



## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KENNEDY HALL ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 @ 7.30pm

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### **SEDERUNT:**

Alex Gibson (Chairman), Andy Guthrie (Vice-Chairman & Secretary), Steve Izatt (Member & Co-Secretary), and Janey McCreath (Member).

### **PRESENT:**

Colette McGarva (South Ayrshire Council Community Engagement Officer), Tom Burns (South Ayrshire Council Asset Manager), and Sergeant Alan McDowall (Police Scotland).

### **APOLOGIES:**

Ronnie Auld (Member), Sandra Goldie (Labour Councillor), William Grant (SNP Councillor), Brian Connolly (Independent Councillor), and Eileen Howat (South Ayrshire Council Chief Executive).

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

None.

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### **1. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (21 February 2017):**

Proposed: Janey McCreath / Seconded: Alex Gibson.

### **2. POLICE REPORT:**

8 Incidents occurred during the previous month within the Dunure Community boundary, all of which were relatively minor in nature (comprising 3 x planned pest control shoots, 2 x road traffic incidents (both relating to drug-driving offences on the A719), 1 x assisting members of the public, and 2 x thefts from a driveway on Station Road).

Alan noted that the 2 x thefts were opportunistic. He recommended continued vigilance, and advised that homes, garages, sheds and other outbuildings should be locked at all times.

Alan noted that he has ten Constables, and that he and his colleagues are available to provide talks to young persons in the Community on matters such as crime, safety and policing. Steve will contact John Eaglesham from the Dunure Youth Club to advise.

Alan asked the Community to let Police Scotland know whenever there are any planned events or gatherings in the Community, so that a discreet Police presence can be provided wherever deemed appropriate. Janey noted that the annual Gala Day is planned for 12 August 2017, and we will get in-touch with Police Scotland with further details nearer that time.

No other matters were raised. Alan was thanked for his attendance and his input, and left the Meeting shortly after this point.



### 3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Once again, there was no Councillor's Report, as Sandra Goldie (Labour Councillor) was not in attendance, and no other Councillors attended. It was noted that Sandra had attended *three* of the past *twelve* Meetings, and a replacement had never been provided. The Community Council feel that the Community is not being well-served by our elected Councillors.

### 4. LINK OFFICER'S REPORT:

Colette advised of the following:

- (a) Participate-Activate-Regenerate (PAR Decision-Days): Another tranche of funds has been released, and a PAR Event will be held. Colette will provide further details in due course.
- (b) Damaged Fencing in Kennedy Park: SAC Grounds Maintenance (Fiona Ross) is attending to this matter. It seems that the damaged Fencing has been removed, but not yet replaced. Janey noted that the Park will open on 01 April 2017, and so access should not be an issue.
- (c) Insurance. Colette noted that an email had been circulated regarding Insurance, and that some confirmation was required to be provided to Highland Regional Council. Angus has previously attended to this matter, and will be requested to do so again.
- (d) Beach Clean-Up / Litter Pick-Up. An Event will be held on the morning of Saturday 01 April 2017. Colette will check to see if SAC Waste Management can provide Refuse Skips. Steve will email further details to Colette as they are received.
- (e) Telephone Line to Kennedy Hall. Janey noted that SAC (Landlord) require the installation of a permanent telephone line within Kennedy Hall. Prior to authorising access and installation, SAC must provide the Tenant with a "letter of comfort" indemnifying the Tenant from any and all responsibility and liability. Colette will attend to this.
- (f) Councillors attendance at Community Council Meetings. Colette was requested to clarify whether Councillors are obliged to regularly attend Community Council Meetings.
- (g) Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) Issues: Status is as follows:

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

ARA confirmed that an application has been submitted for funding to commission a Specialist Traffic Consultant to carry-out a full route review of Station Road, and submit proposals for short, medium and long-term solutions. If the funding application is successful, the Report is expected to be completed by end 2Q 2017. Brian committed to following-up with ARA on this issue. Current status is unknown.



2. Children-Crossing Pictograms on the Speed-Activated Warning Signs at the School

ARA confirmed that the (north-approach) Sign is now working, and a replacement Sign for the south-approach has been ordered. Current status is unknown.

3. Copies of local Road-Inspection Reports and Status of Repairs

Previous Inspection Reports identified Defects in the A719 Ayr Road, Station Road, Castle View / Road, and from Dunure Mains to Croy. The status of Repairs is unknown. In addition, copies of Inspection Reports are no longer being provided, so we do not know whether to report faults. Colette to raise these matters with ARA.

4. Flooding at certain points along A719

Alex noted the increasing extent and frequency of flooding occurring along the A719 between Dunure and Ayr, particularly on the approach to Fisherton Farm, at the foot of Lagg Brae, and before the entrance to the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. This presents a significant hazard to road users, especially given that this road is assigned a 60mph speed limit. Colette to raise this matter with ARA in the first instance. Steve will provide photographs and exact locations whenever possible.

5. Blocked Drains

Andy noted, and provided photographs, of instances of Drains being blocked. This may be a cause of Item 4 above. Colette to raise this matter with ARA in the first instance.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Roy Storie (Treasurer) was not in attendance. It is understood that:

- (a) the financial position for the Working Fund (Bank Account 00584730) is ~£1,700.00;
- (b) the financial position for the Community Hall Fund (Bank Account 00584765) is £3,145.42.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Not discussed in detail. Relevant emails are distributed by Andy.

**7. 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>



## 8. MATTERS ARISING / ANY OTHER BUSINESS (in no particular order):

- (a) Community Hall Fund / Asset Transfer Scheme. This matter was discussed at length. Tom explained the rationale behind, and the principles of, the Community Hall Fund, and the associated Asset Transfer Scheme. This is something we are keen to pursue, as we believe that the Kennedy Hall is no longer fit for purpose and desperately needs refurbishment to create a better multi-purpose modern and sustainable space. Tom advised that a Business Model template will be made available by SAC on 24 March 2017. This will be issued to Steve, who will begin the application process. We will keep in close contact with Tom.
- (b) Demolition of the External Store in Kennedy Park. This matter was also discussed at length. We have been exchanging letters with SAC. Tom noted that SAC do not necessarily agree with our position, but consider an amicable settlement to be preferable. The Community Council agrees with this approach. We assured Tom that our motive is sincere, and that we are not being opportunistic. We always had some intended use for the demolished building. Andy explained that the Kennedy Hall & Park Committee, historically, had wanted to use the building as an Art Studio or Games Room, but financial issues did not allow this. Alex explained that the building, more recently, had formed an integral part of the "Rowing & Kayaking" Initiative which we pitched at the PAR Event held on 04 March 2017. Tom advised, in-principle, and subject to confirmation, that SAC would consider compensating the Community by constructing a replacement Store, of similar footprint, using modern building materials, in an optimal location. The Community Council expressed their thanks to Tom for this proposal. Steve will document these discussions in a letter to SAC.
- (c) PAR Decision-Day held on 04 March 2017. Alex updated us on the "Rowing & Kayaking" Pitch made by young persons from the Community on 04 March 2017. It was successful in part, in that we have been offered some, but not all, of the funding requested. We intend to accept the offer of partial funding, and seek other sources of funding for the balance. Alex will action this. We advised Colette of our concerns on the PAR Event methodology, because no matter how much the proposal meets the criteria, and is worthy, it all comes down to the number of votes cast on the day. Larger towns can call-upon greater numbers of participants than smaller villages, and so their proposals will typically be favoured.
- (d) Application to LEADER for Funds to restore the Dunure Lighthouse. Steve is attending to a revised Application.
- (e) NCCB. Angus was not in attendance, and so he will update us on funding streams, including submission dates for applications and decision-making dates, at our next Meeting.

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Meeting concluded at 9.45pm. The next Meeting will be held on 18 April 2017.