

Shiskine Valley Improvements
Minute of Meeting held in Kinloch Hotel on Tues 14/6/11 at 7.30pm
www.shiskinevalley.org

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND WILL NOT
BE APPROVED UNTIL XXXXXX**

1. In Attendance:

Robert Waine, Charles Currie, Barbara Crawford, Liz Kerr, Colin Cameron.
Sheila Gilmore (Minutes).

Apologies:

Jean Hunter, Willie Robertson

2. Minute of Last Meeting – 26/4/11

Approved by Liz, seconded by Colin

3. Matters arising from Minute

Sports Field

Sheila had spoken to Graham Finnie (our contact for Sportscotland). He advised that the application will go in front of the decision committee within the next four weeks and he has recommended approval – so it all sounds quite hopeful...

Action: Pending

War Memorial

It was agreed that the existing handrail seemed satisfactory and so this will be removed from the Minutes.

Noticeboards – no feedback

In Willie's absence there was no further detail given about noticeboard progress.

Action: Willie

Dog Bins

This was resolved although not entirely satisfactorily. The matter will be removed from the Minutes.

Cemetary Steps – nothing to report

There has been no further progress. A letter to be written from SVI to NAC supporting any action to be taken.

Action: Sheila

Christmas Events

Nothing to report – still too early for Christmas!!

Website

Sheila to contact Bill Calderwood in order that we can link our website in with that of Community Council. Sheila also suggested approaching Shiskine School, in order that they might post their newsletters on the site.

Action: Sheila

Shiskine Valley Trust

SVT thanked SVSD committee for their generous donation of last year's gate monies.

Car Park

To commence in October. Robert will be the key liaison with NAC for all relevant matters concerned.

Action: Robert

Harbourview Shore

Chalreles advised that NAC will not do anything about this until such time as the road collapses or suchlike. Colin wondered if the Harbour Committee might have improved the banking initially? Sheila to write to Angus Bodie (NAC) highlighting our concerns, and asking that they consider strengthening/securing, perhaps with gabions.

Action: Sheila

The Old Boat.

Ongoing via golf club, To be removed from Minutes.

Beach Clean

Beach clean had been very successful once again. Great local turnout of young people and adults alike. To be removed from Minutes.

Fundraising

Charles had made a **music quiz**, but it was felt this was too good for a quiz sheet and it will instead be incorporated into a music quiz to be held in Kinloch.

Action: Charles/Barbara/Robert

Sheila offered a selection of **quiz sheets**. It was decided Islands was the best option. These will be printed off and put into local shops, £1 per sheet to be drawn on 31st August for £20 prize.

Action: Sheila

It was agreed to have the raffle again following SVSD. Prizes to be vouchers, which encourages winners to then visit said venues and hopefully spend more money. Each committee member to seek as follows: Colin – Post Office & Garage; Barbara – Kinloch & Gallery; Liz – SG&TC & Felicity's; Charles – Arran aromatics & Auchencar; Robert – Galbraiths, Harbour Shop, Distillery & BWF Lodge; Sheila – Taste of Arran, Book & Card Centre & Brae Salon. SVT Directors also to be asked.

Action: All

Seaweed

Sheila had spoken to SEPA who were happy for the wreck to be removed, but NAC insisted that any removal was done either by volunteers for gardens (or suchlike), or by professionals – in which case SVI is liable for ensuring the proper landfill licence is sought. The situation therefore remains as it is, as there is far too much for volunteers to remove.

Colin and Charles wondered if the harbour seawall might be causing the seaweed to bank up. Colin to ask some local experts within the Harbour Committee .

Action: Colin

4. AOCB

Auchencar Road

Charles and Robert noted that the road to Auchencar needed repairs, after being formally adopted by NAC over 20yrs ago. This has impact on the business at the showroom/tearoom and also for the school bus. With the expansion of the tearoom this road could impair the associated tourism/employment. It was not felt major investment was required so Sheila to write to Angus Bodie.

Action: Sheila

Date of next meeting

Next meeting is to be held at Kinloch on 23rd August 2011 at 7.30pm. Will all committee please ensure they either attend or send in apologies.

Sheila Gilmore, 20th June 2011