

South Cowal Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2009 Innellan Village Hall at 1930 hours

Present

Chris Valentine, Chairman

Richard McGilvray, Treasurer

Irene Pratt, Planning Officer

Jennifer Bryson, Secretary

Forbes Pearson, Vice Chairman

Also present

PC Kirsteen Salen

PC Billy McGraw

Councillor Alister MacAlister

Eileen Brand

Apologies

Tony Miles

	Action
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2009 a. Approved and signed	
2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda a. 3.c. i. & ii: Work still to be done b. 4. d. I: Counterfeit currency – it is a one off incident with a victim c. 12.a.vi: A letter was also written to SEPA	AM
3. Community Council Review a. No further information has been received b. Jennifer Bryson was questioned on the telephone by the company, Hexagon, who are carrying out the survey for Argyll & Bute Council	
4. Black Craigs Windfarm a. The Scottish Government are keen on this type of development so perhaps we should be prepared and get involved in the trust set-up now. b. No decision was taken either way.	

<p>5. Allotment site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alister MacAlister says that it may appear that the Council has been unhelpful but it has in fact offered a number of sites but those concerned have said that they were not suitable. b. It costs a Council £75 - £100k to set-up an allotment site c. It was agreed to write and confirm that SCCC is in favour of an allotment site on Innellan. 	JB
<p>6. Keep Scotland Beautiful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should SCCC be getting involved in this initiative; not this year anyway but perhaps in future b. Information on it to be put onto the website. 	JB
<p>7. Somerfield Deliverie s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The closure of Somerfield has meant the withdrawal of a delivery service which was used by people unable to carry their shopping. It was used a lot by residents in the South Cowal area and the loss of it will be keenly felt. b. The issue has been raised by other community councils so we should write to them and invite them to work with SCCC on persuading someone else to take over a shopping delivery service. 	JB
<p>8. Garden Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jennifer Bryson tabled a paper outlining the criteria for a garden competition in the SCCC area b. Prizes for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Best overall impression ii. Best garden for colour iii. Best vegetable plot c. It was agreed to run this event in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Contenders to put themselves forward ii. Potential judges to be approached iii. Potential sponsors to be approached iv. Information into Observer v. Information and forms on website vi. Forms available in Village Hall and perhaps the Lido 	

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<p>9. Police Report</p> <p>a. Rearrangements have taken place with area cover but the South Cowal area is still covered by Billy McGraw</p>	
<p>10. Forces' boxes</p> <p>a. 23 shoe boxes filled</p> <p>b. Given to the person who will arrange delivery</p> <p>c. Ask the recipients to send a photo for the Observer</p> <p>d. Thank you letters sent to those who assisted</p> <p>e. Bin will be uplifted from Somerfield and returned to A & B Council with thanks.</p>	
<p>11. Chairman's report</p> <p>a. Various letters received but none requiring immediate attention</p> <p>b. Hunter's Quay Holiday Park is holding a regional environmental education forum on land 2 October. They are looking for sponsorship. It was agreed that a link to their website would be put on South Cowal's.</p>	JB
<p>12. Planning Officer's report</p> <p>a. There is a request to put a caravan in the ground of the former coach house to Hoop House.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. No objection can be made as one caravan per property for the owner's use is permitted.</p>	
<p>13. Secretary's report</p> <p>a. Website: Community information is still being collected therefore new look website is not being officially launched just yet</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Comparison of before and after statistics will be interesting</p> <p>b. Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday agreed with British legion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Service at Innellan will now be at 1430 hrs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. Due to the success last year of a collection for the Poppy Appeal will be made at the tea afterward the ceremony</p>	
<p>14. Treasurer's report</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accounts prepared and audited for the AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Copy sent to Council and in return this year's grant should be made to SCCC b. Donation made to Innellan Village Hall (a key will now be issued) c. Website update paid d. £2,977 in the bank 	
<p>15. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Paperwork for AGM next month has to be prepared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notice to go into the Observer b. Sign regarding dumping missing at Ardyne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Those concerned to be informed c. The Scottish Water treatment area at Cluniter beach is a mess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. This has been raised by the Council but it will be followed up d. Dog mess at Cluniter beach (even though there is a bin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dog Warden to be asked to patrol area regularly e. Grass cutting at Toward has stopped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To be investigated f. Burgh Hall Open Day was a great success with over 2,400 people visiting it. It will eventually be a community resource. The friends are opening a room every Saturday for those interested in progress. 	<p>JB/CV/IP/RM JB AM AM AM AM</p>
<p>16. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wednesday 10 June 2009 in Innellan Village Hall at 1930 hours. Please note the AGM will be held that evening. 	