

SEIL AND EASDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Public Meeting
Tuesday 26th January 2021
Zoom 7.30 pm

AGENDA

The Chair started by thanking everyone for attending this meeting and for taking the time to contact him, for their kind comments on the work that has been done by the CC, and for all the information given out on our Facebook page. It is very much appreciated by all of us. We would also like to thank Sheila Downie for allowing Cinderella at An Cala, and all those that assisted in the event, which was appreciated by all those that were able to attend.

Present – CC members, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr Kieron Green and 16 members of the Public.

Apologies – Rhoda Harper

Declarations of Interest – Seumas (Scottish Water), Steve (Seafari) and Peter (Planning).

Minutes of Previous Meeting Held on 23rd November 2020 – one amendment on the last page.

Proposed Julie Ferris Second by Willie Munro

Matters Arising since the last meeting

- **Roads/Signs** – Fallen down signs in Ellenabeich have been reported to the 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 waiting for the Council to collect it (3 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.
- **Dog Mess** – This has got worse across the island with numerous complaints, and even reports of a dog attack in Balvicar. It is clear 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 4 weeks. Outstanding matter 38 Ellenebeich - council asked if wall could be reduced and applicant is happy with that - if new wall is to touch house it would require listed building consent.
- **Complaint** – Written complaints had been received regarding a CC member over his planning application. Letters had been sent to some residents referring to his standing as a CC. Points raised that he should not be mentioning that he is a CC member as it could be perceived that he was using his position on the CC, and this could potentially undermine the integrity of the CC. A meeting was scheduled following the public meeting for the CC to discuss the issue.
- **Boundary Changes** CC has made a submission to the consultation that we stay as we are, and not to be placed in with Tiree, Coll and Mull. Cllr Elaine Robertson confirmed the deadline and expected to hear something by 17th February. Cllr Kieran Green also submitted a response.

Any Other Business – We have 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 Nick for the Seil Island website. The CC Facebook page has details of upcoming meetings and requests any items to be discussed, 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.

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

Date and time of next meeting
Tuesday 23rd March 2021
6.30- Seil Island Hall or 7.30pm via Zoom