

SEILEACHAN

Seil & Easdale Community Council Newsletter

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Did you miss us?! There was no June issue as there was no community council (CC). Following an uncontested by-election on 28 June, Seil & Easdale CC is now quorate.

• Copy for the next issue should be sent to Sue by **30 September**: scwffenton@gmail.com

Please let her know if you would prefer to receive a copy by email. The *Seileachan* is also available on the community website: <http://seil.oban.ws> (together with full minutes) and on *The Slate*: <http://the-slate.freeforums.net>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 24 July

There was a great turnout at the first meeting of the newly-formed CC held in Easdale Island Hall on 24 July 2018. The Community Councillors (Seumas Anderson, Yowann Byghan, Julie Ferris, John Gordon, Guy Knight, Nina MacLean, Steve Patterson and Rhoda Thomson) were joined by 35 members of the public and Councillor Elaine Robertson.

INTRODUCTION – NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

The new CC held its inaugural meeting on 28 June, when Julie Ferris was elected as Convener, Seumas Anderson as Vice Convener, and Yowann Byghan as Treasurer. The Chair thanked all members of the previous CC for their work on behalf of the community, and thanked Uta Binnie for acting as Secretary for the previous year. A new Secretary is needed; anyone interested would be very warmly welcomed!

PRIVACY POLICY

The CC is registering with the Information Commissioner as 'Data Controllers' under the Data Protection Act. A copy of the Policy will be available on the website, and by request from any member. Particular attention was drawn to the following:

"Unless expressly requested not to, all communications to members of the Community Council will be shared with all members of the Community Council."

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2017 to 31 MARCH 2018

The Accounts were approved: proposed by George Mackenzie, seconded by Seumas Anderson.

NEW GP CONTRACT – IMPLICATIONS FOR EASDALE SURGERY

The Chair thanked the community for the wonderful turn out at the previous meeting. More than 140 people had attended and there had been a great response to the call to write letters, reflecting the very high regard in which the community holds our Surgery. Mary Phillips, the Practice Manager, had sent an email expressing thanks to all patients for their efforts and correspondence to all the powers that be. The Local Medical Committee has indicated there may be reconsideration on the use of the 'Work Load Formula' for Phase 2 (in three years'

time) and The Rural GP Association of Scotland has been invited to join the Short Life Working Group. Both of these possible developments are positive.

SCOTTISH WATER (SW)

John Gordon read out the following statement:

The local representatives on the Seil SW Stakeholder Group welcome the newly elected Community Council and hope we can continue to work together to represent the broad spectrum of views regarding the waste water proposals.

A considerable amount of investigation, research, consultation, local and independent expertise and advice has led to the proposal for the inland site (Option 1A) now preferred by SW. The conclusions of the Stakeholder Group have been widely reported. See: <http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/investment-and-communities/your-community/isle-of-seil> Paper copies are available for anyone interested.

The local stakeholders asked SW for an update for the CC meeting on 24 July. SW made key points:

1. The planning application for the septic tank at Seaview Terrace was submitted on 4 June. Following comments from the roads department, SW made minor changes to the design. As the boundary is unchanged, a re-submission is not required.
2. Once preliminary survey work is complete SW will, in early August, submit a request to Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council on whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required for the new treatment works.
3. SW also aim to hold an information event in October where the community can view full details of the new treatment works before the planning application goes in.

The local stakeholders are aware of a group calling themselves *Save Our Seil*, who are engaged in an active campaign to oppose 1A. We are concerned that this campaign is partly based on inaccurate information and assumptions, and urge the group to familiarise themselves with the facts, figures and conclusions from the work of the Stakeholder Group.

The local stakeholders are wholly committed to maintaining the natural environment and amenity of Seil and to working with SW to ensure our waste water is managed in a way that minimises the impact on our people and our surroundings. A full report is in the Community Council minutes.

The Chair noted that the decision on the proposed siting of the treatment works rests with SW, not the Stakeholders, and expressed her opinion that there should be no suggestion that anyone had, or ever would, act in anything other than good faith. It was agreed that the CC would repeat its invitation to SW to send a technical representative to a public meeting of the CC.

Roads

The grass verges have been cut back, but it was noted that overhanging bracken, shrubs and other foliage impede visibility along the road thus endangering pedestrians and cyclists. The 30 mph signs are also largely obscured. Nina MacLean raised particular concerns about the danger to children waiting near the Balvicar bus stop. The CC would contact A&B Council and the police to see what could be done to raise drivers' awareness, improve signage and maximise visibility by brush cutting where needed.

Planning

There were no comments on applications received since the last meeting (full details are available on the A&B Council website).

Forward Planning for our community

Seumas Anderson gave an update on the development of an Isle of Seil Community Trust and reported that work was progressing on setting up a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), with another meeting to be held shortly. Dr George Hannah was thanked for all his work in progressing the Trust on behalf of the community.

Ellenabeich & Easdale Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan

John Gordon reported that a positive meeting had been held with Mark Lodge, who was leading the consultation for A&B Council.

Bus service Ellenabeich

The temporary arrangements to maintain the service continue to function at present. A&B Council is looking to progress plans for the potential bus and coach turning circle with a view to submitting an application to the tourism infrastructure fund by the end of September 2018. Community feedback on the proposal (full details on the CC website) was invited.

Communication

The Chair thanked Christine Moinard, who has stepped down as co-distributor of the Seileachan. The CC is very grateful to Sue Fenton, who will continue to distribute the Seileachan to the delivery volunteers, and who also edits and prints the newsletter. It was noted that the Seileachan is highly-valued by the community, although some had not realised it is the newsletter of the CC (!) A volunteer is sought to distribute the newsletter on Easdale Island.

The new CC would continue to consider any constructive suggestions to improve communication and would check that contact details are easily available.

Phone Directory

The CC would consider implications of the Data Protection Act before the next edition.

Defibrillators

It was noted that all Public Access Defibrillators should be registered with Scottish Ambulance Service to ensure 999 operators are aware of their location. Lisa Robinson offered to deal with this on the community's behalf.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 September, Seil Island Hall, 6.30pm

SEIL ISLAND HALL

May Lottery

£50 Rose Martin
£10 Mary Sandilands, Mrs Geoghan, Julian Taylor

June Lottery

£50 Elizabeth Wyllie
£10 Sara Wilson, Sheila Brown, Dougie Hill

July Lottery

£50 Felicity Barr
£10 Kimbra Barrett, Alison Smith, Kim Rowswell

August Lottery

£50 Donnie Reynolds
£10 John Taylor, Karen McCoss, Wendy Dugdale

Please note that, from 1 September, the hall key will no longer be kept in John Gordon's porch. It will be available in Brien & Liz Dickey's porch in Ellenabeich.

BADMINTON

Senior badminton will re-commence on Tuesday 11 September from 2 to 4pm. New members of any level welcome. Contact Liz Dickey on 482 for information.

SEIL SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 12 August, 11 to 4pm, Seil Island Hall
Free entry, BBQ and refreshments.

EASDALE HALL

Jim Smith – Back to the Teuchter. Jim is a comic and Perthshire farmer, fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe. Saturday 25 August, Doors open 7.30pm. NB Over-18's only (possible strong language). Tickets £12/£10. See www.easdaleislandhall.org for reviews and ticket sales.

Ghalia Asaid & Sheila Quinn: Some Colours. Mixed media exhibition, old and new. Opening 5 October 7.30pm – 14 October. Free entry.

STONE SKIMMING

The World Championships will be held on Easdale Island on Sunday 23 September. Registration starts at 1000. Details on: www.stoneskimming.com

Sheelanagig is playing at the Stone Skimming Dance, the night before (22 September), from 7.30pm, in Easdale Hall. Tickets £12/£10, accompanied under 12's are free. Tickets available from: www.easdaleislandhall.org



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (SCOTLAND) EASDALE BRANCH – ANNUAL SALE

The Easdale Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland are holding their Annual Sale for Forces' charities in Seil Island Hall, Ellenabeich, on Saturday 25 August 2018 from 12 noon to 3.00pm

Donations of baking, toys, books, garden produce and bottles for the Bottle Stall will be welcomed and can be delivered to the Hall from 9am on the day or given in advance to Jim Watson (Ellenabeich) 300307 or Stuart Reid (Clachan Seil) 300311.

