

Shiskine Valley Improvements
Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Monday 28th June at 7.30pm
www.shiskinevalley.org

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT
BE APPROVED UNTIL MONDAY 23rd AUGUST 2010.**

1. In Attendance:

Robert Waine (Chair), Barbara Crawford, Colin Cameron, Willie Robertson, Angus Adamson, Charles Currie, Liz Kerr, Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

2. Minute of Last Meeting – 17/5/10

Approved by Willie, Seconded by Colin

3. Matters arising from Minute

Sports Field

The BRN had come through and we are now registered with Scottish gateway. Sheila has contacted Ian Mathieson from Rural Priorities and we're awaiting him coming back to us. Sheila to pursue. **Action: Sheila**

Shiskine Football Club

Football Club had run a successful race night in Kinloch raising approx £500 for their funds. They will not be running the bar at Sports Day, although they may run the BBQ on Thursday evening at the 5-a-side footie competition.

There was also some concern about football goals situated near the residences and commercial properties in the location of the field. It was felt that if goals are situated there, rather than at the other end of the pitch it was inevitable that this would result in footballs damaging property. Following a safety concern raised by Vic Iutz, Willie advised that the goals do not need to be pegged down.

It was decided that the goals should be moved, and the matter should be discussed with the teenagers who may be involved, who are also being blamed for the litter around the sports field. Various strategies were discussed to address this situation, and it was agreed that Sheila would go to meet some of the young footballers involved to discuss the situation with them. Ultimately if the litter and vandalism does not cease, then it may result in certain persons being banned from the field, which is not a situation the Committee would wish to happen, although SVT do own the lease and therefore have authority to impose such action. **Action: Sheila**

Addendum: Sheila visited field to discuss the matter with some of the young people involved the following evening, and noted that the goals have been re-sited. The teenagers present were very supportive of the issues raised, and Nic informed Sheila they had noticed the litter and had

conducted an informal litter-picking amongst themselves the previous weekend. Struan suggested more litter bins, and Sheila pointed out that the Committee had requested additional bins from NAC, but there was no money for this. In any case, there is a bin in the vicinity of the entrance/exit which is not fully used. Sheila noted that the parties involved were not necessarily present, but asked that the word was circulated around, and the teenagers agreed to this. This was a very positive meeting, and it is hoped that the young people involved will be able to manage this situation henceforth, avoiding the need for further action from the Committee or SVT.

SVSD

Caroline Fleming had been active acquiring raffle prizes from Felicity's and also trout fishing at Machrie Water, and this was appreciated by the Committee. Robert agreed to sort out some more vouchers. Liz advised that tickets could not be sold beforehand as there is no licence for this.

Action: SVTrust

Colin advised that 2 picnic tables had been ordered, but these may not be ready for Sports Day.

Liz advised that the SVSD shed may require renewing/resiting. If this was placed against the fence at the Harbour Shop, then it may stop the aforementioned issue regarding football damage.

War Memorial

This has been left until September – the road will have reopened , and it will be quieter.

Action: Willie, Angus

Noticeboard.

Sheila had asked Steve for a price – again! He's been busy with the school show, but will get on to this ASAP

Action: Sheila/Steve

Dog/Horse Fouling

We had received a letter from NAC regarding the siting of dog bins. There has been one placed at the harbour , and the council would like the Committee to decide if another one should go at the Greannan or at the Hall. It was felt that the second bin would be better sited on the 30mile per hour post further along towards Blackwaterfoot. Sheila to contact NAC.

Action: Sheila

Barbara wants to conduct some sort of campaign with the children and Sheila had accessed some leaflets from Argyll & Bute Council that we could format into a sort of information leaflet in the future if need be.

Action: Barbara/Sheila

Cemetary Steps

Still no action from NAC regarding this. Concerns raised regarding safety from the Committee, but the issue has been reported to NAC via the Community Council. Disappointing but ongoing. **Action: NAC**

Christmas Lights

Charles informed the Committee that Brodick had received a bill for £900 from NAC for safety checks to street lights, to allow them to go up. It was decided that the lights will have to be put on hold at present. Colin will try and source solar lights for the Christmas tree, and it was agreed that the playpark was a better siting for said tree.

Carol singing etc still on the agenda – with a switching on ceremony (as Liz noted, possibly before the Senior Citizens' party!). Angus felt the church may be involved in this. Sub group informally decided re-lights/tree/carolling... **Action: Barbara/Colin/Willie**

Closure of B880 String Road

Much communication regarding road closure from all parties. Sheila to respond to NAC's letter (only sent after chasing up from Cllrs and MSP) to further reinforce appropriate consultation in the event of further roadworks.

Charles had noted some points following a meeting with Joe Smith and Angus Bodie (Infrastructure & Design):

- There had been to tenders – rather work was conducted by NAC as they had no other work to do at present.
- Monyquil Bridge still not widened, presenting danger to all traffic. Sheila to note this in correspondence.
- No money from NAC had gone into these works – it had all come from the forestry.
- Historic Scotland had been involved as the original cundies (culverts) had been Thomas Telford's design. Therefore much of the expense may be going into work that is not visible.

Action: Sheila

4. Website

It was agreed that Hamish had done an excellent job with the website. Charles had sent in some old photos of the area, there was church info and also info from the hall. Sheila had also spoken to Alistair Black from Machrie, and suggested (as Machrie is within our geographical area) they may wish to put material forward.

There is an events page; Angus will post up the Church Sale of Work.

Action: Angus

Robert suggested better promotion of the website: www.shiskinevalley.org. Sheila will try and do some posters to be circulated before Sports Day.

Action: Sheila

5. Clachan Church

Angus advised that the Clachan project had been given £2000 from the windfarm and would get £2000 in match funding from NAC landfill if SVT will apply for the funding. They cannot touch the first £2000 until the second lot is applied for. If successful, this £4K will finish the job completely (pointing, aggregating etc), and Angus hoped the church might have an open air service to mark the occasion when the work is finished. This was met with approval from the Committee and Robert would pass the relevant paperwork for the funding on to SVT. **Action: Robert**

6. AOCB

- We have a very smelly village! Sheila to write to SEPA and copy to all appropriate bodies to ask for seaweed to be tested – is it just seaweed, or is there sewerage in there too? This is having a negative impact on tourism. Charles to raise with Community Council.

Action: Sheila/Charles

- Liz asked if there had been any update on SVT remaining a Trust or suchlike. The new legislation from Scottish Government was due to be released end of June... Although it was generally agreed the Status Quo is working, the situation needs clarification. SVT are sent copies of the Minutes so will be aware of the concern raised. Robert also felt that the situation regarding constitutional membership of SVT needs to be raised, additional memberships (eg those residing outwith Shiskine Valley) could be an additional source of revenue.
- It was noted that Shiskine Hall is looking great after it's external paintwork. Sheila asked for opinions as to why the hall spring clean was so poorly supported? The beach clean was well attended yet the only property the village actually owns outright is the hall! It was felt this may be due to it being on a Saturday and the date being unsuitable. A list was posted to user groups asking them to clean specific areas, but it was also noted that those living outwith the area had been told they needn't come along – and this may have raised some bad feeling. If they use the hall, then they too should be involved in cleaning it. Other suggestions were that there should be an option for a donation instead, as many people may rather do that. The next spring clean could be posted as an event on the website.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd August at 7.30pm in Kinloch Hotel