

DUNURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KENNEDY HALL ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016

SEDERUNT:

Alex Gibson (Chair), Andy Guthrie (Vice-Chair), Roy Storie (Treasurer), Angus Craig, Steven Izatt

PRESENT:

Colette McGarva, James McPherson, Lesley Bloomer

APOLOGIES:

None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Gillian McDowell, Hobson Rankin

1. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (15 March 2016):

Proposed: Steven Izatt / Seconded: Roy Storie

2. POLICE REPORT:

Various Incidents were reported throughout the wider Dunure Community boundary over the past month, the vast majority of which related to activities within Craig-Tara. Nothing of any note within, or surrounding, the villages of Dunure and Fisherton. The Police Officer was thanked for his attendance, and he left the Meeting at this point.

3. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No Councillor present. Clarity is required on the current situation.

4. LINK OFFICER'S REPORT:

Colette had prepared a useful summary of the various matters she is assisting with. A copy is attached as Appendix A to these Minutes. In summary:

- (a) Seahorses Sculpture: Planning approval has been granted.
- (b) Promotion & Marketing: Promotional Flyers have been prepared, seeking members of the public to volunteer for involvement in the Community Council. These have been placed within Community Notice Boards, and uploaded to the Website. The Community Council currently needs another 2-3 persons, including a Secretary, and additional persons to represent the Community in the North Carrick Community Benefit (NCCB) company.
- (c) Social Media: SAC Graduate Intern to assist with linkage of Website to Social Media.
- (d) Community Transport: NCCB is seeking responses from local residents on the status of Community Transport. Survey Forms to be obtained and distributed.
- (e) Participatory Budgeting Event: An SAC "open" night will be held on 07 May 2016. Funding (of up to £1,000) is available for local Initiatives. The Public will decide.

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- (f) Beach Clean-Up (and Future Events): Gillian advised that the recent Beach Clean-Up by the local schoolchildren was a great success. Angus (and the Ayr Rotary Club) were thanked for the provision of equipment. Various SAC Departments will assist with future events.
- (g) Castle Burn Debris: The clearance of vegetation and other debris from blocked parts of the Castle Burn is the responsibility of SAC (Housing). Update on status was requested.
- (h) Dunure Community Action Plan: A meeting is to be arranged to discuss how this 5-year Plan is best moved forward. Participants to be identified. Dates to be agreed.
- (i) Strengthening our Communities Workshop: An Initiative for Community Groups.
- (j) Administration Grant: Forms to be completed and returned to SAC.
- (k) Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) Issues: See below.

This was the dominant topic of discussion. We provided a short chronology of the various issues relating to potholes, road surfacing, and the dangers inherent to Station Road, and expressed our frustration at the lack of any meaningful response and progress.

Lesley acknowledged our concerns, but explained that ARA 2016-2017 Budget for capital improvements throughout the whole of South Ayrshire (including Roads, Pavements and Street-Lighting) is circa £2,000,000, and this money is allocated on a "needs" (priorities) basis, using an established set of objective criteria. Lesley advised that:

- (a) permanent repairs to potholes will be undertaken when weather conditions permit;
- (b) all roads in the Community have been inspected and are deemed "safe";
- (c) a Study is in-progress for Station Road; and
- (d) none of the capital improvement Budget will be spent within the Dunure Community.

We requested information on the timing of permanent repairs to temporary pothole fixes; the Inspection Regimes which have been undertaken throughout the Community; copies of the Inspection Reports; an explanation of the methodology used; and the status of the Study work being undertaken on Station Road.

Separately; Andy advised of a potential hazard regarding the concealed entrance to / from Kennedy Drive, particularly with respect to vehicles driving north down Castle View. Steven will provide some additional details and photographs on this issue, for SAC consideration.

The Community Council thanked Lesley for her attendance. Her input is much appreciated.

The Community Council is, as always, grateful to Colette for her contributions.

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Post Meeting Notes:

1. *Lesley provided a copy of the Road Categorisation & Inspection Methodology, a copy of the Inspection Reports, a copy of the Roads Improvement Plan (confirming that no money has been allocated to Dunure Community), and confirmation that the Station Road Study is out to tender, will be returned and evaluated shortly, and that Traffic Speed Monitoring Devices will be installed for a period of one week commencing early May 2016. Upon completion, the data will be compiled and issued to ARA. They'll then analyse the data to identify the speed of vehicles at these locations, and determine if there is a need for particular measures. Lesley also confirmed that two potholes at the entrance to Kennedy park have been identified and will be rectified, and that appropriate signage has been installed on Castle View warning vehicles of the "concealed" entrance. See image below:*



2. *Steven reviewed the Inspection Reports, and noted that all village roads (Kennedy Drive, Carrick Place and Arran View) were inspected on 22 March 2016 and found to be deficient. ARA (Janice Kelly) has advised that the defects identified in village roads are scheduled to be repaired 11-12 May 2016.*
3. *Alex has queried the placement of Traffic Speed Monitoring Devices, and the potentially-flawed results which will flow from that. Alex has also queried why the "Children Crossing" Warning Signs at the school are not operational. A full response from ARA is awaited.*

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Angus will obtain information on temporary secretarial services, to assist the Community Council until such time as a permanent Secretary is appointed.
- (b) Angus will attend to the provision of information in regard to the Insurance requirements requested from Highland Regional Council.
- (c) Following our receipt of a Grant of £4,950 from SAC Rural Access Panel, Steven ordered, and has now taken delivery of, the new Football and Rugby Posts to be installed in Kennedy Park. Two Quotations have been received for their installation. Both are similar, and both are (unfortunately) more than the available Budget. Steven will commence negotiations with both vendors to obtain the best possible price.
- (d) Alex has been following the installation of Superfast Broadband. There are many aspects to this. But it would appear that progress is being made. Gillian noted the interruptions to telephone and internet access recently experienced at Fisherton Primary School. BT (Open Reach) Engineers are working at various locations throughout the Community.
- (e) The NCCB Small Grant of £3,300 has been allocated as follows (all amounts approximate):

Applicant	Subject	Amount
Fisherton School Parent Council	Interactive Whiteboard	£2,750
Dunure Youth Club	Supports for the Seahorses Sculpture	£150
Dunure Environmental Group	Slates for Labyrinth	£150
Kennedy Hall & Park Committee	New Fire Doors in Kennedy Hall	£1,500
Dunure Environmental Group	Ramp Entrance at "hole-in-the-wall"	£1,500

Note: After consideration, Fisherton School Parent Council declined our offer of £2,750 for an Interactive Whiteboard, as they had found an alternative source of funding. Note: Supports for the Seahorses Sculpture have been purchased and installed. Note: Slates for the Labyrinth are being purchased. Note: New Fire Doors in Kennedy Hall are being purchased. Note: The Ramp Entrance at the "hole in the wall" to Kennedy Park has been designed, and a Quotation is being finalised. SAC has imposed four conditions relating to Permits, Building Standards, Contractor selection and reinstatement of impacted areas.

- (f) It was noted that Doreen Gemmel and Freddie Mathews had, on their own initiative, undertaken a Litter Pick-Up along Station Road. This is much appreciated, and our sincere thanks go to both individuals for giving up their time to attend to this task.

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6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Position, as at 19 April 2016, for the Working Fund (Bank Account No. 00584730) is as follows:

Opening Balance:	£9,451.44
Cheques Out:	(£25.00)

Closing Balance:	£9,426.44

Note: Cheques will become payable for the new Football and Rugby Posts, the installation of same, for the new Fire Doors in Kennedy Hall, and for the Ramp Entrance at "hole-in-the-wall".

The Financial Position, as at 19 April 2016, for the Community Hall Fund (Bank Account No. 00584765) is unchanged from previous, and stands at £3,145.42.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Not discussed in detail. Relevant emails are distributed by Alex and Andy to other members of the Community Council upon receipt.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS

Not discussed in detail. Weekly and Monthly Registers of Planning Applications & Decisions 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

A Member of the Public (a local resident), Hobson Rankin, raised the issue of ownership and operation of Dunure Harbour. He explained his understanding that the authority to construct and operate a Public Harbour was granted to Lord Thomas Kennedy in 1811 via an Act of Parliament. Since that time, ownership and operation of the Harbour has changed hands, and the Harbour is currently being managed and operated by a company called "Dunure Harbour Committee Association Ltd.". His concern appears to be that this company is operating the Harbour as a private enterprise, and is not ensuring that the Harbour (and its surroundings) remains accessible to all. A folder containing various research-articles was provided.

The Community Council advised that they would, initially, seek clarity on ownership of Dunure Harbour, prior to considering any further action, and requested this information from SAC.

Post Meeting Note:

SAC has advised as follows:

"Dunure Harbour is not a Council Asset, and is not owned by the Council nor leased by the Council.

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No Harbour Management Agreement was required by the Crown under Statute on this Harbour, unlike others.

Central Government Legislation transferred certain large & busy Harbours from the Crown to local authorities in cases such as Girvan where the busy commercial harbour is located on a tidal, Crown River estuary. In Girvan for example, the Land under the water at the Harbour remains Crown Estate's; the Tidal River is the Crown's and it is Crown Estate who Leases the Council the River Bed in places – for Piers, Breakwaters and pontoons etc. - the Council is Tenant of the Crown here.

The "Dunure Harbour Management Committee" has a presence online: I am not aware if they are parties to a Harbour Management Agreement themselves? Possibly the Marquis of Ailsa owns the Harbour? Historically it is documented the Earl of Cassillis owned the Harbour at Dunure in the early 1800s. The Current Earl of Cassillis, the Marquis of Ailsa, lives near Maidens on Culzean Estate. If someone on the Committee cannot be contacted for advice, then a search could be carried out at Registers of Scotland by phoning their Customer Services for advice. The Registers of Scotland is the Public Office for Information on Land Ownership. The Registers of Scotland may be able to help as they are the Public Office responsible for recording and advising all Land Ownership in Scotland. An enquiry on ownership costs about £6 and normally they require an enquiry in email or writing with a Map outlining the area / areas exactly being enquired about."

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on 17 May 2016.

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APPENDIX A (Link Officer's Report- 19/4/16)

Seahorses

Planning permission now approved for seahorses and they will be erected at harbour site when boats are in water to create more space. It is anticipated that this will be in April/ May. Dunure Youth Club will keep CC informed in relation to date for ceremony. The Youth Club has won a national youth award for this project.

Promotion & Marketing

Draft promotion and marketing poster/ flyer circulated to all CC members to support with recruitment of new members. All to advise if any changes to be made. Community Engagement Team to assist with leaflet drop/ cascading information when final version approved. Action- All cc members to circulate flyer to contacts and put on website

Website Development/ Link to Dunure Community facebook page

Colette advised that graduate Intern could assist with this at a date/ location suitable for Andy to meet and further develop. Action- Andy to send option of dates to Colette to meet in Dunure to progress

North Carrick Community Benefit- Community Transport Survey

All CC members received link to community transport survey to be cascaded to local residents and groups. This will enable community transport to develop in accordance with the needs of North Carrick residents.

Participatory Budgeting Event

Event to take place in Maybole, Saturday 7 May. Full details emailed to all CC members. Applications from CC or any other local groups to be submitted to marion.young@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Action- All cc members to consider projects we may wish to develop

Beach Clean & Future Clean Up Days

Any future clean up day dates to be circulated to Colette. There are a number of services which may be able to assist including waste management, community engagement, community safety and criminal justice team. Flyer from clean up days from other parts of South Ayrshire had been emailed to Steve to consider adapting for Dunure.

Castle Burn Debris

Section of Castle Burn requiring cleared falls in SAC Housing Account. Barbara Campbell, Housing Officer for area has been informed and will provide update on progress. Action- Colette to liaise with Barbara regarding dates to clear debris

Dunure Community Action Plan 2014-19

All cc members received copy of community action plan. Members to be nominated to come together with various representatives from services to consider progressing actions. Action- All cc members to consider whether they would want to be involved in a sub group to explore progressing plan and email suitable options for dates

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Strengthening Our Communities Workshops

Information had been circulated on community capacity building training and workshops available including committee skills, governance, promotion and marketing, Funding and evaluating your project. This programme is available for all local community groups.

Administration Grant

Forms were sent in relation to administration grant of £600. Form to be completed and returned to County Buildings in order to access grant. Action cc members to agree who should complete and submit this.

Highland Council Insurance

Action- Angus to complete paperwork and return to Highland address/ email at bottom of forms

ARA Issues

Steve and Colette have been liaising with ARA via email. Steve has most recent correspondence from Kevin Braidwood and Stewart Turner in relation to various roads issues. Action- Steve to liaise with Lesley Bloomer