

SOUTH KNAPDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

South Knapdale Community Council Meeting

Kilberry 1821 church/Woodentops

11th December 2023

Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Heather Moore, Jarl van den Berg, Nicola Spokes, Brian Steven, John Campbell.
2. **Apologies for absence:** None.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None.
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes read and approved by all.
5. **Chairman's report:** Due to small numbers of attendees at the last meeting, no agreement could be made regarding funding for the Screen Machine. A general discussion ensued regarding how much funding could be made. Brian wanted to know if Tarbert (T&SCC) and any other CC's in the area are donating, and requested that due diligence be carried out as to the current finances of the Screen Machine to ensure any funding given by the SKCC would not be wasted or lost if the Screen Machine were to become unviable. Jarl agreed to carry out some research.
6. **Secretary's report:** The Secretary is currently working on obtaining a full current list of residents on the B8024 within the SKCC jurisdiction in order to create an up to date emailing/ mailing list. Nicola has also contacted Jenni Minto's office in an attempt to arrange a date when Jenni could attend an SKCC meeting, and reported that Jenni would not be able to attend now until the 13th February.
7. **Treasurer's report:** The government grant of £418 has now been received, giving us a new balance of approximately £3900. There will be annual expenses to be paid in January for the Domain name, Insurance, Data Protection etc.
8. **BT Openreach Analogue to Digital telephone lines/ Telecare:** A general discussion ensued as to the letter received from Samantha Somers of Argyll and Bute regarding the workaround plans that have been put in place for residents using the Telecare system should they move to a digital telephone line. It was agreed that Brian will draft a reply email outlining our concerns, including the lack of coverage and reliability of the mobile phone masts in the area. Nicola to liaise with Brian to assist with the technical / IT side of things. Nicola requested that another letter be drafted for Jenni Minto so that she can look into the matter before attending the next meeting.

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- 9. Defibrillators:** Peter Minshall has put in a request that we look into supplying a defibrillator for the Ardpatrik road end Telephone box, or at the 1821 Kilberry church building. A general discussion ensued regarding the number of Defibrillators currently installed on the Road, and as to the general cost and upkeep of another one. It was agreed we could ask the Ambulance service and the Cycle Route people whether they would be willing to donate a free unit, otherwise it was deemed to be too expensive for the SKCC to take on.
- 10. Julian Green / A&B roads dept:** It was agreed that an email is to be sent to Julian Green giving specific details of overhanging trees/general undergrowth encroaching onto the B8024 as supplied by Lord Weir, and also to request exact dates of planned road closures for repairs/resurfacing. It was also agreed that Julian Green should be invited to the next meeting.
- 11. Police report:** The Police report for the area was supplied by email from Sgt Karen Cairns on behalf of Sgt Matt Shaw, and given by the Chairman. Although there were no specific reports pertaining to the SKCC area, the Police have made mention of Domestic Abuse in Argyll and Bute in general and requested that anyone affected by, or know anyone affected by Domestic Abuse should report it to the Police. Jarl spoke of the general rise in quad bike/ farm equipment in the area.
- 12. Planning permissions:** South Lodge, Ardpatrik has had their planning permission approved. The owners of Rionnagan have put in a request to build a new house.
- 13. AOB:** East Kintyre Renewable Group. Following an email from EKREG requesting a representative from the SKCC to act as a director in the Special Purpose Vehicle that needs to be set up to manage the acquisition and financing of CSO as well as the name of a Charity that any funds from Clachaig Glen could flow into. Jarl agreed to be the nominated director since he already has an understanding of the current situation, Brian agreed to assist Jarl, and Nicola is to contact Melissa Stewart/make enquiries as to how a Charity could be set up.
- Jarl also reported that there is a movie night planned at Ormsary Hall on the 22nd December and also a Hogmanay party. Brian reported that there will be events at Kilberry 1821 church on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay.
- 14. Date of next meeting:** A suggestion was made for the next meeting to be in February when Jenni Minto should be able to attend, but as Brian is unavailable to attend any meetings in person from January to April, Jarl offered to bring a speaker/microphone system to allow remote attendance, and a firm date of 20th of May was suggested by Jarl as the next meeting where everyone can attend in person.