

**Shiskine Valley Improvements**  
**Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Tues 26/4/11 at 7.30pm**  
[www.shiskinevalley.org](http://www.shiskinevalley.org)

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT  
BE APPROVED UNTIL TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**1. In Attendance:**

Barbara Crawford, Willie Robertson, Liz Kerr, Jean Hunter, Colin Cameron. Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

**Apologies:**

Robert Waine (Chair), Charles Currie..

**2. Minute of Last Meeting – 4/11/10**

Approved by Jean, seconded by Liz

**3. Matters arising from Minute**

**Sports Field**

Sports Scotland – Sheila had received word that a lease was needed. Robert spoke to John and Wilma Robertson and a lease was drawn up formally – a copy has since been sent to Sportscotland. Sheila had enquired as to when we would hear and was advised the application will be considered in the next round of funding. **Action: Pending**

**War Memorial**

NAC have put in concrete steps. Willie will consider putting in a permanent handrail, although it was agreed the current one is satisfactory in the meantime. **Action: Willie**

**Noticeboards – no feedback**

Willie to speak to John Robertson about this.

**Action: Willie**

**Dog Bins**

Fancy new bin sited ridiculously at the top of a blind corner on a hill.

**Cemetery Steps – nothing to report**

It was felt this might have been mixed up with war memorial – which is why those steps have been done (although not asked for). Colin suggested inviting Gus Macleod to the next meeting, if Agenda was appropriate – this might resolve any apparent confusion, ie dog bin siting, steps at war memorial instead of cemetery. **Action: Sheila**

**Christmas Events**

It was felt too early to discuss Christmas. Willkie and Colin advised that NAC had plugged up the tree hole, thus saving them from doing so. – too

early for Christmas – NAC covered up the tree hole to save Willie and Colin doing so, which was appreciated.

### **Website**

Hamish is requesting new information – from the Church, Hall and other organisations. We must keep the site fresh. **Action: Everyone**

### **Shiskine Valley Trust**

Liz advised that the gate monies from last year's Sports Day had been donated to Shiskine Valley Trust.

### **Car Park**

Colin asked about signage. It was agreed that whilst the car park would greatly enhance the general appearance of the village, to then have large council signs saying 'No Camping', 'No Lorries', 'No Overnight Parking' or suchlike would detract from the improvement works. Could signage be more sensitive, perhaps erected onto existing wall? In any case could there be further consultation with SVI committee? **Action: Robert**

### **Harbourview Shore**

In Charles' absence, there was no report as to progress with this.

### **The Old Boat.**

Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club are going to use the old boat as a feature, filled with flowers. Stuart Fotheringham has already approached Liz about this.

### **Beach Clean**

Sheila had received a lovely letter from Colin Guthrie in response to SVI thanking him for assisting with beach cleaning.

Liz and Jean put their apologies in for the clean on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Sheila has arranged uplift of litter pickers and bin bags on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – there will also be an uplift on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May or thereabouts. Neil has offered his trailer to assist. Barbara would check tide times and do posters/flyers etc and distribute through school. Sheila to get prizes. Barbara and Sheila to liaise on crisps and juice for children.

**Action: Sheila/Barbara**

### **Hall Update**

Hall Spring Clean on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June. Sheila to put on website.

**Action: Sheila**

### **Fundraising**

There had been no advance on the quiz sheets. Sheila to speak to Charles. It was agreed the quiz must be easy, as it doesn't matter how many correct entries there are – only one needs to be drawn. The easier the quiz, the more entries (and therefore more money) will be made.

**Action: Charles/Sheila**

## **4. AOCB**

### **Seaweed**

With summer approaching, Sheila is to contact SEPA to see if we can remove seaweed before heat penetrates and produces odour again. She will then contact NAC to see if they will remove, if their answer is negative, Liz will speak to George Tod and ask him to pile the seaweed up with his trailer, and then it will be advertised as garden fertiliser (free). **Action: Sheila/Liz**

### **Clachan Church**

Jean will clarify about the opening of the Clachan Church, and also whether or not the wild flower garden sited there would be a reality. It was felt the official opening of the site may boost the cemetery steps issue – it can also go on website. **Action: Jean**

### **Policing**

There was some concern over the heavy-handedness of the local police force recently. Liz had received a copy of a letter indicating what was to be done on the field to reduce opportunity for 'vandalism'. She would send this to Sheila for circulation.

Willie was concerned that young people had been told they were not 'allowed' onto the pitch by Police. As this is not within the Police's jurisdiction, Sheila will investigate further. **Action: Sheila**

Jean advised the Police had been attending the church coffee morning, allowing locals to raise concerns. Some concerns generally raised were about speeding cars – Colin reminded everyone that not all fast drivers are 'boy racers' – there are just as many parents (past and present) seen speeding past the primary school....

### **Shiskine Valley Sports Day**

This will be held on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting is to be held at Kinloch on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm. Will all committee please ensure they either attend or send in apologies.

*Sheila Gilmore, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011*