

# SEILEACHAN

## Seil & Easdale Community Council Newsletter

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Please could distributors let Sue know if extra copies are required for new houses. Please also let her know if you are going to be away in the week following the printing deadline; any offers to step in for holiday cover would be gratefully received!

Early copies of the *Seileachan* were on display on the 'Hall Washing Line' at the recent, excellent, Slate Islands Trust Heritage Centre's exhibition – does anyone have a copy of the first-ever edition (1996) or indeed any early back copies? Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday, *Seileachan*!

**SECC MEETING** 23<sup>rd</sup> May, draft minutes

Councillors Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green and Andrew Vennard, plus 20 members of the public, attended the Seil & Easdale Community Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Seil Island Hall. The meeting started with the AGM, with the Convenor and Treasurer providing reports on the current status of the Community Council.

**Scottish Water:** At the outset, Anne Marie Robin made the following statement on behalf of the local stakeholders. *"Following due process over the last 12 months, guided by local feedback and valuable advice from the independent expert, the local stakeholder group agreed to endorse Option 1A, now also favoured by the wider Scottish Water Stakeholder Group.*

*"Having been supplied with considerable detail of the pros and cons of many options, the local stakeholders, recommend proposal 1A to this community as a solution to our current waste water problems while acknowledging that some aspects may require further consideration and investigation.*

*"The perceived issues of transparency and communication with our community over the last few months have been a source of concern to the local stakeholders although we do understand Scottish Water's wish to avoid causing concern and confusion to the general public while at early stages of negotiations. However, tonight we are happy to table as many relevant documents and notes as are available. After this meeting, copies will be left in Balvicar Stores for your perusal."*

Ruaridh Macgregor, the Regional Communities Team Manager for Scottish Water, then presented an update on the latest waste water proposal on behalf of Scottish Water. The presentation he gave is available on the community website and in Balvicar Stores. After briefly describing the objectives, the composition of the stakeholders group and the brief he explained how Option 1A became the preferred option. Option 1A is a two-site solution. The present plant at Balvicar will be decommissioned and a new inland treatment works with

secondary treatment and disinfection will be constructed. A new septic tank will be provided to serve Seaview Terrace. Scottish Water still has to sign off the final plans before planning applications can be lodged with Argyll & Bute Council and environmental permits can be requested from SEPA. Mr Macgregor suggested that final sign-off will not happen until after a **community information event to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June in Seil Island Hall, 2.30<sup>pm</sup> – 6.30<sup>pm</sup>**

Option 3 (a single site centralised treatment at Seaview) will be retained in the event that 1A cannot be delivered. All other options previously under consideration by the stakeholders and Scottish Water have been discarded.

The next steps by Scottish Water will be to:

- Invite and update letter to be issued
- Community information event planned for **15<sup>th</sup> June**
- Record community feedback
- Applications to SEPA (July)
- Planning & technical submissions (November)

**Roads:** No further capital road works are being planned. However, patching of potholes continues as usual and any problems should be forwarded for the attention of Charles Struthers, who will relay your concerns.

**Health:** The next *Planning for the Future Group Meeting* regarding OLI Hospitals is being planned for June 5<sup>th</sup>. It is an open meeting which is scheduled every two months, in the hospital. Oban Community Council is scheduling another public meeting regarding OLI Hospitals and health, scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>pm</sup> Corran Halls.

**Healthy Villages Project:** The CC recorded its thanks to the Healthy Villages Project, which aims to improve health and well-being in rural Argyll. The CC had funded the hall hire for a 12-week fitness programme run by the project; this was so successful that the classes will continue with the participants funding the hall hire themselves. Attempts will be made to increase publicity for other project events.

**Planning:**

- Installation of replacement roof covering from grey slate to dark grey corrugated metal. 40 Easdale Island Ref. No:17/01055/PP Received: 18 Apr 2017 Status: Awaiting decision
- Formation of ramp. Tigh Cladaich, Clachan Seil Ref. No:17/00904/PP Received: 30 Mar 2017 Status: Decided
- Erection of extension to dwellinghouse. Ashburton Balvicar. Ref. No:17/01343/PP Received: 17 May 2017 Status: Awaiting decision
- Erection of porch extension. Dunmarrock House, Balvicar. Ref. No: 17/01307/PP Received: 12 May 2017 Status: Awaiting decision
- Alterations & extension to provide upper floor accommodation comprising private office & store with external stair & balcony access and erection of retaining wall. Cnoc Ard, Balvicar. Ref. No:17/01197/PP Received: 2 May 2017 Status: Awaiting decision

