



Dunoon Community Council

**Meeting of the Dunoon Community Council held in Queen's Hall, Dunoon on Monday 14th
April 2025.**

Present:

Gill Robertson (GR) (Convener)
David Clough (DC)
Debz Wright (DR)
Paul Graysmark (PG)

Tom McCowan (TMc) (Secretary)
John Jameson (JJ)
Lindsey McPhail (LM)
Lester Deemer (LM)

Via Teams:

ABC Councillors Attending:

Councillor Ross Moreland (RM)
Councillor Daniel Hampsey (DH)

Dunoon Observer:

Chris Martin (CM)

Police Scotland:

PC M Cunningham

Guest Speakers:

Members of the public:

Christina MacDonald (CMD)

Linda Gallon (LG)

Apologies:

Yvonne Love (YL)

Abigail Apps (AA)

Timothy Moss (TM) (Treasurer)

Tom Warren (TW) (Vice-Convener)

Councillor Audrey Forrest (AF)

1. Gill Robertson (Convener) opened the meeting at 1900hrs and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also welcomed those attending on-line. The convener told those in attendance that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of taking the minutes and the recording would be destroyed after the meeting scheduled for Monday 12th May 2025 and the minutes have been approved. She invited anyone not happy with being recorded to leave the room or remain silent. She reminded everyone that questions should be directed to herself and not to talk over people.

2. Recording of members attending and apologies received.

As Above:

3. Declaration of Interest.

As previously listed.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting were discussed.** No issues were raised with the minutes from the last meeting held on 10th March 2025.

Proposal. Dunoon Community Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2025 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposed: GR

Seconded: PG

For (5)

Against (0)

Abstained (3)

Result: Passed.

5. Appointments/Resignations/New Members.

a. Appointments –

Environment Member – Nominations – Debz Wright

Proposal. Dunoon Community Council appoint Debz Wright as the Environment Member of Dunoon Community Council with immediate effect.

Proposed: TMc

Seconded: GR

For (7)

Against (0)

Abstained (1)

Result: Passed.

6. Presentations –

7. Police Report – Police Report was received and distributed on 11th April 2025

PC M Cunninham covered the police report and answered questions from members.

8. Action points and updates from previous meetings.

- a. Rose Gardens – PC Cunningham updated members on the progress being made in the Rose Gardens. He informed members that moving the CCTV camera to a new permanent location would take considerable time. He said that temporary CCTV cameras would be installed during the interim period. He informed members that since the area has been cleared of trees and bushes, the youths that were causing the problems have now moved on.
- b. VE Day Celebrations – The secretary updated members on the plans for the VE Day celebrations being held on the 8th and 10th of May 2025. The secretary informed members that Argyll and Bute Council have now issued a charge of £65 for using Argyll Gardens on 10th May 2025. He expressed his displeasure with this charge as the event is for charity and no revenue would be raised. He has written to Argyll and Bute Council to express his displeasure. Councillor Moreland offered to pay the fee if it was not waived. The Secretary asked for volunteers to assist with the events on the 8th and 10th May 2025.

9. Monthly Reports. (All monthly reports have been distributed to members prior to the meeting and are available upon request to the secretary)

In addition to the monthly reports there were discussions held on the following subjects.

- a. The secretary discussed the monthly figures from the website. The website is being well used with 15340 visits since its inception.
- b. The secretary also covered the diary until the end of May.
- c. There was also a discussion about the CGTL group that was set up as a joint caucus between community councils on the Cowal peninsula and Gourock. DC also raised the issue of CALMAC reducing the service by three sailings a day when the winter

- timetable is produced. He has held several meetings with CALMAC and will hold future meetings with Members of the Scottish Parliament.
- d. Councillor Moreland asked if there were any updates on the playpark redevelopment from Dunoon Community Council. He is concerned that things have gone quiet and other Community Playparks have now gone out to tender, It was agreed that the secretary contact AA for an update and to ask her to contact Hugh Oneil as a matter of urgency.
 - e. LD informed members that himself and the treasurer had not got round to doing a handover due to the treasurers work commitments.
 - f. PG spoke about the bench near the swimming pool and informed members that it will be getting repaired soon. He also informed members that he has written to Argyll and Bute Council regarding the location of the drains in Dunoon and their maintenance schedule and regarding the railings around the Highland Mary statue. He informed members that Argyll and Bute Council claim to have lost the letters. He will pursue the matter.
 - g. LD informed members that he has now arranged face to face meeting with Dunoon Grammar, Kirn Primary School and the Youth project. These meeting will take place after the school holidays.

10. **New Business:**

- a. Annual General Meeting. The secretary informed members that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 1900hrs followed immediately afterward by a condensed meeting. He requested that the treasurer ensure that the accounts have been audited before the meeting. He also requested that all members who hold a portfolio submit their annual reports by Wednesday 7th May 2025. He also informed members that all positions will be voted on.

11. **Updates from Argyll and Bute Councillors:**

- a. Councillor Hampsey informed members that he and the other councils have been busy with the recent budget. In addition to this he has been busy with local casework and transport related matters. Councillor Hampsey said that he was also involved in ongoing discussions with Council Officers regarding the pavement parking. There was a discussion regarding the issues of pavement parking and the issuing of parking tickets along George Street. The secretary said that he has received numerous complaints. Councillor Moreland said that it was down to the TRO being enforced and now the lines and signage are correct, the TRO can be enforced. He agreed with members that the way this was carried out was wrong. He has been in discussions with the roads department.
- b. Councillor Moreland informed members that like Councillor Hampsey, he has been busy with local case work.

12. Any other business:

- a. DC spoke about the Coorie Braw Holiday Lettings, He said that he has received a complaint regarding the property being levied a £200% increase. Councillor Hampsey said that he was personally dealing with this issue and has received a response from the Council. He said that it would be inappropriate for him to discuss this any further without first speaking to the constituent.

13. Questions from the Public:

- a. CM raised the issue of the of more funding being made available to Live Argyll. He also asked about the leisure centre in Helensburgh and how long it would take to repair.
- b. CMD asked if Dunoon Community Council could support her with getting a bus service returned along the shore road. DC said that this is already being looked into, and he has held discussions with Strachur & District Community Council and West Coast Motors. He said that the discussions with the other two parties was very encouraging, and he would now approach Argyll and Bute Council

The Convener thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2030hrs. The next meeting will be held on Monday the 12th May 2025 after the Annual General Meeting, in the old library room, the Queen's Hall, Dunoon.

Signed by:

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