

## **SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### ***MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 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, Dr George Hannah and 13 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Chris Dugdale, PC Jeremy Moore

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Seumas Anderson re Planning Application 16/01957/PP

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed as an accurate record; proposed by George Hannah, seconded by Sue Turner.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

##### **Scottish Water**

Anne Marie Robin gave an update, and reported that responses are still awaited from SW to various requests from the stakeholders. Copies of recent correspondence were tabled, and are available for perusal in Balvicar Stores. The local representatives welcome the whole community's views and asked for comments to be submitted in writing to any of them.

##### **Roads**

Concerns had been raised that "the bulge" in Kilninver bridge had grown. A&B Council have carried out a detailed inspection, and have confirmed that no further movement has occurred. Work to repair damage to the parapets will be carried out as resources allow.

Charles reminded everyone to report potholes to A&B Council direct, although he continues to do an excellent job in bringing such matters to the Council's attention.

It was reported that a section of the roadside bank in Ellenabeich has collapsed away from the edge of the road; Charles would report this to the Council.

It was confirmed that the battle against knotweed will continue, with constant monitoring as regrowth starts in the Spring.

Cllr Robertson pointed out that recent fire in the A&B Council yard may cause some disruption to the work of Roads and Amenity Services.

##### **Health**

Lorn and Oban Healthy Options, a charity based in Oban which works with communities to improve health and well-being, hopes to run a course on Falls Prevention in this area. The organisation is working with the local Surgery, and the Community Council has agreed to pay for use of the Hall. It is hoped the course will run in the New Year.

## **Police Report**

PC Moore had sent a report reminding everyone that he can be contacted by email or by dialling 101, but that no-one should hesitate to use 999 in an emergency. A reminder was given to be vigilant with regards to any person in our community who is vulnerable and might be in need of care. Everyone is also reminded to keep their belongings safe – PC Moore would be happy to provide crime prevention advice. He is aware that the 20mph sign at Easdale School has been painted over and is not working properly. Cllrs Robertson and Green agreed to take this forward for resolution.

Seumas Anderson raised concerns over threats to our local police station, cells and court building. Although the Cllrs had been assured that there would still be a police station in Oban (although the current building is not really fit for purpose) Seumas felt we should register the community's concerns.

## **Planning**

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

Discharge of planning obligation in relation to planning permission reference 01-95-0366 – in relation to dwellinghouse occupancy.

Strongorm Cottage Balvicar Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4TE

Ref No 16/02761/PP Status: Pending Decision

Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works (renewal of Planning Permission in Principle 13/01932/PPP)

Balvicar Farm Balvicar Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4TE

Ref No 16/02412/PPP Status: Pending Decision

Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 15 metre high lattice tower and associated works

Land North of Kilbride Farm Balvicar Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4RD

Ref No 16/01957/PP Status: Pending Decision

There was discussion on the application for the erection of telecommunications equipment Ref 16/01957/PP, and the clear need for the area to have mobile phone signal provision, since the primary reason seemed to be provision of communication for the emergency services. Cllr Robertson would check with the Council's Digital Liaison Officer to establish whether a public phone service could be provided from the proposed mast.

### ***Pending/decided***

Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and garages

Land North East of Cuan House Cuan Ferry Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4RB

Ref No 16/02116/PP Status: Application Permitted

Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank

Land South East of Ardmaddy House Ardmaddy Oban Argyll and Bute

Ref No 16/02080/PP Status: Application Permitted

Alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter  
Tigh and Truish Hotel Clachan Seil Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4QZ  
Ref No 16/02056/PP Status: Application Withdrawn

Internal and external alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter  
Tigh and Truish Hotel Clachan Seil Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4QZ  
Ref No 16/02055/LIB Status: Application Withdrawn

### **Bus Shelter**

Pending the outcome of a survey of local residents and consultation with the Heritage Trust, Charles would submit a request of the preferred design to A&B Council. It was hoped the shelter would be in place early next year.

### **Parking in Oban**

Cllrs Robertson and Green confirmed that the parking review would be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting, and they would report back accordingly. Cllr Robertson reported that more parking spaces would be available once the new High School was completed in 2018.

### **Forward Planning**

Anne Marie thanked all who had attended the event in Seil Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> November, and everyone who had helped make it such an enjoyable social event. She reminded everyone that it is not too late to return questionnaires, and that spare copies are available in Balvicar Stores. To date, top projects are: sea access, a café, housing for rent, a footpath network, and care services based and run locally. Anne Marie confirmed that the group is committed to actually achieving outcomes, rather than just identifying priorities. The next event would probably be another open public meeting in the new year to discuss a Community Trust, important for funding.

### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

#### **Proposed traffic regulation order – Prohibition of waiting North Cuan Ferry**

The Community Council had received advance notice that A&B Council propose to prohibit parking on a section of the road by the ferry terminal, where the service buses have difficulty turning. The possibility of a smaller bus was raised, although regular users report that even the small bus had trouble turning because of parking in the designated area. Another suggestion was that the restriction should not apply on a Sunday when the bus does not run, although this could make it even more difficult to police. It was noted that Luig CC are actively engaged in this matter, and Seil and Easdale CC will note any comments received and respond accordingly.

### **Bins**

A request was made for more bins on Easdale Island, and for secure housing for the bin by the toilets at Ellenabeich.

### **Phone Box Removal**

BT are holding a consultation into the removal of some Public Phone Boxes, which in our area concerns the one at Balvicar Stores, which has a fairly high level of usage (119 calls in

the last year). The Community Council had not previously been informed of BT's intentions, and would comment in due course taking into account the community's views.

### **Secretary**

As this would be Julie's last public meeting as Secretary a further plea was made for anyone interested in taking over the post to talk to any member of the CC. Full and ongoing support would be given.

### **TABLED PAPERS**

**Scottish Water: update for meeting, open letter from community stakeholders dated 27.10.16, email from Ruaridh MacGregor giving date of next stakeholders meeting (16.1.17), Notes of Meeting 2 held on 16.8.16**

**The Nature of Scotland magazine Autumn/Winter 2016**

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 6.30pm, Seil Island Hall