

SEILEACHAN

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• 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!

Community Council (CC) AGM & public meeting, Tuesday 28 May

Seven members of the public joined Councillors Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green and members of the CC in Seil Island Hall.

Annual General Meeting

The Office Bearers for the forthcoming year remain: Julie Ferris – Convenor, Seumas Anderson – Vice Convenor and Yowann Byghan – Treasurer. Julie thanked all Community Councillors and Secretaries past and present, Sue Fenton and the team of delivery folk for all their work editing and distributing this newsletter, and Nick Bowles for his continuing support with the website.

The CC remains committed to meeting the objectives of its constitution: primarily to ascertain, coordinate and reflect the views of the community, to foster community spirit, and to be a means whereby people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, their welfare, their environment and its development and amenity.

Yowann presented the accounts for the year 2018/2019, which were approved as a correct record.

Public Meeting

Scottish Water

Scottish Water had informed the CC that the planning application for the new Waste Water Treatment Works would be submitted by the end of May. All members of the community are encouraged to submit comments. As Statutory Consultees, the CC would also respond on behalf of the community. Once the application is in the public domain the CC would seek evidence to inform their response by sending a letter to all residents on the Open Register asking if they wish the CC to object to or support the application, or if they have no view either way, and to add any comments relevant to the application.

The Chair explained that it is not a referendum, but a request for quantitative and qualitative data to inform the CC's response and the results would be reported in a clear and comprehensive manner. The CC has a responsibility to seek the views of the entire community.

ANYONE NOT ON THE OPEN REGISTER WHO WISHES TO RESPOND PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY FOR A LETTER

Bus service Ellenabeich

The suggested turning area at the top of the slipway at Ellenabeich is still with Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council for a topographical survey.

Parking at Ellenabeich

The Designated Disabled Bays have been marked out and are being used. The problems caused by trailers and abandoned vehicles is becoming a serious issue as informal efforts appear not to be having any effect. The next public meeting of the CC is on Easdale Island and we hope Easdale residents can then be part of the discussion on this issue.

Phone Directory

Entries for the phone directory are still relatively low and we would encourage people to respond, including local contractors, B&B and self-catering providers. A draft is to be collated and the CC will make a decision about proceeding.

Campervans

The CC is looking at possible solutions in response to complaints received about users of campervans (mainly depositing waste due to lack of appropriate facilities).

Police Report

PC Stuart Johnson was welcomed to the meeting and gave an update on recent police issues on the island. These included a report of theft of domestic heating oil which turned out to be a leak in the fuel system. He encouraged residents to continue to report suspicious activity.

Health

Rhoda Thomson is now representing us on a new group formed with our fellow CCs of Luing and Kilninver & Kilmelford which will engage with the Easdale Medical Practice over issues affecting the community.

Planning (full details on the A&B website)

Seumas reported on applications since the last meeting; there were no comments from those present. In response to the pre-planning consultation for a mobile phone mast at Clachan Seil, the CC had received one comment which had been in support. We had passed this information on to the applicant.

Peace Pole

The CC is considering the provision of a peace pole for the island. For more information see <https://peacepoleproject.org> Please pass on any comments to the secretary.

Scarecrow Week 27 July – 3 August

The CC gives its full backing and best wishes to all involved in this community project

Friday Fitness Group

Healthy Options had approached the CC to fund hall hire for a 12 week Falls Prevention course to run from February 2017. The course evolved into a keep fit class for all levels of ability, and has been highly successful with about 30 people taking part over the past two years, meeting all the objectives of Health & Social Care policy in keeping people healthy and active within their own homes.

Healthy Options can no longer fund the group, which is highly-motivated and very keen to continue and actively seeking a qualified instructor. Please contact Julie Ferris if you know of anyone who might be able to help.

Date & time of next meeting

Tuesday 23 July. 6.30 pm **Easdale Island Hall.**

If you would like to receive notification of meetings, agendas and minutes, please email Anne Foster on seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com

EASDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Easdale Primary School Parent & Carer Forum would like to thank everyone who supported our Race Night fundraiser in April. We raised more than £750 and had a really fun & exciting evening 'at the races'. This money will be going back into the school to support students to have enrichment opportunities they might not have otherwise. Thank you for being part of our community and supporting local children.

SEIL SKIFF

The coastal rowers are always on the look out for more crew for our community-built skiff, *Selkie*.

We recently held a successful weekend muster with the beautiful, varnished Isle of Arran skiff, litter-picking and picnic-ing on Eilean Gamnha off Arduaine on the Saturday and rowing through the bridge to Puilladobhrain and Goat Island on the Sunday.

Everyone is welcome, P7 and over. We provide lifejackets – you just need to bring the wellies. See: www.seilskiff.org.uk or see us on facebook, @seilskiff, or visit us at the Highland Fair!



THE SCARECROW DANCE

Saturday 3 August

7pm to 12pm

Seil Island Hall

THE SCOTT HARVEY BAND

Licensed Bar & Raffle

Everyone welcome!

SEIL ISLAND HALL

April Lottery winners

£50 Graham Campbell

£10 Dorothy MacKenzie, Brenda Wesley,
Michael Grabham

June Lottery winners

£50 Carl Finch

£10 Campbell Fleming, Ken Jones, John Taylor

DOUBLE ACTS

Benderloch & North Connel Drama Club presents *Double Acts*, three one-act comedies by John Finnemore (of BBC Radio 4 **fame**) on Tuesday 18 June at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50/£6 (concessions), Seil Island Hall

GARDEN WORK PARTY – Sunday 23 June, 10.30am

CRAFT FAIR Sunday 21 July

TATTIE BOGLES SPOTTED!

Wondering about the scarecrows at the shop? There's a whole series of scarecrow events across the island with an opening ceremony at the bridge on Saturday 27 July and ending with a *Tattie Bogle Highland Fair and Dance* at the hall on Saturday 3 August.

The plan is to have as many scarecrows as we can, and encourage visitors to follow a Tattie Bogle Trail from the bridge to Ellenabeich. We will sell quiz sheets at the TnT, the shop and the hall, with small prizes for completion, raising funds for the hall development. There will be signs for foreign visitors explaining that scarecrows are also known as tattie bogles.

All clubs and groups that use the hall are involved, and YOU can take part too, by making a scarecrow. Don't worry if you have never done this before, we will hold a workshop soon, and can help with materials. If you have old clothes, get them ready now – and if you have any bubble wrap, hold on to it – it's ideal for stuffing your scarecrow. Scarecrows have to be ready by 26 July.

If you want to join in, contact George MacKenzie – 507; georgepmackenzie@gmail.com or come along to the workshop.

THE SCARECROW QUIZ

Oyster Bar & Restaurant, Friday 2 August at 8.30pm

HIGHLAND FAIR

Saturday 3 August, with stalls, food, BBQ, photo opportunities in an armoured car or a skiff, target golf, dog racing, tug-of-war, plant sales *etc etc*. Lots to do for everyone!

OTHER HIGHLAND FAIR EVENTS:

POP UP CAFE, Seil Island Hall, 29 July to 2 August, 11 am to 3pm each day. Coffees, teas, juice, home baking ...

There will also be a grand opening at the bridge/TnT on 27 July, wildflower and heritage walks, a 'friendly' football match between the TnT and the Oyster Bar and Seafari trips round Easdale Island, A Food Fayre evening, with Bingo, will be held on 31 July.

Pamela McGinty, of Oban Dance Academy, will run an afternoon musical drama workshop for children, aged 6 to 14, in the hall during the scarecrow festival week.

Watch out for posters locally with the details!

