

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Rhu and Shandon Community Council
Wednesday 12th August 2015**

Guests /Public

In attendance

Rhu and Shandon CC:

Jack Rudram (JR)
Pat Pollok-Morris (PPM)
Jean Cook (JC)
Brian Fleming (BF)
Olivia Birch (OB)
Linda Duncan (LD)
Tim Lamb (TL)
Fiona Baker (FB)
Maggie McCowan (MM)
Ronald Sandeman (RS)

Cdr James Leatherby (JL)
CLLr Robert McIntyre (RM)
Ruth Chappell Fleming (RCF)
Doug Walker (DW)
George Wilson (GW)
Gavin McGhie (AH)
Allison Hillis (AH)
Edna Muir (EM)
Audrey Butler (AB)
Maureen Kinneard (MK)
Robin Cowie (RC)
Alastair Moore (AM)
Alan McFadyen (AMF)
Margaret Pollock(MP)

Topic	Minute	Decision/Action
1. Apologies	Gordon King, Maurice Corry, Angelina Wassell, Jim Duncan, George Freeman, Andrew Nicholson, Jayne Burnett	
2. Declarations of interest	There were no declarations of Interest	
3. Guest speakers	<p>3a: The Police report (Appendix 1) was provided by SGT Bob Magee by email.</p> <p>3b: JL provided his report (Appendix 2) ahead of the meeting. It was noted that TL and JR will represent the Community Council at Exercise Evening Star on Wednesday 2nd September</p> <p>Post meeting notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Permission will be required for the proposed 3G pitch on Ardenconnel Field 2. No information is yet available on the 'listing' status of St Andrew's House. 	
4. Minute of 10th June	The minutes were approved (LD and OB)	Minutes accepted
5 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda	5a: Peace Camp structure:- There is nothing to report on the Building on the Peace Camp	Ongoing

- 5b: Seat for Rhu Spit-** The seat is now installed. The chair thanked all the residents who have contributed to this. A presentation of the ACT Certificate and a photo shoot will be arranged
Action JC
- 5c: Roads and Lighting - Report by RM on various items in the minute**
Resurfacing at bottom of Manse Brae should be completed this weekend, and white road markings are imminent
It was also noted that School Road has been resurfaced
Ongoing MC to pursue this
- From 8f: Flooding at Stuckenduff Road**
- From 12f: Noisy manhole cover at Spys Lane** may belong to BT. Further investigation is needed.
- 5d: from 8b:** A letter was sent to the Ardencaple Hotel, congratulating them on their award from Trip Advisor
Closed
- 5e: Nuisance calls.** Positive responses have been received to letters sent to Jackie Baillie and Brendan O'Hara, seeking their support in stopping nuisance calls. Links to the Which? Campaign, and details on how to sign up to the Which? and TPS and Silent Calls barring are on the Community Council website.
- 5f: from 8d:** The hole on the approach road to Ardenconnell Way has been repaired by Luss Estates
Closed
- 5g: Overhanging hedges.** Robert McIntyre confirmed that over hanging shrubbery is the responsibility of the relevant property owner. Specific addresses needs to be confirmed and owners notified and in this way, the Council may be able to act against this problem.
Closed
- 6: Planning Matters**
- 6a: Helensburgh Wind Farm Application.**
This has been withdrawn. The developers promise a new application when the issues with Glasgow Airport have been dealt with. If so, it will be an entirely new application and new responses will be required.
Watching Brief
- 6b: Lochside Care Home Gully Bridge.**
Planning have requested amendments to the design, which, if complied with, Howard Young is minded to accept the application. JR has requested that the Community Council be given an opportunity to revisit our comments once the updated design had been submitted and before the Planning Department completes its recommendation to the PPSLC. Howard Young has agreed to let the Community Council know when the amended plans are submitted.
Ongoing

7 Other Matters

7a: Knotweed Update:

All landowners except MOD and A&B have confirmed that all identified outbreaks on their land have been treated this year.

The Community Council will produce an information leaflet for residents to ensure that they recognise the weed and know what to do in the unlikely event that knotweed is found in their gardens

Action JC to produce leaflet and arrange copying

Post meeting note. The MOD has confirmed which of the reported outbreaks are on their land, and that they have a plan for eradication.

7b: Broadband Update

The date by which the first premises in Rhu and Shandon will have access to fast broadband has slipped to December 2015.

7c: Conservation Area and Environmental Features.

Nothing to report

7d: Tree Protection across the Community.

Ongoing

Action JB

7e: Training for Community Councillors

An email has been received from Argyll and Bute stating the 4 top training priorities for the next year are

- Community Engagement,
- Planning,
- Governance
- Local Government Finance.

It stated that the Governance training will be in the autumn to benefit newly elected councillors and asked for feedback by mid August on Community engagement needs.

Individual responses from Community Councillors to melissa.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk

7f: Bowling Club future.

Articles in Helensburgh Advertiser and Community Advertiser elicited one proposal from Street Cones. The Club facilities were not thought to be appropriate for this group.

Suggestions were made from guests and the meeting included Community Allotments and Children's activities.

Action community and PPM

A sub-committee will to be formed with PPM as Leader and contact person. Those interested please contact PPM.

7g: Artwork on new Council Building.

Robert McIntyre informed the CC that the decision on George Freeman's motion at the Lomond Area Committee was that the controversial artwork will remain in place. This was passed by the Chairman's casting vote. An objection to this decision cannot be raised for 6 months.

8 Consultations

8a: Historic Environmental Strategy,

Deadline 14th September. FB agreed to take the lead ; links to the consultation will be posted on the website

Action FB

8b: Ward Boundaries.

Deadline 22nd October
The Fifth Review of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) proposes to reduce the number of Councillors in Argyll and Bute from 36 to 33. To maintain electoral parity and have the National Park contained within a single Argyll and Bute ward, namely Lomond North, the preferred option by LGBCS is that Rhu and Shandon leaves Lomond North and joins Helensburgh Central and Lomond North expands westwards to include parts of the Cowal peninsula.
The effect that these changes will have on the residents of Rhu and Shandon is not clear at this point, but will be investigated. Individuals who wish to respond can do so. Details will be posted on the website.

Ongoing

9. Opportunity for members of the public to speak:

9a: Interface of Rosslea Hall Hotel and the community.

RCM and others. Most of the issues concerned car parking, anti-social behaviour and fireworks. In the last month the police were called to three separate incidents, two were in relation to drunken fighting and one was when parked cars obstructed a house entrance potentially preventing access for emergency vehicles. The police enforced the removal of these vehicles and accepted that a crime had been committed. The fireworks are a threat to MK's nearby timber house. The closeness of these fireworks prevent the use of her garden and afterwards her garden and car are covered in firework debris
Raymond Park from the Council Licencing Standards office was informed.
The blocking of access for emergency vehicles has been reported to Watch Commander at Helensburgh Fire Station. It was decided to refer the matter to our Licencing Officer Andrew Nicholson.

Andrew Nicholson to take appropriate Action

9b: Closure of Rhu Post Office

AM reported that many residents were concerned about the handwritten message on the door which indicated that the Post Office is closed until further notice due to IT problems. It was agreed that this was an important issue. The Community Council will investigate how best to pursue this matter.

Action JR

10 Treasurer's Report:

This was circulated before the meeting (Appendix 3). The cash in bank is £2,315.13, including donations of £375 set aside towards the seat.

11. Correspondence

11a: Grey Matters and Older Peoples Assembly will be holding a meeting in Helensburgh on August 29th, hosted by the Deputy Chair of Argyll and Bute Council, Cllr Ellen Morton. The main focus of the assembly this year is how it works with local older people and how its methods can be improved.

11b: Following the deaths of John Yuill and Lamara Bell, A review of Police call handling is taking place. Residents are encouraged to complete the on-line questionnaire. Links to the terms of reference and the on-line questionnaire will be posted on our website. Deadline for completion of questionnaire is 23rd August

Action JC

11c: A Formal Consultation will take place on A&B Health and Social Care Partnership between August and October. Details will be posted on the website

Action JC

12 Website and related issues:

Investigations are ongoing concerning a domain name change. The Publicity Committee to make recommendation.

Action Publicity Committee.

13 Members Reports:

FB: **Rhu Gala.** The next Gala will be held in the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club. FB thanked RMNB Clyde for its support on this issue

14 AOB:

14a: The timetable for the Community Council by-election has been published. The close of Nominations is 4.00pm on September 3rd with the election taking place on 8th October. We have one vacancy and would encourage residents to stand.

Action residents

14b: A query has been sent to the Planning Office to seek information on whether the Authority's policy on "For Sale" notices on roadside verges has changed. A large board and several small ones have been noted. It was pointed out that A&B have also planted a large board for the sale of Blairvadach. No reply has been received so far.

JC to write again

The next meeting will be held on October 14th 2015

APPENDIX 1: Item 3a

POLICE REPORT: Provided by email by Bob Mcgee (Sgt L88, Helensburgh Police Office)

Calls to Rhu & Shandon

- Crimes recorded
 - 1 x female charged with Sect 38 Criminal Justice & Licensing Scot Act (Breach of the Peace) on Glenarn Rd
 - 1 x drink driver reported to Procurator Fiscal
 - 1 x driver reported for speeding offence
 - 1 x Vandalism – window smashed on Church Place Rhu
 - 1 x juvenile charged with assault – residential unit, Shandon
 - 1 x female reported for vehicle registration plate offences.

- Other reported incidents
 - 1 x 999 call mobile phone no trace
 - 1 x Disturbance call no trace upon arrival
 - 1 x address check for a missing person
 - 1 x Road traffic Crash car v lorry no injuries
 - 1 x report of a car driving erratically no trace of the vehicle or Registration number passed to Police.
 - 1 x concern calls re children with a horse. All in order.
 - 1 x call of dog running on carriageway, dog found by and passed to owner
 - 1 x 999 call mobile phone in pocket

APPENDIX 2. Item 3b

GUEST SPEAKER 2 – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY (JL) – REPORT

JL provided the following report ahead of the meeting:

- **Armed Forces Covenant.** The new format for the AFC Community Grant is due to be launched on 13 August 2015. A more detailed brief about this can be obtained via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund/the-covenant-fund-time-to-get-started> Although there will now be 2 levels of funding, the first up to £20,000 and the second up to £500,000, there remain still a number of unknowns. However, there will be a new application form and a procedure which allows applicants to send the bid straight to MOD Whitehall. Notwithstanding the above, it is strongly recommended that any prospective applicant should:
 - a. Engage with AVA early and;
 - b. Provide a copy of their bid to the local board (via AVA) for the latter's awareness and in order to obtain advice/help in how to optimise the pitching of the bid.While the bids are to be submitted to London, it is understood that the Regional Command (Army 51Bde in Stirling) will be asked to rule on Scottish bids and that they are expected to want to come back to local boards for advice. If the local board (co-chaired by Base BXO and Cllr Maurice Corry) don't know about the bid then, naturally, they will find it challenging to help.

- **Exercise EVENING STAR 2015 (ES15).** The next major (3 yearly – Level 2) but routine Nuclear Reactor Emergency Response Exercise to be held on the Clyde, aimed at satisfying the REPPiR [Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001] requirements that appropriate on-site and off-site Plans are in place, will be held jointly with Argyll & Bute Council on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The resultant off-site element of the scenario will undoubtedly generate increased use of the Clyde Off-Site Centre in Rhu and the Base Broadcast will be used (and therefore heard locally) throughout the day.

- **Exercise JOINT WARRIOR.** The next such exercise (JW152) will involve the Base over the period 1 - 19 October 2015 and will include up to 35 NATO and Allied participants. However, many vessels will

be berthed/anchored elsewhere than Faslane, although an unusually large proportion will return to the Clyde for the wash up at the end (16-17 October).

- **Rhu (Ardenconnel) Playing Fields.** While no final decisions have yet been made as to its future, a useful site meeting was held between the Captain HMS NEPTUNE (with some of his staff) and a cross-section of Rhu & Shandon Community Councillors on Monday 13 July 2015.
- **Supersession of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (FOSNI).** Rear Admiral J R H CLINK OBE was relieved by Rear Admiral J (John) WEALE OBE as FOSNI on Tuesday 21 July 2015.

APPENDIX 3: Item 10: Treasurer's Report

R&SCC Funds		Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance	£1,315.63		
Income			
ABC Grant		£659.50	
Expenditure			
Data Protection Fee			£35.00

Closing Balance £1,940.13

Funds Held for Seat		Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance	£375.00		
Income			
Expenditure			Nil

Closing Balance £375.00

Cash in Bank £2,315.13