

Shiskine Valley Improvements SCIO

Note of Meeting held on 23rd October 2014 – to be approved on 4/12/14

Present: Robert Waine (Chair), Barbara McNeice, Gordon Kinniburgh, Willie Robertson, Colin Cameron, Piet Johnston, Sheila Gilmore(mins)

Apologies: Evelyn Hamilton, Katie Webster, Barbara Crawford, Lizzie McCarthy, Caroline Fleming

1. **Welcome** - Robert welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minute of Previous Meeting**

This was proposed by Colin, and seconded by Piet. Unanimously approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) **Harbour/Maritime** – despite both Gordon and Sheila chasing up NAC there was no update. Sheila had heard that this was due to Cumbrae withdrawing their interest. The initial bid had been for Arran and Cumbrae so NAC felt that a change of funding would be required. Sheila to chase up.

ACTION: SG

b) **Walks** – Sheila had not contacted Arran access Trust regarding the current meeting; it was felt it may be better to invite them to a public meeting instead. The walk around the bottom of Drumadoon was noted as being in disrepair – Sheila to check if this is part of the Coastal Way plans. Sheila would contact Barbara I'Anson to ask how Whiting Bay had produced their village walking map. It would be hoped we may get some sponsorship from local businesses in the area if required. Funding would also be applied to from Arran Trust.

ACTION: SG

c) **Paths** - Colin noted that there are many signs up around the valley which don't specifically relate to paths (although they are signed as so). Willie thought there may have been some funding available to promote access. Again, this will be clarified with Arran Access Trust.

4. **Finance**

There is currently £9,968 in the account.

Robert advised that £800 had been raised for SVI at the Texas Scramble in July. Arran Runners had donated £250 to SVI, for the community's involvement in Shiskine Valley Half Marathon.

Accounts have been completed by Donald Galbraith for year end 31st October 2014. In order to comply with OSCAR, the next set of accounts will be required to be submitted in January 2015, and annually thereafter. Lizzie has kindly offered to be Treasurer, and Donald will pass on books accordingly.

5. **Sports Field**

Robert advised that it cost £1560 for grass cutting and £300 for the relevant public insurance. It was agreed that fundraising need not necessarily be for the field only. It may be that a few small fundraising events would draw in enough finance to support the field and any other developments.

Robert will approach Colin Rutterford as he was a sports field adviser, and may be willing to offer some recommendations as to ongoing care and maintenance. Whilst it was appreciated the cost of cutting is realistic, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club might also be asked if they can offer any other support.

ACTION: RW

6. **Signage**

Barbara M advised that SSE have offered a village sign – this is to ensure communication in the event of a repeat of the March 2013 snow, or other disaster. There was some discussion as to appropriate location of such – it was agreed that Shiskine Surgery, Blackwaterfoot and possibly Machrie would all require such signs! Barbara would report back.

ACTION: BM

7. **Amenities**

Barbara M will represent SVI SCIO at the Amenities Meeting to be held on Monday 27th October. Some suggestions were made as to small projects – flower tubs; planting; maintenance of the road in front of Kinloch where a manhole cover stands proud of road surface; toilets; ongoing issues around horse poo.

ACTION: BM

8. **Christmas**

Colin and Gordon will arrange lights, and they will ask Barbara C to convene a meeting to arrange other activities as usual. Sheila will do end of year quiz.

ACTION: CC,GK,BC,SG

9. **AOCB**

- i. It was agreed to invite a Machrie rep. Sheila to speak to Brian Money **ACTION: SG**
- ii. Colin noted that there may be some older people in the community with spare time, who might like to work with the younger population on planting or suchlike.
- iii. All committee to consider summer entertainment as a whole – we need to generate funds to maintain field etc. **ACTION: ALL**

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on 4th December. Sheila to book Shiskine Church hall, as village hall is booked out. This will be a public meeting and Arran Access Trust will be invited.