

SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Public Meeting/AGM

Tuesday 25th May 2021

by Zoom 7.30 pm

AGENDA

Present – Convener – Guy Knight (Zim), Seamus Anderson, Willie Munro, Peter Daalman, Steve Patterson, Rhoda Thomson, Mary Freer, Councillors Andrew Vennard and Kieron Green, and 14 members of the community.

Guy started by welcoming everyone and saying that Jakki had stepped down from the CC, and the CC wished to thank her for all her hard work whilst on the CC. Guy also said he wished to thank Cathy Ford on behalf of all the community for her hard work and dedication to the community, and particularly her hard work throughout the Covid lockdowns and vaccine rollout. Cathy will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Declarations of Interest – Seumas Anderson and Steve Patterson

Minutes of Previous Meeting Held on 23rd March 2021

Proposed Willie Munro

Seconded Mary Freer

1. **AGM – Conveners Report** (see attached).

2. **Land Sale Ellenabeich**

Guy Knight said there was no new news to report at the moment. Surprisingly, we had not had any negative views raised over the Heritage Harbour proposal. There were some concerns and some in favour. At the moment, the CC has advised Stefan to seek advice from the Council over his proposals (pre planning application) and raised concern over the glamping proposal. The disputed land issue still needs to be resolved and some parts that were for sale have now been removed. The disputed garden ground at Batchelors Row has been confirmed as not being owned by the Inglis and will be removed from the sales particulars. The

lagoon at Hall bay has also been raised with MacArthur Legal as being sea, and therefore not cannot be sold. This is being researched and clarified.

Stefan Fritz is having an engineer check the quarry next week to see if it is viable to be used as a harbour.

If anyone else has any further information on land they dispute please let me know so we can ensure Stefan and the sellers are aware. We are still looking at crowd funding as an option.

3. **Scottish Water**

No news other than an email received saying they had hoped to report back with their options but needed more time and would get back to me by the end of May. Remains on hold.

4. **Police Report**

No one available to attend but there was nothing of note to report.

5. **Bins/Trailers/Rubbish on slip and Easdale bins**

We recently had a fire in one of the public bins in Ellenabeich at night, which was caused by a hot disposable BBQ being placed in the bin. This was put out by Zim using watering cans but the bin was destroyed. The Council has replaced the bin and also provided a further bin at the top of the slipway. Please note we have been trying to get further bins for a number of years and they are for domestic waste only. The Council has raised concerns over misuse of the bins, and if they are abused then we may well lose them. Easdale Island has also come to notice with non-domestic waste being placed in the bins. Any commercial waste must be taken to the tip, and not placed in the domestic bins. Please note that camera footage will be utilised, and should it come to notice that non-domestic waste has been placed in the bins fly tipping laws may be applied. This also applies to items being left on the slip, they need to be taken away and disposed of at the tip. The CC has been arguing for bins at Seaview and the Public Car Park and will continue to do so. As a trial, to prove they are required, we

placed a bin in the bus shelter at Seaview, and this has been regularly used. It has however become used for dog bags. This creates a problem for those using the shelter. Trailers in the rear car park – I have contacted Derek Crooks a number of times but had no response. Defective streetlights, potholes and broken signs have also been reported – some pot holes have been dealt with but the broken signs remain outstanding.

Councillor Green advised GK to re-email Derek Crooks but to copy in himself and other relevant councillors and Jim Smith making the point that you have contacted him on several occasions already.

Request bins with limited apertures to reduce the disposal of general household waste.

6. **Planning**

Change of use at Inshaig Park – garden bothy to spa

Erection of holiday Pods, septic tank and improvement to vehicular access at Kilbride Farm - approved

Mussel Farm storage and access at Clachan Seil – still ongoing

Alteration to Dorus Mor and erection of decking Cnoc a chaltuinn - awaiting decision

Erection of extension, decking and shed at Coll, Balvicar Chalets – approved

Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank (amended design and orientation) -Land South Of Eilean An Uan Easdale Island Argyll And Bute – pending consideration

Change of use from Puffer Bar to residential and formation of a chimney – still pending

Change of use of Studio 16 at Easdale island from class 4 business use to short term holiday let – permitted

Erection of polytunnel Balmore, Balvicar- permitted

7. **AOB**

Bench overlooking the quarry has been fenced off – this was due to recent storm damage where the ground underneath the bench had eroded away and could collapse if someone sat on the bench.

This is on ground owned by Gordon McNab.

Date and time of next meeting 6.30/7.30pm Tuesday 27th July 2021 Easdale Island Hall/Zoom.