

Shiskine Valley Improvements
Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Monday 17th May at 7.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT
BE APPROVED UNTIL MONDAY 28TH JUNE**

1. In Attendance:

Barbara Crawford, Colin Cameron, Willie Robertson, Angus Adamson, Charles Currie, Hamish Bannatyne, Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

Apologies

Robert Waine, Liz Kerr

2. Minute of Last Meeting – 19/4/10

Approved by Willie, Seconded by Colin

3. Matters arising from Minute

Sports Field

Sheila informed the meeting we were still waiting on our BRN. We now had an agriculture number, but there had been a delay due to IACs being processed first. Ongoing

Shiskine Football Club

There had been some confused opinions muted locally regarding payment of all grass cutting for field. The Committee clarified that at no point was the football club to be held responsible for all grass cutting. The football club would be asked to pay towards the grass cutting, as will other users. Lachie is organising a race night to bring in funds to SFC, which it is hoped will have excellent support – date TBC. Following the Sports Day meeting, SFC were considering taking on the bar at Sports Day.

Path at Field

Willie confirmed that this had now been installed so we are too late to liase with John.

SVSD

The Sports Day meeting had been held on Sat 15th May. Their Committee has offered Shiskine Valley Trust the opportunity to run the raffle as the Sports Day committee wish to use gate money to sponsor local charities. The Improvements Committee support this idea, and would ask that it is Shiskine Valley Trust who source prizes for the raffle as the Improvements Committee have many commitments of their own that week, representing various other community groups. **Action: SVTrust**

War Memorial

Angus has offered a work party and will liase with Willie to arrange. Willie feels it will only take 1 day to complete. There was a request for a handrail, and this will be looked into. **Action: Willie, Angus**

Noticeboard.

Steve Garraway has got prices but will need to confirm with Sheila.
Ongoing

Dog/Horse Fouling

Charles had raised this at the Community Council and had certainly created a 'stink' in the local press, who had got the wrong end of the stick! Horse manure still an issue within the village of Blackwaterfoot and at entrance to beach. Sheila had seen a good photo campaign in Ardrishaig and will try to follow this up. Following Colin's extensive site visit, it was agreed that the committee will write to NAC to request dog bins at both Torbeg (around Greannan area) and Blackwaterfoot.

Action: Sheila

Cemetary Steps

Charles raised this at the Community Council meeting and NAC have responsibility and will take action. Margie is supportive and will get back to Charles.

Action: NAC

Christmas Lights

This will be brought up at future meetings. Barbara has suggested involving local children Carol Singing – this was met with enthusiasm.

Action: Barbara

Circulation of Minutes

Colin had donated a ream of paper to Gillian who has kindly printed off copies for distribution in the Harbour Shop. So far there's been good feedback regarding Minutes and 'flow of information'.

Benches

Colin reported that the SVSD meeting had met this idea favourably, but were still waiting on prices from a local tradesman. There's been a request for a bench at Queenscliffe, so Willie suggests a price for three benches is sought – 2 for the field and one at Queenscliffe.

Closure of B880 String Road

There had been no reply from NAC Roads, although Margie and Kenny Gibson had both responded. Sheila to pursue.

There is a rumour that there may be further closures in September. Charles will keep us informed from the Community Council perspective; it is hoped that if this is the case there will be better consultation.

Willie and Barbara expressed concern at the length of the High School pupils' day. Sheila will copy letter to Alan Stout, as Chair of AHS Parent Council.

Concerns also at effect on local economy – Barbara advised advert in Banner this week to encourage people over to Shiskine Valley. Signage regarding some local traders is apparent but does not cover all the

businesses in the area. This would also have impact for example, on the half marathon, as coaches will not be able to use String Road – will the runners even be able to use the String? Sheila to enquire. **Action: Sheila**

4. Website

Hamish had kindly come along to discuss a proposal for a website. It was unanimously agreed this should be www.shiskinevalley.org. The website would have details of the SVI minutes, photos and projects. It would also link into local organisations, eg Shiskine Hall, St Molio's Church, Clachan, Shiskine Valley Sports Day, etc, with a page for each group. The website will coast around £10 per year for the domain name and then we'd need to pay a host (?) - it could also link into local businesses.

Willie suggested a photo of Blackwaterfoot from above Kilpatrick Shore could be used, as this would offer the whole valley in one shot. Charles also suggested old photos from days gone by.

Improvements Committee to get appropriate information to Hamish ASAP.
Action: Whole committee

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 28th June at 7.30pm in Kinloch Hotel