

# SEILEACHAN

## Seil & Easdale Community Council Newsletter

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Copy for the next issue should be sent to the editor, Sue, by **31 January**: [scwfenton@gmail.com](mailto:scwfenton@gmail.com) The *Seileachan* is sometimes available on the community website: <http://seil.oban.ws> (together with full minutes and agenda) and on *The Slate*: <http://the-slate.freeforums.net>

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 usually 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!

### FACEBOOK

The Seil & Easdale Community Council now has its own facebook page, which will help with communication with the wider community.

See: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758246257908565/>



### Community Council (CC) Public Meeting, Tuesday 26 November, Seil Island Hall.

12 members of the public joined Councillors Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green and members of the CC.

### Scottish Water

A decision regarding the planning application is awaited.

### Bus Service Ellenabeich – Turning Area – What do you think?

The CC appreciates the ongoing temporary arrangements for the bus to turn at Ellenabeich. As previously reported, a long term solution is needed or West Coast Motors have said that the bus will terminate at Seaview – clearly not a viable option for those needing to access the village or Easdale Island. Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council continues to explore the possibility of creating a turning area near the bus stop. We must check that this solution would be acceptable to the community if funding were found. We will try to obtain some indicative drawings, but in principle what does the community think of this proposal? We understand that the turning into the car park is too restricted. Are there alternative suggestions? Please let us know what you think – talk to any members of the CC or email the secretary: [seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com](mailto:seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com)

### Phone Box at Ellenabeich

A new door has been ordered; we await its installation.

### Phone Directory

This is now on sale in the shop for £2.50 *per* copy. It includes a sheet to fill in for anyone who is not in it, but would like to be in the next edition.

### Roads and Bridges

#### • Japanese Knotweed

The CC ask that local landowners look for and treat knotweed on their land.

#### • Bushes

In some areas along the highways, brush is overgrowing causing pedestrians difficulties. The CC ask that home/landowners cut back bushes which encroach onto the roads and paths.

#### • Pot holes

These continue to be reported to A&B through their dedicated email address.

#### • Speeding

The CC have been made aware of on-going concerns about this and have passed one issue to the police for which we await their feedback. It is important that people take extra care around the bus stops where school children may be, especially with the shorter days. The CC welcomes ideas from the community about how to make the roads safer. The CC would ask local residents, trades and business drivers to consider their driving habits on the island. The grate at Tramway has now been mended and we thank all involved in getting this done.

### VE 75 Commemoration May 2020

The 8-10 May 2020 has been designated an International Celebration of Peace to commemorate the end of the war in Europe. Our very active local branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland has plans which include a dance with a swing band on the Friday evening, and possibly a street party in the hall on Saturday. It was agreed that the CC would fund the hall hire for the Saturday event.

### Health

Councillor Green updated the meeting on the Primary Care Improvement Plan and advised they were considering advancing some strands of the consultation.

### Police Report

No report was available for the meeting. Some residents have been targeted by email spoofing; we are all reminded to be vigilant with regard to any possible scams.

## Emergency Planning

The CC are currently revising the island's emergency plan. We will be including details of people who can help out in an emergency with equipment, such as chain saws and 4x4 vehicles, as well as working with the medical practice to be able to assist vulnerable people. If you would like to be involved in the plan please contact the CC secretary.

## Planning

Seumas Anderson reported on applications since the last meeting.

Application 19/02135/PP - Seil Island Community Hall

8 metre high pole was discussed. The pole is the same as the one at Balvicar BT Exchange but 2 metres shorter. There is a financial interest for the hall as the pole would provide a rental income for three years.

The meeting was reminded that people should not rely on the CC to be informed about planning issues. Individuals can access the A&B portal and track applications, request the monthly lists by email, or search on a keyword *eg* Ellenabeich. It was acknowledged that the portal is not always easy to navigate.

## Local Development Plan Consultation

Seumas Anderson encouraged all to look at this and comment. The consultation runs to 23 January 2020.

## Budget Consultation – Implications for our Ferries

A&B budget proposals are currently out for consultation until 16 December. There are potential concerns for our community in these proposals in particular with regard to the Easdale and Luìng ferry services. The CC encourages people to access the consultations through the Community Council's website, Facebook page or the Argyll & Bute Council website.

## Unsung Heroes award

It was noted that the Easdale ferry crew have won an award for rescuing two kayakers off Easdale. Many congratulations to them.

## Date & time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 6.30pm Tuesday 28 January 2020, in Seil Island Hall.

## SEIL ISLAND HALL

*November Lottery winners*

£50 Sheila Gollan

£10 Graeme Bruce, Ewan Warnock, Anne Foster

*December Lottery winners*

£50 Stephen Macgregor

£10 Cammy Mackenzie, Julia Hannah, Elma Nee

## Aeromix

Friday Keep Fit is still going strong. Donna from Atlantis Leisure now brings her Aeromix class to Seil Island Hall, Fridays 1-2pm, £5 per session. The last class before Christmas will be 13th December, returning on 10 January.

## The Seil Sound of Christmas

**Seil Sound** will host an informal community celebration of seasonal music & words with festive fare, in aid of the Seil Hall Development Fund

Sunday 15 December 2-4 pm Seil Island Hall  
Raffle, Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake.  
Free entry; donations welcome on the day.

## Scarecrow Calendar

Sold in aid of the Hall Development Fund, the calendars are £5, available from Balvicar Stores or Ken Jones.

## Hall Garden Work Party

Sunday 8 December, at 1030. All welcome.

## Festive Dance

Saturday 28 December, at Seil Island Hall. 7pm to midnight. Live music from Hector McFadyen. Bar. Tickets will be available from Balvicar Stores.

## It's PANTO time! Oh yes it is ...

Seil Drama Group presents **The Aladdin of Ardencaple**, in Seil Island Hall on Friday 24 January at 7pm, Saturday 25 January at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets £5, including refreshments, available **NOW** from Balvicar Stores.

## Christmas at Kilbrandon Church

Saturday 7 December *Messy Christmas*, Seil Island Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Sunday 15 December *The Mystery of Christmas*, Godly Play for all ages, Kilbrandon Church, 10.00am

Thursday 19 December *Carols by Candlelight with Seil Sound*, followed by festive refreshments. Kilbrandon Church, 6.30pm.

Sunday 22 December *The Nativity*, a family all-age event, Kilbrandon Church, 10.00am

Tuesday 24 December *Christmas Eve Watchnight Service* 11.30pm, with carol singing from 11.15pm

Wednesday 25th December *Informal Christmas Day Worship*, Kilbrandon Church, 11.00am

