

Shiskine Valley Improvements
Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Tuesday 8/3/11 at 7.30pm
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**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT
BE APPROVED UNTIL TUESDAY 26TH APRIL**

1. In Attendance:

Robert Waine (Chair), Barbara Crawford, Willie Robertson, Charles Currie, Liz Kerr, Jean Hunter, Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

Apologies:

Colin Cameron.

Robert welcomed Jean to the meeting as the new representative for St Mollios. Angus was also thanked for his contributions over the past year.

2. Minute of Last Meeting – 4/11/10

Approved by Charles, seconded by Willie

3. Matters arising from Minute

Sports Field

The bid to Rural Priorities was unsuccessful. This was very annoying as it had taken a great deal of time to put together and register etc. However, Sheila had submitted the application to Sports Scotland in January, and had heard that it will be considered over the next fortnight or so. Robert has been in discussion and if a lease is required, this can be done.

Action: Robert/Sheila

Liz enquired about the Football Club's contribution – it was confirmed that they had paid £500 for 2010.

War Memorial

Willie will arrange a gravel path for the war memorial in Spring

Action: Willie

Noticeboards

Sheila had not made any progress with this. It was agreed that John Robertson should be asked to make and install a noticeboard in the playpark. A second board may be erected in the future in Shiskine.

Action: Willie

Dog Bins

Charles said this was discussed at Community council, but NAC have no money for dog bins at present. SVI will still do a leaflet drop around houses. Sheila to produce something that promotes cleaning up after dogs, advertises the website and also anything else we can think of. Four

hundred leaflets will be required and these will be passed to Charles for distribution. **Action: Sheila/Charles**

Cemetery Steps

Charles informed the meeting that NAC advise the cemetery steps need to be completely renewed, but that NAC will undertake this work.

Christmas Events

Robert congratulated those involved in the tree lighting ceremony and noted it had gone very well. Barbara noted that all the Christmas lights had been bought this year, so this cost would not be incurred next year. She also suggested making sure householders know about carolling, and some work would be done on familiarising children with carols to be sung.

Action: Barbara

The Christmas Card competition may be reviewed with something different next year, as these had been more costly to produce than was originally quoted.

Quiz went well and will be repeated next year.

Charles suggested an online link to the Kinloch after the lighting ceremony for families who are abroad. He will look further into this. **Action: Charles**

Website

More info could still be placed on the website. The Church and Hall use it, but so could other organisations. Charles suggested asking Sheena Bannatyne if Hamish could put some of her old photos of Shiskine onto the site. **Action: Charles**

Shiskine Valley Trust

Robert advised that the membership changes had been accepted, and that Vic has/had reworded the constitution accordingly. There is no change in the legal situation, so the status quo remains which met with approval from SVI committee.

Amenity Meeting

Willie Kelso had gone, but there had been nothing to report.

Car Park

Robert had been in very positive discussions with Angus Bodie, Head of Roads and SPT about upgrading the car park in Blackwaterfoot. There is a plan (attached) of the area for development, and work is estimated to begin at the end of October, beginning of November 2011. Caroline Fleming had asked that SVI confirm quality of paving and kerbing. White lines could be addressed at the same time as the work. It was unanimously felt by the meeting that this will be a good improvement to the village. Robert to liaise. **Action: Robert**

Harbourview Shore

We had been unsuccessful in the Paths for All application. Charles to take the matter to the Community Council as the damage is now eating into the road. **Action: Charles**

The Old Boat

This had been chopped up further, but was still at the golf club car park. Colin had been dealing with this – in his absence it was felt we could leave until the next meeting.

4. AOCB

Beach Clean

It was noted that Mr Guthrie from Brodick had already been doing his own beach clean – Sheila to write and thank him. Our own beach clean will take place on Sunday 8th May. Sheila to arrange litter pickers, bags and uplift on w/b 9/5/11. Also to produce flyers for the children and to put on the mailshot leaflet. Willie to speak to Neil regarding his trailer, and Barbara to see George Tod for same. We will hold a similar competition regarding most unusual thing found – Sheila to get prizes. Barbara and Sheila to arrange juice/crisps for all the children.

Action: Sheila/Barbara/Willie

Community Council Update

Charles advised that the meetings are to become peripatetic moving to different venues around Arran. Sheila to ask Shiskine hall re-rent. Jean also offered Church Hall, if Shiskine Hall unavailable. Sheila suggested July/August best times as there tends not to be Tuesday bookings (it would be last Tuesday of the month). **Action: Sheila/Charles**

Charles also advised that there was to be an increase in pensioner travel going from £1 on the boat to £2.40. It was agreed this was a considerable increase. Charles noted that some people who are not Arran residents may be abusing the system as it stands – the scheme is only open to Arran residents, not to those who necessarily own houses but do not reside permanently.

The Machrie Moor road would also be upgraded, and this may mean it will be closed for some time.

Hall Update

Sheila reminded everyone about the Hall Auction on 26th March, 2.30pm with tea and buns (Fer's pancakes and more!).

Fundraising

Sheila suggested putting out a quiz sheet around the shops. This could be drawn at Shiskine Valley Sport Day and would also raise awareness. Sheila has a selection of these, but Charles has a quiz in progress and it was agreed this could be used. He will get details to Sheila who will copy and distribute.

Action: Charles/Sheila

5. Date of Next Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm in Kinloch Hotel.