

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 the Seil & Easdale Community Council (CC) facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/758246257908565/>). 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 for them?

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

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 August: scwfenton@gmail.com

SEIL & EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CC) Public Meeting, Tuesday 25 May by Zoom

The CC thanked Dr 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.

Land Sale

No news to report at the moment and, surprisingly, we have 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 the potential purchaser, Stefan Fritz, 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. If anyone else has any further information on land they dispute please let the CC know so that the potential purchaser and the sellers are aware. We are still looking at crowdfunding as an option.

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 extinguished 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 these 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. The Council will utilise camera footage, and should it come to notice that non-domestic waste has been placed in the bins, fly tipping laws may be used. 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. The bin in the bus shelter at Seaview is regularly used but please try not to place dog bags in there as it creates a problem for those using the shelter with the smell. Defective streetlights, potholes and broken signs have also been reported but no responses have been received.

Date and time of next meeting

6.30/7.30pm Tuesday 27 July 2021 Easdale Island Hall/Zoom

SEIL ISLAND HALL

May Lottery Winners

£50 Moira Hiscock

£10 Dave Alsop, Jennifer Healy, Julie Ferris

June Lottery Winners

£50 Judith Gillespie

£10 Megan Scudder, Rachel Tierney, Rhona Munro

The sad death of Trustee and Committee Member, John Gordon is recorded by the Hall Committee. John has been associated with the Hall since arriving in Ellenabeich in the early 1970s, first as Hall Keeper and then joining the Hall Committee. As Treasurer, John played a major role in the development and funding of the new (current) Hall. He amassed an amazing archive and knowledge of the Hall and the village which has been and will continue to be invaluable as we move forward. John's counsel will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to Kathleen and family.

The Hall Committee is beginning to re-open the Hall in accordance with the latest COVID regulations. It was agreed that the Playgroup will be first to resume activities inside. The Choir will continue to meet in the car park for now. Any groups wishing to resume must produce their own risk assessment (the Playgroup's is available for guidance) and are reminded of the need to clean all equipment/surfaces after use. Bookings will be spaced to allow overall cleaning of the Hall and the situation will be kept under constant review.

Despite repeated calls for dog owners to clean up after their pets, fouling of the pitch and grounds remains a problem. The Committee is looking at installing CCTV to counter this antisocial behaviour which continues to threaten our children's health.

SEED FOR LIFE

NEW TRUSTEES AND SECRETARY NEEDED

The maize harvest is in and work is progressing well on the new kitchen for the school at Bemvu - please see our Facebook page for more details. We are very keen to have more Trustees, particularly to act as secretary for our meetings four times a year. If you are interested please contact Dave Alsop on 300393 or email dave@alsoptransportservices.co.uk for more details.

COASTAL ROWING

Rowing in the community's skiff, *Selkie*, has recently been allowed to resume following the easing of covid restrictions. *Selkie* has had the honour of starting off the RowAround Scotland 2021, a circumnavigation delayed from March last year, and rowed to Port Appin over two days; fb @RowAroundScotland.

We are always looking for new rowers P7 and above; no experience is necessary, and club lifejackets are provided, although do bring your own if you have one (covid regs). See our Facebook page, @seilskiff, or phone Sue on 545.

SEIL GOLF CLUB

The golf season has commenced with good, dry weather for course maintenance and playing. Competitions for handicap and fun have been well supported. New members and visitors are welcome. Some beginner adults and Easdale primary children have received coaching. The club also has had a visit from a professional coach, Craig Lee, who is visiting rural clubs over the summer. Craig takes group lessons, individual tuition, sells clubs, offers a re-gripping service and sells golf accessories.

Members and non-members are welcome to contact him for lessons at his next visit (date to be confirmed)

craiglee77@hotmail.com

BEACH CLEAN 13 June

Surfers Against Sewage are organising a beach clean at Seaview, as part of the SAS Million Miles Beach Clean campaign, from 1100-1230 on Sunday 13 June. Meet in the lay-by; gloves and bags provided. Everyone welcome!