

**SALTCOATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**7pm, SALTCOATS TOWN HALL**

**Present :** A Rice, G Lafferty, L McLaughlin, N Williamson, J MacDonald, B Colclough

**In Attendance:** Councillor R McNicol, Councillor McCLung, Brian Keenan (Ayrshire Community Trust), Craig Allison (Three Towns Adventure)PC Cathie, PC Edwards, Sylvia Mcainsh, Ruth Allan, Annie Hynard, Ted Allison (Public)

**Apologies:** H Haddow (SCC), Councillor J Montgomerie, Councillor D McTiernan S Morgan, (CLD) PC Adamson, PC Gunn (Saltcoats Community Police)

**Absent:** S Park, , Councillor J Miller, Councillor J Sweeney, Marcus McGowan

Item	Notes/Actions
<b>1. Welcome</b>	A Rice opened the meeting, introduced everyone and thanked all in attendance, particularly members of public and also Lettie McLaughlin who is taking minutes as Hazel is unable to attend due to work commitments Fire safety information was given.
<b>2/3 Present / In Attendance</b>	As above.
<b>4. Declaration of Interest</b>	None noted.
<b>5. Apologies</b>	As above.
<b>6. Minute of Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Proposed by G. Lafferty, Seconded by Billy Colclough
<b>7. Police Report</b>	In the period 16 <sup>TH</sup> October 2017 to 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2017,462 (395 Oct) calls were received of which 91 resulted in crime reports, 40 were detected or reported to the Procurator Fiscal. (Breakdown sheet from Police )  Locality policing had 12 youths gaining experience within the Police this month. They worked in various departments including practical experience and attending the High Court. <b>Parking:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police reported that they had be proactive with parking problems as highlighted by Saltcoats Community Council and 15 fixed penalty notices have been issued during this reporting period, mainly parking outwith parking bays, chapelwell street, parking in disabled bays etc</li> <li>R McNicol has feedback concerns to M. Hendry &amp; J McFarlane (N.A.C Roads) about parking problems, parking on double yellow lines, poor line markings and this is being looked into at present in the town centre</li> <li>.Also area behind Braes, lines for garages, parking being redone.</li> <li>Member of public, highlighted people parking on double yellow lines outside Hanover Housing on yellow lines and parking on footpaths, which also obstructs disabled access and pushchairs.</li> <li>Toilet lights on all night on shore front and concern about Brown Place (Caley Scheme) about road lights and signage required.</li> <li>There is a contact at NAC for Residents Associations,which is a good way to highlight residents issues.</li> <li>Cllr R.McNicol- to follow up member of publics concerns.</li> <li>Police said that if there are any concerns to phone 101 and report dangerous and inconsiderate parking, but also highlighted that parking on double yellow lines cannot be enforced unless it is more than 11 minutes! (Road Traffic Act). J McDonald also highlighted Disability Act affects on parking, not always what you think!</li> <li>Member of public asked why traffic wardens were no longer in Saltcoats?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answer – Due to lack of funding, Police can and will continue to monitor parking and issue tickets if necessary</li> <li>Member of public asked if security cameras actually work and if yes ,is there only one person who monitors all this?</li> <li>Police – yes security cameras do work and are monitored by a trained person</li> <li>Member of public asked if there could be more signs concerning no parking areas, particularly in Countess Street, outside town hall, lack of delineation, where it is not clear where to park, ‘No loading ’ bays only highlighted, need to take into consideration local residents shopkeepers parking, loading for shops and disability parking not taken into account.</li> <li>Problem is Countess Street not fully pedestrianised, although the street looks better, parking and amount of traffic needs to be addressed in town centre, restrictions enforced and parking bays clearly marked.</li> <li>This was noted that this is not the Police who are responsible for roads, CllrsMcNichol and McCLung to take these issues back to NAC Roads and report back. Cllr ,McNicol also spoken to NAC Architects about signage.</li> <li>Highlighted there are several car parks in Saltcoats, with only one at Station not free..</li> </ul>
<b>8. Matters Arising</b>	<p>Remembrance Service - Allan thanked George and Billy for laying a wreath representing SCC .George feedback that the services was particularly busy this year and that it was well organised and also emotional.</p> <p>Allan thanked John for organising youth van and to members of SCC for organising Saturday Promotional event in town centre and handing out our new SCC promotional flyers and speaking to public . Biggest complaint was parking, speeding cars and state of town centre. It was noticed how quiet the town was in the afternoon and the number of people who were not from Saltcoats!. It is hoped to organise this event again and ask more questions, to people who were not from Saltcoats ie why were people coming to shop in Saltcoats, what is the attraction?</p> <p>Charette – Allan fedback that a number of SCC had attended and how this second stage worked, it was a good event, well organised and highlighted a good number of community projects and suggestions as to where funding should be spent. There is also a good video on Youtube about the Charette and their facebook tells you more about it. The two main projects were 1. Vacant Shops 2. Active Shore Line. J McDonald has breakdown on projects from Charette</p> <p>Councillor R.McNicol has spoken to Nick who conducted the Charette. It was noted that the initial funding identified has been split between the 6 locality planning areas, with Irvine getting the most. The amount £620,00( approx.) that is now coming to the three towns, while it will be beneficial, the amount now compared to initial figure mentioned, is disappointing and it is not enough money to undertake the majority major projects identified in the Charette, . A Rice noted that SCC would work to ensure that Saltcoats gets its fair share and that the money will be spent wisely.</p> <p>There was also a feasibility study conducted by Irvine Bay about the refurbishment of Dockhead street,(phase 2) and this would cost in the region of £6.47 million, there is no funding now to take this forward.</p>
<b>9. Open to the Public</b>	<p>Discussion on Town Centre, parking but mainly empty shops, more closing and now Royal Bank of Scotland and Sainsburys laying of staff, discussion on the impact this will have on the town and what could and is being done?. Member of public asked if community groups could make use of empty shops and would they get peppercorn rates?, ie Mental Health Drop in , Foodbank, It was also highlighted that there is a lot of shops owned by ‘one person’ and more needs to be done to ensure they are kept up to standard. Member of public noted, there may not be a great variety of shops, but there is everything there you need and that Saltcoats still had a lot to offer!</p> <p>It was also noticed that there are a number of notices/stickers on empty shops ‘Rise’ action group, it was thought that this action groups is just highlighting their concerns and were not taking over the shops.</p> <p>J McDonald has Saltcoats Town Autid (Nov 2016) document, which could be used and possibly updated</p>

<b>10. Open to the Councillors</b>	<p>Cllr R.McNicol reported back that the Railway Bridge at the library was repaired by NAC under 'Emergency repairs'. Also road surface at Laurieston is being sorted by NAC, also road markings at bus stops. It was noted that disabled access in Countess street may not all be sorted as not all shops want it as it can make it difficult to get shutters down.</p> <p>Defibrillator outside St Matthews (KA Community entrance) has not been repaired yet. A. Rice highlighted that gate to astro turf was still being left open and their car park can be very busy and parking was getting worse. Councillor McC Lung to speak to KA staff about these concerns and report back.</p>
<b>11. Media/Event Group Report</b>	<p>SCC Facebook was still doing well, numbers to be checked for amount of followers and continued to be used and to highlight community events.</p> <p>.</p>
<b>12. Treasurers Report</b>	<p>J MacDonald issued brief report on money spent , £28 for Wreath, £32 for posters, and £200 (approx.) for flyers.</p> <p>There is £2,279 currently in bank account</p>
<b>13. Planning Group Report</b>	<p>One item was noted in relation to the installation of new shop front shutters.</p> <p>R.Kirk.</p>
<b>14. Licensing Report</b>	<p>H Haddow to report back at next meeting on any updates, license was requested for Clyde Studies about storing alcohol on their premises.</p>
<b>15. A.O.B.</b>	<p>Craig Allison – Three Towns Adventure, is organising an information workshop about their proposals on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm on Civic Centre. All interested people welcome to attend and to promote where possible, information is on their facebook. Aim is to look at three towns natural resources, eg, Kelp nutrients, shoreline and see how this can be developed and work with community to take ownership. There is progress been made and Craig has made contact with NAC Councillors.</p> <p>Locality Planning meeting has been re-scheduled to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm Civic Centre</p> <p>There are a number of events being held, which members of SCC will try to attend, eg, Funding Chit Chat, PB Budgeting events and Christmas Lights</p> <p>H. Haddow had contacted BT about high fibre cabinet as highlighted by member of public and BT will respond to us by 20<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>LMclaughlin has been in touch with Highland Community Council about contents insurance. It was agreed that Lettie would contact them to pay the additional £20 cost to get this on our policy. It was noted that there was a £250 excess and criteria for this, but committee considered to be worthwhile and also that Highland Council has not deducted the amount for insurance for our account yet, due to change over to Zurich, but we have our policy in place and are covered.</p>
<b>16. Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council will take place on <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Saltcoats Town Hall, 7pm.</b></p> <p><b>(Booking to be confirmed)</b></p> <p>A Rice thanked everyone for their attendance over the year the great progress SCC has made so far. Meeting was closed at 8.20pm</p>
<b>17. Confidential Matters</b>	<p><b>Members Only</b></p> <p><b>Bake Off – date confirmed and event agreed to go ahead by committee.</b></p>

Minute prepared by LMclaughlin 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Minute proposed by G Lafferty and seconded by H Haddow 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018