

# SEILEACHAN

## Seil & Easdale Community Council Newsletter

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This issue is being sent to email addresses made available through clubs and societies etc (apologies for any cross-postings) and will also be available on local Facebook groups, such as Seil Survival group and the Community Council facebook. The Community Council has decided that house-to-house deliveries cannot be made at this time. A few paper copies will be available at the shop for those without access to the internet.

The Seileachan is also available on the community website: <http://seil.oban.ws> (together with full minutes and agenda).

Seil & Easdale Community Council has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758246257908565/>

Contact: [seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com](mailto:seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com) for additions to the Community Council's email list, or any issues arising.

Copy for the next issue should be sent to the editor, Sue, by 30 November: [scwfenton@gmail.com](mailto:scwfenton@gmail.com)

### SEIL & EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### Community Council Membership (from outgoing Convener)

As reported in August's Seileachan, a number of people have expressed an interest in joining the Community Council and we have great pleasure in congratulating Willie Munroe and Peter Daalman on becoming members of the Community Council. The vacancies arose from the departure of John Gordon last summer, Yowann Byghan who left at the end of August, and Anne Foster stepped down at the end of September. After over seven years as Secretary and Convener (sometimes simultaneously) I will also be stepping down at the by-election.

Seumas Anderson, Zim Knight, Steve Patterson and Rhoda Thompson will be staying on the Community Council, which will therefore remain quorate throughout. I would like to thank all those I have worked with over the years, including Uta Binnie and Anne Foster for their brilliant support as CC Secretary.

Zim Knight will take over as Convener and will also act as secretary until a replacement

secretary can be found. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, please ask them to contact Zim by email to [seilandeasdalecc@gklawcosts.co.uk](mailto:seilandeasdalecc@gklawcosts.co.uk) as he could do with the help!

Zim would also like to thank Julie, Anne and Yowann for all their help and hard work over the years. You will be missed.

#### Proposal to form an Inner Hebrides Chamber of Commerce

Only one response was received from Seil and Easdale in relation to this proposal. The enquirer was put in touch with Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, who is leading the initiative.

#### Litter & Bins

The bins are being emptied twice, which does help, but the issue of the missing bin by the public toilets and bin(s) in the public car park has yet to be resolved. With motorhomes in the Seafari car park, and the public car park, this really does need to be addressed as soon as possible.

#### Phone Directory

The 2020 edition is on sale in Balvicar Stores. If you are not currently in the phone directory do please let us know if you wish to be added, which will require a form being filled in. It is a valuable asset and needs to be supported to make it cost effective.

#### Planning

The following applications are currently with Argyll & Bute Council (A&BC) for consideration. Full details are on the council's planning portal.

**20/01509/PPP** Erection of Dwelling House, west of Oban Seil Croft. Awaiting Decision

**20/01287/PP** Erection of Agricultural Storage Shed and Access, Oban Seil Croft. Withdrawn

**20/01055/PP** Renewal of application 17/01651/PP Innishmore, Ellenabeich. Approved

**20/00923/PNAGRI** Erection of agricultural shed and access. Oban Seil Croft. Refused

**20/00794/PP** Installation of steel ramp. 4 Whinbank Clachan Seil Approved

**20/00633/NMA** Amendment to application 18/01583/PP Craobh Mhor, Clachan Seil Approved

**20/00618/PNAGRI** Erection of Agricultural building, Oban Seil Farm REFUSED

### **Buses and Coaches**

Nothing further to report.

### **Roads**

Transport Scotland has published 11 project corridor options for A83 access to Argyll & Bute (Rest and Be Thankful) and is inviting comments by Friday 30 October. As we all know, landslides along this vital route affect us all so please take the time to be aware of the options and to comment if you wish.

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/project-corridor-options-access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83/?fbclid=IwAR2prdSHYGYIMgfl0B-qy4-EDwNtCFILUDJMuBnj4HbY7fIN2Kkk7zRx6Q>

Just to repeat our reminder to everyone to please drive with respect for all other road users, whether in cars, on bicycles or on foot. Watch your speed and give cyclists and pedestrians plenty of room.

### **Scottish Water**

The CC has received no further information regarding the public hearing, which we understand is to be in virtual form.

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## **SEIL ISLAND HALL**

### **September Lottery Winners**

£50 Cammy MacKenzie  
£10 Karen McCoss, William Munro,  
Kim Rowsell

### **October Lottery Winners**

£50 Rob Cameron  
£10 Helen Glennie, Grant Wright, Julia Hannah

## **BUGGY RUN**

Caragh and Rachael Maclean organised a sponsored walk along the length of Seil, from Ellenabeich to the Bridge over the Atlantic, in aid of the children of Yemen (Save the Children) in August, raising over £2,700. Mums, Dads, dogs, grandparents and children all joined in. Thanks to Anna Northover who made face masks and donated the proceeds, the generosity of the general public and a big shout out to Marion Johnstone at the Tigh an Truish for providing Prosecco and cake for all partakers. It is not too late to donate! See: <https://gf.me/u/yjudzd>

## **SEIL COASTAL ROWING**

Rowing began again on 24 August, with a dedicated covid officer, strict protocols and risk assessments in place, according to National Governing Body guidelines. Skiffing is classed as

an outdoor contact sport, using a 'training bubble' so we are permitted to have more than one household, less than two metres apart. Our last row had been on the very morning that lockdown was announced, and it was great to be able to get back on the water together.

We immediately started training, gently, for the Castle to Crane (C2C) Home Waters time trial. C2C is usually a 13 mile race from Dumbarton to the Finnieston Crane in the centre of Glasgow, part of the Clydebuilt Festival. It was, inevitably, cancelled this year, but crews self-timed a five mile course in their own home waters instead, with entrants from Tasmania, Wales, England, Holland, Australia, Spain ... the Median Trophy was the only trophy to be awarded this year; it was given to the most average crew, who represented the 118 clubs taking part with over 700 rowers.

Selkie's route was to Deginsh Point, past the Castle of the Dogs on Torsa, but we didn't see any cranes, or herons for that matter. We didn't win - but we didn't come last, either!

If you would like to join us, no experience necessary, P7 upwards, please phone Sue on 545. See our website; [www.seilskiff.org](http://www.seilskiff.org) or Facebook page, @seilskiff