



## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KENNEDY HALL ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017 @ 7.30pm

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### SEDERUNT:

Alex Gibson (Chairperson), Roy Storie (Treasurer), Steve Izatt (Member & Website), and Janey McCreath (Member (and Kennedy Hall & Park Committee)).

### PRESENT:

Iain Campbell (Conservative Councillor), Colette McGarva (South Ayrshire Council Community Engagement Officer), Police Constable Jim McPherson, and Police Constable Dan Smith.

### APOLOGIES:

Andy Guthrie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Angus Craig (Member & NCCBC), Ronnie Auld (Member), 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 (18 April 2017):

Proposed: Janey McCreath / Seconded: Alex Gibson.

### 2. POLICE REPORT:

23 Incidents occurred during the previous month, all within the Dunure Community boundary, although 16 of them were specific to the Craig-Tara Holiday Park. Of the other 7:

- 3 related to planned pest-control shoots;
- 2 related to allegations of illegal fishing;
- 1 related to an unexploded shell which was discovered at the coastline; and
- 1 related to an Assault / Breach-of-the-Peace.

Some discussion took place on each of these. Janey provided the Police Constables with details of the Dunure Gala Day to be held on 12 Aug 2017. No further matters were raised. The Police Constables were thanked for their attendance and left the Meeting at this point.

### 3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Once again, there was no Councillor's Report, as both William Grant (SNP) and Brian Connolly (Independent) did not attend. We have not had a Councillor Report at all in the Year 2017. The Community Council feels this level of commitment to the Community is unsatisfactory.



It means that the Community is unaware of the policies, decisions, initiatives and activities of South Ayrshire Council, and that Councillors are unaware of our concerns and other matters for discussion and resolution with South Ayrshire Council.

But there may be cause for optimism. The Community Council welcomed our new Councillor; Iain Campbell (Conservative). Iain listened patiently to our various concerns and grievances, and committed to getting involved and assisting with whatever he can. Iain advised of his intention to attend all future Meetings. This is good news. And we are most grateful.

Meantime, Iain updated us on the probability, for various reasons, of an SNP-Labour coalition being formed within SAC, despite the Conservatives being the largest elected Political Party.

#### 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. Alex and Steve appraised Iain of our concerns on the methodology used to determine where funds are allocated. Decisions are based solely on the number of public votes, and so small villages will have little or no chance against larger towns (who are able to muster greater numbers of participants to support their cause). Alex clarified the key differences between SAC Decision-Days and NCCBC PAR Events.
- (b) Insurance. Colette noted that an email had been circulated regarding Insurance, and that some confirmation was required to be provided to Highland Regional Council. Steve will forward a copy of the email to Angus, for his attention.
- (c) Beach Clean-Up / Litter Pick-Up. Steve continued to query SAC approach. Colette will obtain details of SAC scheduled litter-pick-ups within the Castle grounds.
- (d) Telephone Line to Kennedy Hall. This matter is now redundant.
- (e) Coastal Rowing & Sea Kayaking Initiative. Chris Saunders from "*Adventure Centre for Education*" has offered to come and talk to us about the practicalities of establishing and running a Coastal Rowing & Sea Kayaking Club. If Alex is unable to meet Chris on 31 May 2017, we will invite Chris to our next meeting.
- (f) 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 their funding application to engage a Specialist Traffic Consultant was unsuccessful, and that other funding options are now being explored.



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

A new Sign has been installed.

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

See previous Minutes. Colette to raise these matters with ARA. It was noted that some pot-hole repairs had recently been carried out on Arran View.

4. Flooding at certain points along A719

See previous Minutes. Colette to raise this matter with ARA in the first instance. Steve will provide photographs and exact locations whenever possible.

5. Blocked Drains

See previous Minutes. Colette to raise this matter with ARA in the first instance.

6. Road Improvement Plan

See previous Minutes.

7. Damaged Street Light

Steve has reported the damaged street light on Castle View (see below) to ARA.





## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Roy Storie (Treasurer) provided a detailed summary of Income & Expenditure for the financial Year 2016 – 2017:

- (a) the financial position for the Working Fund (Bank Account 00584730) is £2,226.40, with £1,000.00 being ring-fenced for the “Coastal Rowing & Sea Kayaking” Initiative;

Following the PAR Event held in Maybole on 04 March 2017, a cheque for approximately £3,500 was received from NCCBC as their contribution towards the “Coastal Rowing & Sea Kayaking” Initiative. This cheque is excluded from the above, and is to be added.

- (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. Steve to complete the SAC Application Form for refurbishment and then transfer of Community Hall to Community Ownership.
- (b) Demolition of the External Store (Stables) in Kennedy Park. Steve to reply to SAC letter dated 18 April 2017, confirming our agreement to SAC proposed compensation.
- (c) Application to LEADER for Funds to restore the Dunure Lighthouse. Steve is attending to a revised Application.
- (d) NCCB. We will submit an Application for the balance of money to establish the “Coastal Rowing & Sea Kayaking” Club. Steve to prepare, for Alex signature and submission.
- (e) Dunure Youth Club. Subsequent to our last meeting, John Eaglesham (Dunure Youth Club) advised that our donation of £200 was no longer required. This cheque will be cancelled.
- (f) BT Phone Kiosk. The BT Public Phone Kiosk located near to the Bus Terminus on Kennedy Drive has been repaired. New Glazing and Lighting. The phone unit is now in working order.



- (g) SAC Chief Executive. Steve advised that Eileen Howat has requested her removal from all further invitations to meetings of the Community Council.
- (h) Instability of Castle Walls. Roy advised of potential weakening (and possible collapse) of a section of wall. An inspection is needed. Iain will take-up this matter with SAC Officers.
- (i) Afternoon Tea. An Afternoon Tea will be held on 27 May 2017, at 2.00pm, in Kennedy Hall. All proceeds go to Fisherton Parish Church. Everybody welcome. Details on website.
- (j) Annual General Meeting. As Janey had left the Meeting by this point, we were unable to hold the AGM due to an insufficient Quorum. It will be held next Meeting.

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The Meeting concluded at 9.00pm. The next Meeting will be held on 20 June 2017.