

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 (CC) Facebook. The CC 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; if you know of anyone without internet access, perhaps you could print out a copy? 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 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 31 January: scwfenton@gmail.com

SEIL & EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CC)

The CC secretary has provided the following notes, following the virtual meeting on 26 January.

The CC would like to thank Sheila Downie for allowing the production of Cinderella at An Cala before Christmas, and all those that assisted in the *al fresco* event, which was appreciated by all those that were able to attend.

Roads/Signs – Fallen down signs in Ellenabeich have been reported to Argyll & Bute (A&B) Council. Concerns raised over the road towards Cuan with potential damage to a farm wall. Concerns over cracks in the road at the Clachan Bridge, to be looked at. Further potholes have been reported and repaired.

Litter bins/Bottle Banks/Litter – Rubbish on the slip at Ellenabeich is waiting for the Council to collect it (three months now), trailers in back car park have been issued with notices; if not moved by the owners, they will be lifted by the council. Thanks to Rhoda for arranging a litter pick up with children at Seaview, and to Willie for the bin at the bus stop.

Police Report – Update on the scam article has been forwarded, no other update.

Scottish Water – Amended minutes of the meeting sent out. Nothing further to report.

Covid 19 and Vaccine – The Medical Centre will contact people to have the vaccine. Please do not contact the surgery and beware of scam emails.

Dog Mess – This has got worse across the island with numerous complaints, and even reports of a dog attack in Balvicar. It is clear that this is caused by local residents as there is no tourism, so again we ask all to please pick up. We are contacting the Dog Warden, and action may be taken against repeat offenders. Please also leave the gate at the village field wedged open to reduce hand contact during the pandemic.

Planning – Puffer Bar: change of use from licensed premises has been extended for four weeks. Outstanding matter is 38 Ellenabeich; A & B Council asked if the wall could be reduced and applicant is happy with that. If the new wall is to touch the house it would require listed building consent.

Boundary Changes – CC has made a submission to the consultation that we stay as we are, with Oban, and not to be placed in with Tiree, Coll and Mull. Councillor Elaine Robertson confirmed the deadline and expected to hear something by 17 February. Councillor Kieran Green also submitted a response.

Councillor Robertson advised that proposed new legislation might mean that fees and licenses for small guest houses and B&B's are incurred, so please make sure you keep up to speed.

The CC has had numerous different requests from people for minutes, agendas and Zoom links. It is very difficult to please everyone, and we are unable to accommodate the number of different requests, as it becomes too confusing and things will be missed. Please note that minutes of the CC meetings will be posted on our Facebook page, and sent to the Seil Island website. The CC Facebook page has details of upcoming meetings and requests items for discussion, and then of course the agenda. Notices are also placed in the shop and the ferry sheds.

We have hundreds of residents on the island and the vast majority never attend the public meetings so we will not send out blanket zoom invitations. Once the notices are posted if you would like to attend the Zoom meeting then please email one of the email addresses given, and request the link or speak to one of the CC. Hopefully, we will soon be able to meet in the Hall again.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 March, 6.30 Seil Island Hall or 7.30pm via Zoom

SEIL ISLAND HALL

* Seil Island Hall is looking into the possibility of improving the broadband speed at the hall.

* The Hall will be liaising with the Fire Service over an electricity supply to the new Fire Hut.

* The hall committee will be looking at appropriate risk assessments as soon as there is a possibility of the Hall reopening for any activities.

The committee is extremely disappointed at irresponsible dog owners who allow their pets to foul the sports pitch. With the current lockdown, these are presumably locals, showing complete disregard for other users, including children. The CC has contacted the Dog Warden about this problem which seems to be getting worse; the committee strongly supports whatever sanctions can be taken.

January Lottery Winners

£50 Wendy Dugdale

£10 Caroline Morgan, Craig Pharo, Kathleen Gordon

February Lottery Winners

£50 Doreen McNeil

£10 Cheryl MacColl, Dawn Singleton, Lorraine Prior