South East of Ardmaddy House, Ardmaddy. Status: Pending Consideration
6. Alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter Ref 16/02056/PP  
Tigh An Truish Hotel. Status: Pending Consideration

Internal and external alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter. Ref 16/02055/LIB  
Tigh An Truish Hotel. Status: Pending Consideration

#### **Pending/decided**

1. Erection of dwellinghouse and detached domestic garage/workshop – amended design to that approved under 15/03444/PP. Ref 16/01947/PP  
Land West of Dunearn House, Ellenabeich. Status: Application Permitted
2. Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment plant. Ref 16/01998/PP  
Land North of The Old Manse, Seaview Terrace, Ellenabeich. Status: Application Permitted

#### **FORWARD PLANNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Anne Robin reported that an open drop-in session was planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> November. This would be widely publicised to give everyone an opportunity to attend. Joan Best of Third Sector Interface (TSI) noted that they could give support with funding and training.

#### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

##### **Slate Islands Heritage Trust**

John Gordon reported that the Trust had offered to use the noticeboard near Balvicar Stores for a display of local information. It was agreed to accept the offer, and that this could be a good first step to establishing some effective advertising and information for the area.

#### **Telephone Directory**

As always, any amendments or additions should be sent to John Gordon.

**TABLED PAPERS**

**Scottish Water update**

**Brief for Independent Expert, CVs of two potential candidates,**

**Notes of Meeting of Stakeholder Community Group held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22nd November 2016, 6.30pm, Seil Island Hall