

## **Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council Held in Innellan Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Present**        **Dr C Valentine (Chairman)**  
                     **Mrs I Pratt**  
                     **M.Little**  
                     **R McGilvray**  
                     **Mr M Jones**  
                     **Jim Bamber**  
**Also present** **Jennifer Bryson**  
                     **P.C. W McGraw**  
                     **Eileen Brand**

The meeting opened at 7.00

Dr Valentine welcomed those present.

1) **Apologies** Dr F Pearson

2) **Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and  
Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

3) **Matters Arising**  
None

4) **Police Report**

Crimes reported or detected within the Innellan and Toward area from 13<sup>th</sup>  
February 2008 to 12<sup>th</sup> march 2008

Calls made to the police 12

- 1 x Theft
- 1 x Telecommunications Act (Nuisance calls)
- 12 x Assault
- 1 x Fire.
- 1 x Drunk and Incapable
- 1 x Speeding vehicle
- 1 x Suspicious persons in Toward
- 1 x Sudden Death

Speeding Offences detected : 8

If any questions arise from this report or any other query regarding police issues  
contact William McGraw PCL67 Innellan Police Office.

5) **By-Election**

As the By-Election was uncontested Jennifer Bryson, Jim Bamber and Tony  
Miles will officially become Community Councillors at 11am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 2008.

## **6) Procedural Issues**

A full election for the Community Council will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009. All Community Councils will hold elections on that day in order to standardise the Procedure. We will need to check our Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Practice to ensure that we conform with other Community Councils.

The e-mail address for each Councillors is on the Argyll & Bute website.

The chairman asked us to ensure that he had all our contact details and that they were correct.

Pam Forsyth has suggested that she modifies our website so that we can update it Ourselves that way we can put any correspondence etc., on the website and keep it up to date. South Cowal Community Councillors details have been put on the Argyll & Bute website and that is why Dr Valentine is receiving mail. We will ask to have this removed.

## **7) Planning Seminars**

Mrs Pratt attended a meeting at Cairnbaan held by Argyll & Bute Council to explain to Community Councillors and other people involved in planning just how the Planning Scotland Act 2006 would be implemented.

Planning Aid Scotland then held a seminar at the Queens Hall Dunoon to give further advice about this. Dr Valentine, Jim Bamber and Irene Pratt attended and found it very useful. Developers wanting to build 5 or more houses will, in the future be expected to consult with the local Community Council before putting in their application in order that any objections can be sorted out first. Objections to proposed planning have to be founded on facts. The seminar should what considerations should be looked at.

## **8) Planning Applications**

The only planning application that was significant was Mr Stirlings application to build 3 houses at Toward and to cut down a significant amount of woodland. Mrs Pratt had been asked to see what the local residents felt about this before the Community Council got involved. She reported that many of the local residents were opposed to this and had signed a protest survey. There are bats in the wood and there is believed to be a preservation order on the woods. Mrs Pratt proposed that the Council also opposed this application, Mrs Little seconded the proposal and it was carried on a majority vote

## **9) Ferry Consultation**

Martin Jones wrote up a very good submission from the Community Council as to why a car and foot passenger service from Dunoon to Gourock was essential.

Mrs Pratt attended a 2 hour meeting with Duncan Stuart MSP, Steve Farrell clerk to the Transport, Infrastructure & Climate Change Committee and 1 other member of the Scottish Executive. The meeting was chaired by Anne Gabriel, Chairman of Dunoon Community Council also present were representatives of Sandbank and Greenock Community Councils, Ronnie Smith from the Pier Pressure Group a retired marine engineer. We all gave a good account of the necessity for a car and foot passenger service and it appeared that our comments were well received.

Ronnie Smith told of the past history of this dispute and the marine engineer gave informative reasons as to why a hovercraft or similar vessel would not be suitable on this route. Mrs Pratt also handed Martin Jones's written comments to Duncan Stuart.

**10) Chairman,s Report**

There were a number of letters received.

Scottish Wildlife Trust want to re-introduce beavers into Scotland.

The Military exercise on 2<sup>nd</sup> March has been cancelled due to weather conditions.

SEPA are having a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Salutation Hotel in Perth on Thermal Treatment of Waste if anyone wants to go.

R.A.F will be having a low flying exorcise over the area. Dr valentine will write and invite him to come and talk to us about the need for this.

Bute & Cowal Area Committee meeting was on the 4<sup>th</sup> March

Update on SCCC policy – Mrs Forsyth will put our Constitution on the website.

Dr Valentine will review our policy soon on the various issues concerning our area.

**11) Secretary,s Report**

None, as we do not have a secretary at present.

**12) Treasurer,s Report**

We have £3200 in hand.

**13) Any Other Business**

None

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April AGM in June 2008

Meeting closed 8.35 pm