



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KENNEDY HALL ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2016 @ 7.30pm

SEDERUNT:

Alex Gibson (Chair), Roy Storie (Treasurer) and Steven Izatt (Secretary)

PRESENT:

Colette McGarva, PC Bob Drummond and PC Sam Briggs

APOLOGIES:

Andy Guthrie (Vice-Chair) and Angus Craig (Member)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Janey McCreath

1. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (16 August 2016):

Proposed: Roy Storie / Seconded: Alex Gibson.

2. POLICE REPORT:

24 Incidents, all specific to the villages of Dunure and Fisherton, were reported to the Police between the period 16 August 2016 to 20 September 2016. Comprising:

- (a) 11 Calls for Information, Advice or Assistance;
- (b) 6 Road Traffic Violations (mostly speeding motorcycles);
- (c) 3 Notices of Pest-Control Shootings;
- (d) 2 Assaults;
- (e) 1 Stalking Charge (breach-of-the-peace); and
- (f) 1 Housebreaking (theft of tools from a locked garage).

It was noted that this was considerably higher than previous. The Police Officers fielded some general questions on Crime, on Crime Prevention, and on Police Background Checks, were thanked for their attendance, and left the Meeting at this point.

3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No Councillor(s) present. There has been no representation from SAC Councillors for the past three meetings. Colette will request the attendance of a Councillor at our next meeting.



4. LINK OFFICER'S REPORT:

Colette advised of the following:

- (a) Strengthening our Communities Workshop: Colette can give a Presentation on Community Engagement if sufficient members of the Community are interested in attending. We will let her know. So far no-one in the Community has expressed any interest.
- (b) Community Councils Conference: This will be held in Ayr on 18 November 2016. Andy has circulated details. Members of the Community Council are encouraged to attend.
- (c) Participatory Budgeting Event: Another Funding Event will be held early 2017. Colette will advise us of the confirmed date, and of the submission date for applications.
- (d) Carrick Community Councils Forum: Colette will check on the status of this organisation.
- (e) Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) Issues: See Summary below:

1. Traffic Speed Survey Results (& Findings) for Station Road

The Community Council acknowledges receipt of the Assessment, and notes that the average speed of vehicles crossing the speed-monitoring cable installed at the mid-point on Station Road (Location 4) was 33.8 mph, which is in-excess of the 30 mph speed limit. Despite this, the Community Council notes ARA advice that:

"the current collision record, and the speed survey results, do not support a speed limit reduction, but ARA will continue to monitor this area", and "Police Scotland do not support the introduction of a reduced speed limit on Station Road".

The Community Council requests a copy of the Raw Data gathered from the Speed Survey at Location 4, and a copy of the referenced advice provided by Police Scotland, and details of how ARA will continue to monitor this area.

2. Our letter on the dangerous nature of Station Road dated 17 September 2015.

The Community Council notes the statement of ARA Representative: *"I have driven the road today (20 September 2016), and see no evidence of danger on the carriageway".*

It remains the opinion of the Community Council, and local residents, that Station Road presents many dangers to vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and school-children, due to:

- (a) vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit (now validated by the Speed Survey);
- (b) the transitions from 30 mph to 60 mph, then back to 30 mph;
- (c) numerous "blind" corners;
- (d) no street lighting;



- (e) a very-narrow (typically less than three feet wide) pavement – on one side only;
- (f) overgrown hedgerows on the west side; and
- (g) overgrown trees on the east side.

The Community Council requests a formal response to our referenced letter.

3. Speed-Activated Warning Signs at the School

The Community Council notes ARA Representative advice that:

“the speed activated sign was visited by Engineers in May of this year and reported to be fully operational”, and “I drove the route today, and the sign warned me to slow down. I had no way of checking if the pictogram operates as it was out-with the times stipulated”.

The Community Council notes that the subject matter of the complaint has always been the (non) operation of the triangular Children Crossing pictogram element of the Sign, and not the speed-reduction warning element.

The Community Council notes the content of the “Site Fault Report Form”, and seeks clarity on the “Customer” trained to use the school timer software, and who was informed about the requirement to test fixed electrical installations.

4. Responses to Faults reported via the ARA Website

The Community Council requests clarity on the response which is provided by ARA, within the published service commitment of seven working days, to a Member of the Public who reports a Fault using the ARA Website.

5. Potholes on Castle View

The Community Council notes ARA advice that *“I have visited the area today and would not consider all of the surface defects to be within a category 1,2 or 3. However, I have instructed our team to carry out repairs tomorrow, including a significant pothole on Harbour Road outside no 5”.*

The Community Council notes and appreciates this commitment. Note: Essential Repairs were carried-out on 21 September 2016.

6. Copies of local Road-Inspection Reports

The Community Council understands the following Inspection Regime is undertaken:

- (a) An Annual Inspection of Kennedy Drive, Arran View, Carrick Place, and Harbour View. The next Inspection will occur on or around 22 March 2017;



- (b) A 3-Month Inspection of Station Road, Castle View, and from Castle View to Dunure Mains. The next Inspection will be on or around 18 November 2016;
- (c) A Monthly Inspection of Ayr Road, and from Dunure Mains to Croy Brae. The next Inspection will be on or around 03 October 2016.

The Community Council requests copies of all Inspection Reports.

7. ARA Representative attendance at next Community Council Meeting

The Community Council notes the requirement to provide timely requests for ARA Representative attendance at Community Council Meetings.

The Community Council requests the attendance of ARA Representative at the next Community Council Meeting scheduled for 18 October 2016, to discuss each of the matters detailed above, and to respond to other issues concerning local residents.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Alex to check whether he has completed the Office Bearer Forms, and the related Data Protection Forms, and returned them to SAC.
- (b) The new Football & Rugby Posts have been installed in Kennedy Park. An additional Bollard has also been installed behind one of the Rugby Posts to prevent Cars from gaining access. Some redundant materials are still to be removed. Janey will follow-up with the Installer. Alex volunteered to attend to this if it is not dealt with promptly.
- (c) Alex has been following-up on the installation of Superfast Broadband throughout the Community. It is now "live" and available to certain households. Residents are advised to check availability with their Service Provider (i.e. BT, SKY, Virgin, Talk-Talk etc.).
- (d) The NCCB Small Grant of £3,300 has been allocated. See previous Minutes for details of beneficiaries. Steve circulated Evaluation Reports to all beneficiaries. These have been completed and returned to Angus, for issue to NCCB. A "Thank-You" card was received from Dunure Youth Club. This was appreciated.
- (e) We are grateful to Elaine McQuade for delivering the Box of Archives relating to Dunure Community Council. Steve has reviewed all content, and uploaded certain items to the Website (including our Constitution, Minutes of Meetings for the past 10-Years, and Roy's Report on the "Geography & Setting of the Villages of Dunure and Fisherton"). The Box will now be relocated and stored safely in Kennedy Hall.
- (f) Steve advised that the Dunure Community Council Website has recently been improved, and encouraged all to visit. www.dunure.net



6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial position, for the Working Fund (Bank Account 00584730), is £3,391.40.

Note: Cheques of £50 and £60 were issued to the Dunure Youth Club and to the Kennedy Hall & Park Committee respectively, as our annual contributions. A cheque (of £1,500) will also soon become payable to the Kennedy Hall & Park Committee as our contribution to the cost of new Fire Doors in Kennedy Hall. And so our balance will be approximately £1,800.

The Financial Position for the Community Hall Fund (Bank Account 00584765), is unchanged from previous, and stands at £3,145.42.

Roy to arrange for Steve to be an additional signatory on cheques.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Not discussed in detail. Relevant emails are distributed by Andy. Colette will also arrange to forward any important communications from SAC to Steve.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS

Not discussed in detail. Weekly and Monthly Registers of Planning Applications & Decisions are circulated by Andy, and are available for inspection online at SAC Planning. Link here:

<http://publicaccess.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=weeklyList>

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Steve obtained a Quote from "Owen Kerr Signs" for an additional Community Notice Board to be located near the School, for the benefit of residents living in the new Hope Homes (Ladywell) Development. The cost is £1,230. As our Working Fund balance is £1,800, it was agreed to defer a decision on this item until we have some additional funds.
2. A response has been provided to Mrs Dorothy Ward, regarding the potential conflict of interest between the local Shop and the Mobile Van which operates in Kennedy Park.
3. Angus attended an NCCB Directors Meeting on 24 August 2016, and will circulate a copy of the Minutes, and information on funding streams, to Steve.
4. Steve is making good-progress on the application-pack to LEADER for Funding to restore the Lighthouse. The deadline for submissions is 20 October 2016, but we hope to submit the Application by 30 September 2016. When Steve has completed the Application, Alex will liaise with the Harbour Committee on this issue.



5. Two members of the Community (Janey McCreath and Ronnie Auld) confirmed they will become Members of the Community Council. This is very much appreciated. We have completed the “co-opting” Forms, and Steve will submit these to SAC. We look forward to welcoming both of them on-board.
6. Roy advised that he has, over the years, gathered various articles and materials relating to the history of the Villages of Dunure and Fisherton. Steve will arrange to collect these, scan and upload them to the Website, and then return them to Roy.
7. Janey advised that Filming of additional scenes for “Outlander (Series 2)”, in and around the Castle, is scheduled for 28 September 2016. The Film Crew will again use Kennedy Hall for the storage of equipment.
8. Roy commented on the state of vegetation-growth behind the Bus Shelter. We need a Volunteer to tidy this up.
9. Roy noted the poor condition of the Post Box. Steve will send an email to Royal Mail.
10. Angus (via NCCB) obtained a Defibrillator for the Community. This is located (temporarily) in Kennedy Hall. A Member of the Public (Mhairi Eaglesham) has volunteered to be the point-of-contact should anyone need to use this. Further details on permanent location of the Defibrillator, and its use, will be issued at a later date.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

The next Meeting will be held on 18 October 2016. Members of the Public are welcome. We hope to have a Representative from Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) in attendance, to discuss Roads, Pavements & Street Lighting Issues.