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SECC MEETING 23 January, draft minutes

Councillors Kieron Green & Elaine Robertson, plus 17 members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies from Charles Struthers, Councillor Andrew Vennard, PC Jeremy Moore

Scottish Water

The Community Council (CC) had asked Scottish Water (SW) for an update following the drop-in session held on 6 December 2017.

The Chair read out SW's response: "Planning submission is likely to be early 2018 for the Seaview septic tank and summer 2018 for the proposed new treatment works. We will write to the CC to confirm when these applications will be submitted and the final planning drawings will be able to be viewed on-line and in the village hall."

The Chair suggested that at this stage the priority is for the community to be fully aware of the proposed option, for everyone to familiarise themselves with the site location and access thereto, and to express their views if they wish to SW and/or the CC, and through the upcoming planning process.

Roads

Gritting: Appears to have been good and the Chair suggested that the Roads Department should be thanked for the efforts of the gritter drivers who are out in all weathers to keep our roads safe. Salt has been left on side roads for local use, but Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council will be reminded there is none at present on Kilninver Hill.

BT hut at Balvicar: The gate has been off for a few weeks now and a request was made by the public

that this should be reinstated. The CC will write to BT.

Health

The defibrillator from Easdale, now replaced with a newer model, will come to Seil. Following discussion it was suggested that it might be most useful outside Balvicar Stores.

Planning & Listed Building Consent for Building

Ref 17/03310/PPP: Alterations & extension to dwelling house; 13B Easdale Island. Status: Pending consideration.

Ref 17/03115/PPP: Erection of Dwelling House (amended position relative to planning permission reference 13/02239/PP); Land east of Winterton, Balvicar Isle of Seil Status: Application Permitted

Licensing application for Oyster Bar

Increase seating capacity to a total of 90 to include 24 seating in The Square (6 tables). Councillor Robertson noted that the council is supporting a café culture and that its policy will probably be in favour of seating in The Square. Comments to this application are to be submitted by 14 February.

Planning discussions

The Local Development Plan (LDP) informs the Community Council's priorities, which the Chair identified as:

1. To keep existing settlements separate
2. To protect Areas of Panoramic Quality
3. To consider the impact of any development on our single track roads and existing infrastructure

Community Councillors are not trained planners, but they endeavour to reflect the views of the community in a consistent and objective manner. The Chair invited any comments.

A&B Council bus shelter

Concern was expressed that the new bus shelter at Ellenabeich is not disability compliant *i.e.* there is no ramp to the road for disabled access. Councillor Robertson would raise this with A&B Council.

Forward Planning

An open meeting to discuss the setting up of a **Seil Community Trust** will be held in Seil Island Hall on Thursday 8 February at 7.30 pm. Local groups, clubs and societies have been contacted and are encouraged to arrange that they have at least one representative attend this meeting, to listen and disseminate information. The proposal to set up a

Community Trust evolved from the SECC Forward Planning initiative. A variety of projects have already been identified to enhance, regenerate and sustain this community. There could be many more, but sourcing funds has to be considered. Catherine Dougan, from The Development Trusts Association Scotland, will be attending the meeting to offer our community support, information and advice. Everyone is welcome!

Any other Competent Business

Ellenabeich & Easdale Conservation Area

Appraisal and Management Plan: Argyll & Bute Council prepared two consultation drafts entitled *Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan*, one for Easdale and the other for Ellenabeich. Property owners of both communities were leafleted in December with invitations to drop in events in January. Online responses only were acceptable and the deadline was 2 February. At the AGM of Eilean Eisdeal there was concern about the lack of consultation and leafleting of holiday homes in mid-winter. They wrote to the council requesting an extension to the consultation period and expressing concerns about the accuracy of much of the content. Following the drop-in event on Easdale Island on 11 January a further, more detailed report was sent to SECC (Tabled).

The Slate Islands Heritage Trust were equally concerned and wrote to the highest levels of the council complaining about the lack of time for consultation and pointing out some of the major inaccuracies in the appraisal. Following the drop-in session in Seil Island Hall, the Trust produced a more detailed and critical report which was shared with the SECC (tabled).

As a result of the representations of the two trusts the council has extended the consultation period to 30 April.

SECC Elections: the draft timetable for the elections to be held on 26 April are now available, with Publication of Notice of Election on 5 March that would invite nominations for each of the community councils. Further details to be provided as these become available.

Tabled Papers:

- *Ellenabeich & Easdale Conservation Area Draft Appraisal & Management Plan*
- Slate Islands Heritage Trust, Eilean Easdale and Mr D MacPherson responses to the draft plan

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 March, 6.30pm, Seil Island Hall

LUNCH CLUB ORGANISER

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the organisation of the weekly Lunch Club rota. For more details, contact Ann Reid on 311.



SEIL ISLAND HALL

January Lottery winners

£50 Chris Odling

£10 Mary MacPherson,

Campbell Fleming, Bridget MacGregor

February Lottery winners

£50 Mel Blakeney

£10 Peter Thorpe, Emma Ainsley, Jim Clark

OARSOME CHANCE

Selkie, the community's rowing skiff, has new, 'go-faster' long oars crafted 'in-house.' Come and try them out this winter/spring! Folk of all ages are welcome to make up crews for social rows. Outings on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. See: www.seilskiff.org; facebook: @seilskiff or phone Sue, 545.

RBLs BOOK SALE

The Easdale branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland are holding a book sale in Seil Island Hall on Saturday 10 March from 11am - 2pm to raise funds for our various forces' charities. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

EASDALE SCHOOL

The Easdale Parent Council is currently fund-raising for garden and school improvement projects as well as to enable students to partake in Stramash outdoor education trips.

• Afternoon Tea

All are welcomed to come explore the school, inside and out, and learn about what the students and staff are up to ... with cake and tea! Donations welcomed. Friday 27 March 1.30-3.30pm

• Race Night

Try your luck to win big prizes 'at the races' and have a laugh with your fellow punters. No entry fee. Raffle and many chances to win. Seil Island Hall, Friday 20 April 7.30pm

• Calling all Gardeners!

Watch for information about upcoming school and garden improvement days in the spring. Donations of plants, seedlings, seed, tools, kit, time and expertise welcomed!

MEGASLAM WRESTLING LIVE!

Saturday March 3, Seil Island Hall
Doors open at 7 pm, commences at 7.30 pm

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