

SEILEACHAN

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The Seileachan is also available by email (pdf). Drop Sue an email with your house name/number; you may also, however, still receive a paper copy through your door, sorry!

There are some spare paper copies in Balvicar Stores.

• Please could distributors let me know if they are unable to deliver timeously, for any reason. 'Bank' distributors, available to cover any absences, are always very welcome. A distributor for Easdale Island is **still** sought!

SEIL & EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 27 March

Over 60 members of the public joined Councillors Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green and members of the Seil & Easdale Community Council (CC) in Seil Island Hall. Steve Patterson and Rhoda Thompson sent apologies.

Council Membership: Nina MacLean stepped down from the CC. The chair thanked her for her involvement. Elections for a replacement member will be held in due course; please do think about standing!

SCOTTISH WATER

Scottish Water (SW) gave a presentation on the proposed solution and outlined the timescale for the planning process for the waste water treatment plant.

Key points:

Planning Timeline. Environmental Impact Assessment was deemed not to be required. SW is now at the Proposal of Application Notice stage where consultation is taking place. Any feedback received will be incorporated into the final design. The aim is to be in a position to put in a formal planning application at the beginning of May.

Location Plan. It was noted that part of the access road has been diverted to the south to prevent taking out valuable grazing pasture. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has been consulted with regard to drainage culverts and the bridge. Details of the proposed peat bunding were noted. The site includes space for the tanker to turn and space for cars to park. The fencing may be brought inwards to allow livestock easier access past the site.

Site Elevation. SW are trying to keep the buildings on the site as low as possible.

Landscaping. Bare earth assessments have been carried out *i.e.* not taking account of existing trees *etc* which would be in view. From Balvicar it will be possible to see the line of the road, but not the site, which is blocked from view by an existing rocky outcrop. The landscape design architect will try to screen the road as much as possible. From the Ardencaple road the site location is visible but the buildings may be screened

by peat bunding and tree planting. Items considered in the planning application include Drainage, Traffic Management Plan for the construction, Ecology, Flora & Fauna, Hydrology, Peat Management and Landscaping.

A useful Q&A session followed the presentation and is published on the Seil Island website. The CC will do their best to represent the views of the entire community and will be ascertaining everybody's views on this issue to be reflected in the CC's submission to planners.

Police Report

PC Andrew Simpson was welcomed to the meeting. There have been several break-ins and thefts in the Oban area. Please check your security at home. The police are happy to visit to offer crime prevention advice. It is lambing time and a person has already been charged with an incident where five sheep were killed by dogs. Please can dog owners be responsible. A Safer Communities Roadshow is to be held in Oban on 17

Bus service Ellenabeich

A meeting has taken place with West Coast Motors and Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council to look at potentially developing the slipway area adjoining the bus stop. The landowner has offered to lease this land to the council, which is now going to carry out a topographical survey.

Health

Rhoda Thompson is the CC representative on a Patient Participation Group which has been set up to ensure more effective communication.

Roads

Potholes: Some potholes have been patched, but not properly. The CC has been advised that temporary patching is done over the winter months, and longer term patching done in the summer when the machinery/equipment is available to A&B Council. We need to continue to report potholes and dangerous edges on the roads.

Brushcutting: The CC is aware of concerns about how this has been done as are the Councillors. Concerns include the mess, and also how the branches have been torn/ripped with the possibility of opening them up to disease was discussed.

Planning

Planning applications are noted in the full minutes of the CC meeting available on the website and also can be accessed through the A&B planning portal.

The CC has received notice from WFS telecoms of a proposal to install a 20 metre telecommunications mast at Clachan Seil. A copy of the application has been put on the website and is also available in Balvicar Stores.

Campervans

Concerns have been raised about campervans being parked at Ellenabeich and the litter/waste they leave. The CC will be pursuing the provision of appropriate bins.

Time & Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 May, AGM, followed by standard meeting.
Seil Island Hall, 6.30pm

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PHONE DIRECTORY

There are 250 people in the current directory that have not requested inclusion in the new edition. We need more entries to make printing a new directory viable. Please complete the slip below (more are available in the shop) or email the CC secretary with your details and consent – seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com

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Bemvu has missed the severe devastation of the cyclone that hit Africa last month. The harvest of maize is about to start and we are hopeful that it will be productive. In January we sold off the maize which we held in store since last year for £2,256 which is now held in the Partnership bank account in Bemvu (this is the sustainability aspect of the project kicking in).

As you are all aware, we not only lost our Minister recently but we also lost a trustee for the SCIO and we would like to thank Ken for firstly introducing our community to the community of Bemvu and also for his guidance and the benefit of his experience of Africa during his position of chairman of the SCIO. Dr George Hannah has been elected on the Board of Trustees and has accepted the position of Treasurer while Dr Phil Moss has stepped into the role of Chairman.

The SCIO has been successful in being one of only six organisations in our category to be awarded a Scottish Government Grant which will put the project on a completely different level; we will receive £13,735 this year, £19,700 next year and £26,265 in the third year. However, we are still committed to raising our own funds in order to be in receipt of this grant money. There have been several fundraising activities recently – thank you to all who supported these and to Maggie and all who helped.

Dave Alsop and Maggie Thorpe, with their partners, have been invited to represent SeedforLife.FeedforLifeSCIO as well as the County of Argyll at the Queen`s Garden Party to be held at Holyrood in July, which is not only a great honour but shows that S4L is being recognised in areas outwith our small community.

Thank you all for your continued support and rest assured that it is making life-changing differences to our friends in Bemvu.

SEIL ISLAND HALL

March Lottery

£50 Julia Hannah
£10 Ruth Brittain-Dodd, Denise McLean & Campbell Fleming

April Lottery

£50 Euan Warnock
£10 Geordie Lawson, Mark Gill, Barbara Rennie

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I/We would like our details to be published in the **Seil & Easdale Telephone Directory**

Signed:

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

Tuesday 23 April, 7.45pm
in Seil Island Hall. In aid of Seed for Life, Feed for Life.

Come along and put your gardening queries to a panel of folk who really know what they're talking about – Georgina Dalton, Phil Moss, Lisa Robinson and Maurice Wilkins.

Tea, coffee and cake. Plant and produce stall – contributions of plants, produce and any small garden-related items would be much appreciated.

If you would like to submit any questions in advance, or donate anything for the stall, please contact Myra on 300011 or myrawaddell1@btinternet.com
Entry by donation.

KILBRANDON CHURCH IN A TIME OF CHANGE

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Ross has moved to a new job in Africa and we miss him but meantime we are exploring new ways to worship, so come and enjoy!

14 April, Palm Sunday 10.00am

Godly Play story for Holy Week. Every age group will engage with this.

19 April, Good Friday Midday to 1.00pm

Space for thoughts and prayers. Come and go in your own time. At your own pace allow the visual and sensory opportunities provided to shape your own thoughts and prayers. There will be a separate room if anyone wishes to talk or receive prayer.

21 April, Easter Day 10.00am Come and celebrate the most important day in the church calendar. We come together as a family, all ages together for a special event.

The next Messy Church date is 1 June and we hope to provide this event on the first Saturday of alternate months thereafter. If you haven't been before, come and try it. 'Messy' only refers to it being relaxed and irregular and you are allowed to be yourself, none of us have to change our clothes afterwards!

SEIL ENTERTAINS (3)

Tuesday 16 April, 7.30pm in Seil Island Hall

A double bill of Seil Drama Group and Seil Sound performing for your delectation and delight.

The Drama Group's play, (*Don't*) *Throw It Away*, by Seil's very own John Colston and Caroline Morgan won both the Stage Management Award and the Quill for the best original script at the recent Oban Drama Festival. Seil Sound will perform *Songs from the Family Album*
Tickets are £5, available from Balvicar Stores, and on the door, in aid of Seil Island Hall Development Funds.

Bring Your Own Bottle!

Sunday 28 April, Garden Work Party at Seil Island Hall, 1030 onwards - with coffee and biscuits! Please bring your own gardening gloves *etc.*

SCARECROW FESTIVAL planned for Seil in the summer – watch this space for details!

