

DUNURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN KENNEDY HALL, DUNURE,
ON TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM.

SEDERUNT: Mr P Findlay (Chair), Mr Andy Guthrie,
Mr Alex Gibson, Elaine McQuade.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Sandra Goldie; Ms Colette McGarva, Link Officer,
Carol Thomson, Rural 21, P C David Hastings, P C James Wales.

APOLOGIES: Mr Roy Storie (Treasurer), Mrs Jean McGinn (Secretary).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: APPROVED:

3. **POLICE REPORT:**

Police had received 8 calls. Mainly about cows and sheep on roads. One call regarding crime
Re: Power Tools taken from outbuilding in village – not yet detected.

Police informed us that recently there has been a spate of thefts - Quad-Bikes and to make local
Farmers, villagers aware of this and to enable them to secure and lock up quad-bikes accordingly.

It was suggested that it might be a good idea to mention this in the next Church/School Newsletter.

Action: Jean McGinn (Secretary)

Andy Guthrie mentioned to the Police Officers that fly tipping (Tree roots/soil/rubble) had been going
on at the entrance to the Sewage Treatment Site on Station Road.

4. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Councillor Goldie reiterated about more cuts coming regarding the budget for general works needing
to be done and that there had been approximately 13 x applications received for job contracts

Re: work on roads and one of them being as far away as South Africa. She was saying that now that
South Ayrshire has joined East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire amalgamated with Renfrew with the
combined strength we will hopefully see more results.

Members raised it would be a good idea to send a letter to Councillor William Grant to invite him
back to our monthly meetings. Although we all very much appreciate Councillor Goldie's valued
help and input in getting works rectified; it was felt that when both Councillors were present at past
meetings, each of them acted on individual specialised matters which ensured prompt conclusions
to same.

Action: Mrs Jean McGinn

It was expressed that it would also be a good idea if other local Councillors, Ann Galbraith and Brian Connolly could perhaps attend our meetings once a year for their input.

- Mr Findlay (Chair) brought to everyone's attention that on reading a couple of local Community Council Letters recently, eg. Prestwick, he had noticed that they were advertising local businesses within their local area and was wondering how this worked.

Perhaps the small businesses were paying a percentage to Community Council to help boost funds/printing costs; plus the fact that it would perhaps go hand and hand and indeed spark more interest within local business people joining our Committee from the village and to have their support and valued ideas.

Maybe a general letter could be circulated twice yearly within the local community to keep villagers updated. Even a letters to be on show in the local Shop/Cafe/Public House.

Ms Colette McGarva – (Link Officer) was going to find out a little bit more about the workings involved in advertising/printing of Community Council Letters.

Action: Ms Colette McGarva

- Mr Phil Findlay (Chair) voiced concern that as far as he was aware we had not yet received any correspondence from Carrick Community Council. Given the fact that we had to pay a sum of money to be involved with them. Could someone look into this?
- Mr Andy Guthrie had mentioned about the gates to the Castle had been unhinged by vandals. This has been reported on a number of occasions to Strathclyde Preservation Trust and Scottish Heritage but to no avail. From the health and safety aspect of things we all felt it was matter of importance to be actioned as soon as possible as not only could someone be badly injured but Hall & Parks may get sued for damages should anyone have an accident on the Castle site. This may invalidate insurances with the gates not being in place.

Action: Mrs Jean McGinn (Secretary) to drop an email to Parks and Recreation Department, South Ayrshire Council to document this fact.

- Mr Alex Gibson mentioned about large/deep potholes in Carrick Place. Mr Findlay requested that an Inspector be sent out to visit same. **Action:** Councillor Goldie
- Mr Andy Guthrie also mentioned that a post at bottom of Kennedy Drive/Carrick Place (supporting sign re: parking hours) is rotten at base and that this needs replacing.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- ❖ Ms Colette McGarva (Link Officer) suggested with regards to our newsletters that there is a website called "Laggan" (www.everything.org.uk) A system whereby anyone who wants to participate with points arising from matters in the meetings they can make contact on this website and add their opinion too – people power. In theory the more people that participate to get their views over will possibly expedite work getting done around the local community.

Mr Phil Findlay (Chair) then suggested that "Laggan System" be put on all our newsletters to allow people to interact.

- ❖ It was suggested that letters be sent to: Youth Club/Parents Teacher's Assoc/Secondary Schools within the area: Belmont/Carrick and Queen Margaret to see if any younger members in the Community would like to air their views for the village, eg. To improve /Sports/Leisure activities/equipment. It would be good to hear it from their point of view.

Action: Mrs Jean McGinn (Secretary)

If younger members were present at the Community Council Meetings this would be dealt with in the initial stages of the meeting.

- ❖ It was raised that perhaps at future Meetings - Matters Arising be dealt with before the Councillor's Report, as valid points which apply to the Councillor are being missed when they have already left the meeting and in turn this would perhaps save the work for the Secretary in correspondence.
- ❖ Ms Colette McGarva (Link Officer) also suggested that the Community Council Committee act more as a team rather than let Secretary deal with most tasks and everybody work to their own strengths to lighten load.
- ❖ It was made aware that the local village shop is now up and running.
- ❖ Carol Thomson (Rural 21) reminded everyone present that it was important to fill in and write comments in the "The Ayrshire 21 Initiative Questionnaire" It was to be handed into "The Dunure Inn" by Friday, 20th September 2013 if we had not done so already.

6. Financial Report

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Account Number: 00584730

Balance at 7 August 2013 £419.92

Account Number: 00584765 (New Community Centre Account)

Balance at 9 August 2013 £845.42

7. Correspondence

1. Letter From South Ayrshire Council – Re: Energy Efficiency & Fuel Poverty.
2. Email from S A C – links to Sport & Leisure Strategy Draft – Perhaps to pass this on to Youth Club. (Mr & Mrs J Eaglesham)

3. Email regarding "Keep Scotland Beautiful" – Dog Fouling Campaign in Scotland– Fortnight 30th Sept – 13 October 2013 was one of the main issues.

Elaine McQuade mentioned that already some measures had been put in place by the Harbour Committee. Signs up in the Harbour area and signs stencilled on floor to heighten awareness of irresponsible dog owners.

Andy Guthrie also added that signs were also put up in the park area near the children's play area to make people aware what diseases can be caught from dog faeces.

4. Email from Ambulance Service with links to their Web Pages.
5. Letter from South Ayrshire Council with Draft South Ayrshire Adult Learning Disability Strategy.
6. Email from D Bett – Re: Charles Rennie Macintosh Heritage Panels (Signage) now been passed and should be installed sometime this month.
7. South Ayrshire Community Planning Conference – 24th October 2013 - Mr Phil Findlay (Chair) may attend this.

8. **Planning**

Planning now approved for: 20 Station Road, Fisherton and 44 Station Road, Fisherton.

9. **Any Other Business**

Although we did not request repayment of the loan which we gave to Hall & Parks on 12 April 2011, they will be reimbursing £2,300 to the above Community Centre Account.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15 October 2013.

Apologies: Ms Colette McGarva (Link Officer)