

**Shiskine Valley Improvements**  
**Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011 at 7.30pm**  
[www.shiskinevalley.org](http://www.shiskinevalley.org)

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT  
BE APPROVED UNTIL 25/10/11**

**1. In Attendance:**

Robert Waine, Barbara Crawford, Liz Kerr, Jean Hunter, Willie Robertson, Les Nicolson, Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

**Apologies:**

Charles Currie

Following the last meeting, Colin had resigned as the rep for the Harbour Trust, and Robert asked that our appreciation of his input be minuted. Les had been asked by the Harbour Committee to attend in Coco's place, and Robert welcomed him to the meeting.

**2. Minute of Last Meeting – 14/6/11**

Approved by Barbara, seconded by Liz

**3. Matters arising from Minute**

**Sports Field**

We have been awarded £22,518 towards the drainage upgrading on the playing field. There was some discussion regarding ongoing commitment from the community. Robert outlined that in order for the project to be sustainable we must be in a situation to meet annual grass cutting and general maintenance (approx. £3,000 per annum).

It was suggested we hold some significant fundraising events throughout the year. Suggestions were: New Year quiz, Texas scramble, raft race, fete, market day, coffee afternoon/morning, and also using the hall/church for suchlike events. Jean also proposed contacting the Machrie Ladies who undertake fundraising with sales of hand made cards.

Barbara suggested holding a public meeting to inform residents of the development. This might throw up volunteers for new junior footie coach/es, and Jean offered to intimate the meeting at the church services.. Unfortunately it was felt that although this was a good idea, with October holidays etc, it may be more practical and quick to write a letter into the Banner with a general SVI update. Robert also asked that Sheila confirm prices for the works – Sheila to speak to Neil Arthur who had been helpful in attaining the estimates. **Action: Sheila**

Willie suggested buying our own gang mower and asking volunteers or paying for someone to cut the grass. Storage for such equipment was discussed. The golf club was suggested, as was applying for funding to

purchase machinery and a storage shed. To be discussed further....

### **Noticeboards**

Willie has this matter in hand.

**Action: Willie**

### **Dog Bins**

The dog bin had been removed following concerns from a houseowner. No contact had officially been made to SVI committee from NAC, which was regrettable as we had been in correspondence with them regarding this issue from the outset. Initial enquiries by residents would indicate the bin may not be replaced; it was agreed this is a pity as there are nine dogs in the area and a dog bin is definitely required. Willie has identified a suitable site adjacent to the 30mph sign. Sheila to contact Brodie Pearcey.

**Action: Sheila**

### **Cemetery Steps**

Sheila had received a response from Brodie Pearcey (NAC) indicating the cemetery steps had been priced and work would commence dependant on funding. It was felt this was really an issue for the Community Council, as we have taken the matter as far as we can. To be removed from the Minutes.

### **Christmas Events**

There had been a very successful fundraising day held in conjunction with the Raft Race, and Barbara informed the committee that £928 had been raised which will go towards Christmas celebrations. Robert thanked the sub-committee for organising this. Barbara informed the group that a meeting would be publicised in September for those interested in being involved in the organisation of the lighting ceremony etc.

**Action: Barbara**

### **Website**

Sheila had contacted Bill Calderwood and there is now a link to [www.shiskinevalley.org](http://www.shiskinevalley.org) from the Arran Community Council website. To be removed from Minutes.

### **Car Park**

On schedule to commence in October.

**Ongoing**

### **Harbourview Shore**

Sheila had written to NAC and received a response stating that the Harbourview Shore was being monitored by NAC's flooding and structures department. Although we are also monitoring the situation, we have taken this matter as far as possible at present. To be removed from Minutes.

### **Fundraising**

Possibility of a music quiz is still ongoing, but in Charles absence could not be discussed further. **Action: Charles/Barbara/Robert**

The Crazy Island Quiz had taken in over £130 through the Harbour Shop alone. The winner to be drawn at the Hall Committee Meeting on Wed 31<sup>st</sup>. Robert to collect monies raised from places he'd left sheets.

*Addendum: The winner (Morag Murchie) was actually drawn in the Harbour Shop by Gillian, as Sheila forgot to take the sheets to the hall meeting!* **Action: Sheila/Robert**

Whilst we had raised some funds through the raffle held during SVSD weekend, it was felt that 'vouchers as prizes' had not been well received by everyone. It also depended on the committee collecting in the vouchers at a time when we are all busy. Everyone to think of a good big attractive raffle prize for next year!! **Action: All**

### **Seaweed**

Les had been advised by the Harbour Committee that SEPA determined the rotting seaweed was a natural phenomenon. This confirmed SAPA's response to ourselves. It was agreed no action would be taken this year.

### **Auchencar Road**

Sheila had written and the road has since been repaired. To be removed from Minutes.

## **4. AOCB**

### **Visitor Payback Scheme**

A letter had been received from Alasdair Hendry suggesting the SVI committee apply to the VisitArran scheme for funding to improve access to the beach for less able bodied persons. The committee welcomed the suggestion, but this had been a past project of Shiskine Valley Trust and both Robert and Liz recalled that due to regulations, it was not possible to do this on the beach from the car park (not enough scope for the correct angle of a ramp). However, it was agreed we may consider getting a machine in (as in previous years) to scrape away sand and stone from the access. Sheila to write to Alasdair. **Action: Sheila**

### **Preacher's Cave**

Liz noted that the path had become very overgrown and as it was the responsibility of SV Trust (As part of the Coastal Way), we need to get this sorted.

### **Clachan Church**

Jean advised that the work was now completed, and may have an official opening possibly in the Spring.

Committee Membership

It was unanimously agreed that following Colin's contributions to the SVI Committee, he would be invited to remain on. Sheila to contact Coco.

**Action: Sheila**

**5. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting is to be held at Kinloch on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.  
Will all committee please ensure they either attend or send in apologies.

*Sheila Gilmore, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011*

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