

# SEILEACHAN

SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

Abbreviations—at one time these were limited to educational qualifications—like MA and BSc—until the snobs got at them and included (oxon) and (cantab) after them –there are degrees to degrees. Then along came professional qualifications like LLB, and gongs like OBE, MBE—after all are we not all MBE's for what that is worth -and these days that is not a lot.

I had a dentist once whose list of abbreviations was longer than his name, and it was not Bill Cox.

But this whole abbreviation business has got out of hand with the appearance of the mobile phone. It has got to the stage where text messages have shortcuts to the normal everyday language (more on this subject later when space allows).

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## SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On behalf of Seil and Easdale Community Council, thanks to outgoing members Robert Rae, Mike Shaw and Martin Waddell for all their work on behalf of the local community over the past few years.

Following the recent election, the eight members of the Council for the next four year term are:

Seumas Anderson	John Gordon
Graeme Bruce	Alan Mac Fadyen
Eileen Colston	Anne Marie Robin
Chris Dugdale	Charles Struthers

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## SECC REPORT FOR SEILEACHAN FROM MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

The 8 members of the Community Council, the Secretary there-to and one A&B Councillor set sail for Easdale Island on the thankfully mild and calm evening of 26<sup>th</sup> November to attend the Public Meeting of the SECC in Easdale Island Hall.

Seumas Anderson, newly confirmed as Convener, introduced new members Eileen Colston and Graeme Bruce to the six members of the public who attended.

### Emergency Planning Preparation

John Gordon gave an update on the Seil Telephone Directory, which is almost complete (see page 2) John will now be working on an Emergency Plan for Seil and Easdale.

### Scottish Water

Charles Struthers continues to deal with Scottish Water on outstanding issues:

- Representatives of Scottish Water and A&B Planning Department will be invited to a site meeting to discuss the wooden fence around the treatment plant

- Work to disguise Pumping Station No 2 (on right hand side going towards Bridge) is still outstanding

- It is hoped to have a response re the new noticeboard on the box by the shop by the next meeting

### Roads

Again, Charles continues to liaise with A&B Council over all issues pertaining to roads. Jim Smith, Head of Roads at A&B is to be invited to a future meeting to give an update from the council's perspective, and to comment on the proposed replacement plan for Kilniver Bridge, which the SECC is keen to keep to the fore. Other issues are:

Puddles and water run-off, particularly at Whin Bank

A pothole in Back Street, Ellenabeich

It was noted that Cnoc a Chaltuinn has been partially resurfaced, which is an improvement

A request for white lines along the edge of the Cuan Road was not practical as the road is not wide enough, however there is a case for more passing places. It was noted also that there is a hazardous rock in the road just before the Church.

Charles continues to raise the need to cut back verges to improve visibility, particularly on bends. Landowners would be contacted where overgrown hedges were causing problems. It was noted that pedestrians must take responsibility for their own safety by wearing something high vis/reflective in poor light.

Concerns about a caravan left in the car park at Cnoc a Chaltuinn were ongoing; enquiries would be made with the owner.

The Ferry Shed at Ellenabeich needs upgrading/maintenance

The wheelie bin near the toilets at Ellenabeich needs proper housing to stop it blowing away.

### Health

The disused phone box on Easdale Island has been purchased to house their defibrillator. Plans for locating the defibrillator at Seil Island Hall are ongoing.

### Police Report

Concerns over implementation of the 30mph speed limit had been raised with Inspector McLeish at the previous SECC meeting.

### Seileachan

Jim Cunningham and all the volunteer delivery folk were thanked for their efforts in producing and distributing the Seileachan. Eileen Colston will take over organisation of the delivery process and will be in touch with all volunteers in due course.

### Phone Box – Ellenabeich

The SECC will contact BT re the need to site the box so it does not lose the door in the wind (as it has already).

### World War I – Centenary commemoration project 1914 – 1919 (signing of the Treaty of Versailles)

Community Councils have been asked to raise awareness of the project, particularly amongst schoolchildren, with an emphasis on the impact of war on those left behind.

**NEXT SECC MEETING** -Tuesday 28th January.

## Planning

A letter had been sent to the A&B Access officer seeking support to maintain the public thoroughfare past the old engineering factory at Ellenabeich.

### Applications since the previous meeting

Erection of dwelling house

Land East of Winterton, Balvicar PA34 4TE

Ref No 13/02239/PP Received Wed 02 Oct 2013

Status: Application Permitted

Site for proposed kayaker's facilities including conversion of workshop to bunkhouse, erection of pod style timber tents and toilet/shower/laundry facilities, formation of parking provision and installation of septic tank and formation of three house plots

Land North East of Cuan House, Cuan Ferry

Ref No 13/02253/PP Received Tue 08 Oct 2013

Status: Pending Consideration

Plans regarding the facilities at Cuan were tabled and discussed. Concerns noted were:

Increased traffic on the Cuan road – increasing the need for more passing places

Maintaining access through the site to the shore

Impact on parking for the Cuan Ferry

The SECC will arrange a site visit before commenting further.. —

## HALL NEWS - LOTTERY RESULTS

November

£75 Rollover

£10 Catherine Shaw

£10 Val Shingler

£10 Flo MacAskill

December

£100 Alastair Danskin

£10 Catherine Shaw

£10 Charlie Watt

£10 Kim Rowswell

## HALL COMMITTEE 2013-2014

At the Hall Committee AGM on 1st December, Office bearers elected were -

Chair Seumas Anderson

Vice Chair Ronnie Robinson

Treasurer John Gordon

Minute Secretary Julie Ferris

Bookings Sec. Mary Norris

**CRAFT FAIR** This took place on 1st December and has once again been very successful. Thanks to all those who organised the day and to everyone who helped and supported an enjoyable event.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** New Year's Dance will be held on Friday 3rd January at 9.30pm in Seil Island Hall, Hector McFadyen's band and Licensed Bar.

## M E S S Y C H U R C H

If you feel a traditional Sunday service isn't for you, then Messy Church may be what you are looking for. It is a style of church for all ages, and involves creativity, fun, hospitality and celebration. You are invited to join the first Messy Church event, called **Messy Christmas**, being organised by Kilbrandon & Kilchattan Churches on **Saturday 14th December in Seil Island Hall from 3pm**. You will receive a warm welcome, have the chance to get creative with a choice of crafts, enjoy a meal, have time to chat, and join in worship in a relaxed setting. Come and chill, chat, chew, create, celebrate – explore Christian faith the Messy way!

## EASDALE SURGERY - XMAS SEASON

The Surgery will be closed on -

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 25/26th December,  
and WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 1st & 2nd January 2014.

## SEIL SOUND –PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

On Wednesday 18th December at 6pm in Kilbrandon Church we will be partaking in an Advent Service .

Also on Tuesday 7th January in Seil Hall at 7.30pm there will be a Post-Christmas sing-along with the WRI. All welcome to spectate or participate at either event.

## EASDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday 19th December—Easdale Nativity will be held in the School at 10am, followed by a Holly Tea. The children will hold an Eco Stall selling eco crafts and presents. We warmly invite the to come and join us.

Easdale Primary has set up it's Eco Committee. Children are collecting used stamps. In the spring-time the school will be looking for donations of plant cuttings to grow in our garden.

The Staff and Children would like to wish everyone a  
M e r r y C h r i s t m a s .

## SEIL & EASDALE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

By the time you read this, the new and completely revised local telephone directory should be in print. It comprises an introductory page on emergency information followed by useful information on local organisations. There is also a section on local accommodation and businesses. The telephone directory, in addition to name, address and telephone number now has post codes. There is also the ever popular "who phoned section". The directory is compiled by the Seil & Easdale Community Council, and published by Kilbrandon Church Office.

This is a live publication which will be continually updated and printed according to demand. Such a document can never be complete, and we have the policy of only including information agreed by residents or business. If you would like to be included in future reprints or have any corrections to be made please inform John Gordon 01852 300332 or gordonjdm@hotmail.com.

The directory will be on sale in Balvicar Store by courtesy of Wendy Dugdale.