

Saltcoats Community Council

Minute of meeting Monday 16th April 2018

7pm, Saltcoats Town Hall

Present: A Rice, G Lafferty, J MacDonald, R Allan, N Williamson, L McLaughlin, H Haddow

In Attendance: Cllr R McNicol, Cllr J McClung, Cllr J Sweeney, PC Melanie Fraser, PC Matthew Clayton, Paul Fisher

Apologies: Cllr D McTiernan, Cllr J Montgomerie, K Haddow

Item	Notes
1. Welcome	
2. Present	As above
3. In attendance	As above
4. Declaration of interest	G Lafferty noted declaration of interest – high rise flat resident
5. Apologies	As above
6. Previous minutes	Minutes of 19 th March proposed by G Lafferty. Seconded by J MacDonald.
7. Police report	<p>Breakdown of detected crimes on attached sheet for dates 19/3/18 – 15/4/18</p> <p>Locality policing and town centre officers continue to tackle the issue of parking with the town. Fixed penalty tickets have been issued.</p> <p>A Rice asked about children playing on shop roof tops, no calls whilst these officers have been on call.</p> <p>Old firm game on 15/4/18 – 1 call to police from top of Ardrossan regarding sectarianism flag – not detected. No call to police within Saltcoats.</p> <p>After police departed, SCC decided H Haddow to compile spreadsheet to compare police calls stats in order to detect rise in crime in each category easier. Cllr's will also be given more information from Insp Colin Convery.</p>
8. Matters arising	<p>H Haddow to email Sarah Park and Marcus Hazel-McGown to notify they will be removed as Community Councillors.</p> <p>H Haddow to notify NAC of this change as voted last meeting.</p>
9. Sub-group reports	<p>a. Bake Off – SCC were in town promoting this as well as SCC in general. A5 leaflets used quickly so more had to be photocopied at Clyde printing. Herald advert has been seen and due to print again. Up to 30 people 'interested' on Facebook. Whilst in town, it was noted there are a lot of visitors from outwith 3 towns. Why? Should do another day once we have tablets to do survey of why. Also noted from public issues in town such as quiet electric cars on Hamilton St and cars using Dockhead St without blue badge.</p> <p>b. Media – A frames – H Haddow to ask K Haddow to do design for new A frames. K Haddow to send this to the group.</p> <p>Tablets - £700 approved in last years PB for tablets. Cheque for £664 to H Haddow to purchase 3 tablets plus covers, and charging units.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Planning – Sharphill Estate Dalry Road – moving onto stage 4. Public consultation event to happen for this, details to be finalised. d. Licencing – nothing in for Saltcoats e. Sensory garden - £1500 awarded at PB event. Lots of interest around sensory garden at PB event and whilst in town promoting Bake Off. More funding applications are in, community service has been contacted and happy to help maintain. SCC needs to see this in writing from community payback. Awaiting word from NAC (Shirley Morgan in contact with Tom Reiney) around what land can be used.
10. Chairs report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LP – awaiting sub group meeting 25/4/18 b. HSSG – awaiting meeting 6/6/18. It was questioned as to why SCC attend HSSG. A Rice explained they discuss the plant closing, unemployment, nuclear power, environmental agency attend also. Funding also available. H Haddow asked A Rice for funding details after 6/6/18 meeting.
11. Open to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bus – currently no bus service along Saltcoats harbour and shore with businesses along there. H Haddow to contact Stagecoach to ask if they can look into No:12 bus to do circular route. b. Pillar – Vernon St car park picture on Facebook today of a historic pillar. Why historic? Could it be painted to look better etc? J MacDonald to contact Bob Conway who ahs details on these pillars throughout the town. c. Toilets – public toilets at the Braes need cleaned again. R McNicol taking to NAC. d. Litter – pavements not being cleaned. Anyone can contact Streetscene. Streetscene have been giving out fixed penalty notices for fly tipping in the area.
12. Open to Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. John Sweeney – chair of 3 towns LP health and social care. 3 priorities are improved mental health for young people, isolation and complex needs. At the moment, 3 secondary schools will be targeted, parent councils to be involved. Lead senior officer Andrew Keir involved 'Get it right for every child'. Signals of young people considering suicide is difficult to tell. J MacDonald recommends not only targeting secondary schools but do large event covering schools, groups, parents etc. Sensitive nature of this is difficult. Pendumdera charity – local charity aims to prevent young suicide. J MacDonald has more details. 'Little box of distractions' helps mental health of young people. John Butcher head of education has been contacted to try put these into schools. SCC look forward to further reports from Cllr J Sweeney. b. Jean McClung – new group 'men's shed' started but looking for premises to meet. c. Ronnie McNicol – signage lines/parking – Countess St, Winton St, Dockhead St, Green St to be refreshed during summer. A Rice met with NAC at Braes, Bradshaw St and Vernon St but nothing been done. J McClung taking to NAC.
13. A.O.C.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. J McDonald has apprentice who is working on a survey throughout town centre – cars, employment,

	<p>empty shops etc. Once complete, presentation to SCC. We believe traders association has stopped.</p> <p>b. Community Council forum 18/4/18. R Allan and H Haddow attending.</p> <p>c. Community council training 25/4/18. Time and venue TBC. H Haddow to follow up.</p> <p>d. Bike trailer – K Haddow has it. J MacDonald offered to tow it around!</p> <p>e. AHG and Sea Queen – SCC will be in attendance. H Haddow to confirm this with both committees.</p> <p>f. High rise flats – Currently in consultation. Residents also had face to face meeting with NAC employee. This has not been consistent – some residents had 2 people. Whether decision is to renovate or demolish, residents will need to be moved elsewhere, if renovation, furniture can be covered...£20 per room for re-decorating will be given - none of these details given on the basic consultation form to residents. Believe a newsletter should have been sent to residents in Jan, but nothing received. Residents lost confidence and faith in NAC over all this. Lots of rumours, people being told different things from NAC. Real issue with elderly who have already lost independence now potentially becoming ill over worry of all this. There is no meeting planned between residents and NAC.</p> <p>NAC can gain confidence of residents by a residents/NAC meeting, providing the truth, allow people to ask questions, lead officers at meeting. Discussion over whether new flats would need both sprinkler system and fire proof cladding? R McNicol read out minutes of meeting 28/3/18 about windows being replaced.</p> <p>Conclusion – Cllr's to get a residents/owners meeting organised with NAC officers dealing with the high rise flats.</p> <p>g. Treasurers report – true balance after deductions already approved will be £928.87, £1500 pending income from PB</p>
14. Next meeting	h. SCC next meeting is AGM on Monday 21 st May 7pm Saltcoats Town Hall

Minute prepared by H Haddow 17/4/18