



## **Dunoon Community Council**

### **Meeting of the Dunoon Community Council held in Queen's Hall, Dunoon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

#### Present:

Gill Robertson (GR) (Convener)  
Tom Warren (TW) (Vice Convener)  
David Clough (DC)  
John Jameson (JJ)

Tom McCowan (TMc) (Secretary)  
Lindsey McPhail (LM)  
Lester Demmer (LD)  
Debz Wright (DR)

#### Via Teams:

Timothy Moss (TM) (Treasurer – Elected)

#### ABC Councillors Attending:

Councillor Ross Moreland (RM)

#### Dunoon Observer:

Chris Martin (CM)

#### Members of the Press:

Chris Martin (CM) (Dunoon Observer)

#### Police Scotland:

PC Cunningham

#### Members of the public:

Frauke Thornton (FT)

Ron Dingwall (RD)

#### Apologies:

Amanda Graham (AG) Treasurer  
Kerry Kennedy (KK)  
Yvonne Love (YL)  
Councillor Audrey Forrest (AF)

Bobby Good (BG)  
Abigail Apps (AA)  
Paul Graysmark (PG)  
Councillor Daniel Hampsey (DH)

1. Gill Robertson (Convener Elected) 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 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. The Convener congratulated CM on his promotion to the position of Editor in Chief of the Dunoon Observer and Argyllshire Standard.

2. **Recording of members attending and apologies received.**

As Above:

3. **Declaration of Interest.**

As previously listed.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting were discussed.** As there were not enough members present from the previous meeting, it was agreed that the minutes would be approved at the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

5. **Appointments/Resignations/New Members.**

a. Resignations - Amanda Graham

The convener thanked Amanda Graham for her time on Dunoon Community Council and wished her well for the future.

b. Appointments – Lester Deemer - Dunoon Community Council  
John Jameson - Dunoon Community Council  
Deborah Wright - Dunoon Community Council

**Proposal. Dunoon Community Council co-opt the above mentioned to be members of Dunoon Community Council.**

**Proposed: TM**

**Seconded: GR**

**For (5)**

**Against (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

**Result: Passed.**

c. Appointments –

Treasurer – Nominations - Timothy Moss

**Proposal. Dunoon Community Council appoint Timothy Moss as Treasurer and an Officer of Dunoon Community Council with immediate effect.**

**Proposed: GR**

**Seconded: LD**

**For (8)                      Against (0)                      Abstained (0)                      Result: **Passed.****

Play Area Redevelopment Member                      – Nominations – Abigail Apps  
Grants & Funding Member                      - Nominations – Timothy Moss

**Proposal. Dunoon Community Council appoint Abigail Apps as Play Area Redevelopment Member and Timothy Moss as Grants and Funding Member of Dunoon Community Council with immediate effect.**

**Proposed: TM**

**Seconded: DC**

**For (8)                      Against (0)                      Abstained (0)                      Result: **Passed.****

6. **Police Report** – Police Report was received and distributed on 10 January 2025. PC Cunningham discussed the police report and answered questions from members.

Rose Gardens – PC Cunningham discussed the report generated from the meeting between the secretary and himself on 10 December 2024. Several points were raised regarding anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol misuse, graffiti and litter. Several recommendations were made to improve the safety and visual impact on the area. Councillor Moreland informed members that he was informed of this report by the secretary prior to this meeting and he has a meeting scheduled with the Council officer responsible for this area next week. He will update members at next meeting. The secretary read out a complaint received from a S Hegarty regarding the Rose Gardens.

**Action Point (s):**

Councillor Moreland requested to report back to members at next meeting.  
Secretary to reply to complainant and inform her of next steps.

7. Presentations – No presentations were given.
8. **Action points and updates from previous meetings.**

No action points were raised:

## 9. Monthly Reports.

### a. **Conveners Report** –

- (i) **Best Dressed Property Competition.** The convener spoke about the competition and said that due to the standard of properties it was impossible to do just one runner up. She thanked Colin Moulson from the BID and the secretary for donating the prizes.

### b. **Secretary & Community Engagement Report** –

- (i) **Website Update** – The secretary said that since the website has been launched, we have had 14782 views, 1016 of these views have been within the past 28 days and of the 14782 views, 3320 of these have been redirected from our social media site with 452 being in the past 28 days.
- (ii) **Diary Dates** - the secretary covered the diary until the February meeting and reminded all members to inform him of any meetings they have planned.

- c. **Treasurers Report** – The treasurer gave his report and covered the financial transactions. He informed members that he does not have access to the bank account yet and cannot make any payments. The treasurer informed members that there is currently £5824.53 in the bank account and £742.45 in the savings account that has been ringfenced for the playparks.

**Proposal. Dunoon Community Council accept the financial report as correct subject to audit.**

**Proposed: TM**

**Seconded: GR**

**For (8)**

**Against (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

**Result: Passed.**

- d. **Transport Report** – DC provided the following update.

- (i) **West Ardnamurchan Community Council** - DC informed members that Dunoon Community Council has been approached by West Ardnamurchan Community Council for support in getting CalMac to extend their summer timetable to incorporate the school holidays in England and Wales.
- (ii) **Rest and Be Thankful** - DC said the secretary had sent out an email on 19<sup>th</sup> December regarding the compulsory purchase orders for the land around the Rest and Be Thankful. Although the Rest and Be Thankful is not within our area, it does affect our residents, especially if the ferries are off. He informed members that there will be a public drop-in session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 between 1300hrs and 1900hrs in the Queens Hall. Members are encouraged to attend.
- (iii) **Dunoon Gourock Ferry** – Community Needs Assessment – DC said that their has only been one response from our MSP's to the letter that was sent on 03

- December 2024. Arianne Burgess MSP has offered assistance. DC requested another letter be sent to those MSP's who did not respond.
- (iv) **Active Travel Route** – DC informed members that Councillor Moreland is still waiting for a response on the next stages. He provided members with a link for the report as it stands.
  - (v) **Cowal/Gourock Transport Link Group** – DC said there is still some difficulty in getting the appropriate people to confirm that CMal is a public entity. Himself nor TW had any further updates.
  - (vi) **Argyll Rally 2025** - DC will be attending the Community Council Liaison meeting on 22 January 2025 and will report back at the next meeting. He said that Dunoon Community Council has been formally asked to distribute the information packs and letters again this year. TW expressed concern regarding the liability of such a tasking. DC will raise this at the upcoming meeting
  - (vii) **Bus Service to Glasgow** – DC updated member on the progress of this investigation that he is carrying out with a Mr Livingstone. There is concern regarding the time it takes to get to Glasgow. West Coast Motors are expecting 2hr 50 mins. This would not work, and DC will go back to WCM. Further updates will be made when they happen.

### Action Point (s):

Secretary requested to write to West Ardnamurchan Community Council with a letter of support.

Secretary is requested to advertise the public consultation regarding the Rest and Be Thankful on our social media platforms and website.

DC requested to prepare a follow-up letter to MSP's regarding the Community Assessment Needs.

DC requested to raise the issue of liability at the next meeting of the Community Council Liaison Meeting with Mull Car Club.

- e. **Play Area Redevelopment** – No update provided
- f. **Planning & Licencing** – TW informed members there were no local planning issues.
- g. **Education** – TM (Via Teams) said there was nothing to report.
- h. **Infrastructure and redevelopment** – No updates were provided.
- i. **Public Health and Social Care** - No updates were provided.
- j. **Community Council Liaison** – No updates were provided.

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- k. **Youth Engagement** - No updates were provided.

## 10. **New Business:**

- a. **Proposed National Speed Limit Changes** – The secretary said that he has received correspondence regarding the changes to the national speed limit where the Scottish Government were holding a consultation to change the national speed limit for single carriage ways. The plan is to increase the speed for HGV's from 40mph to 50mph and to reduce the speed limit for all other vehicles from 60mph to 50mph. He said that there was also another consultation being undertaken by Argyll and Bute Council where they would be assessing the speed limits on all roads. This would be reflected in the TRO. Councillor Moreland said that this would not be the same as the Scottish Governments plan where their plan is a blanket change. Argyll and Bute Council would make individual assessments. He was also concerned where the funding would come from to pay for these changes.
- b. **Emergency Resilience Planning (ERP)** – DC spoke about the ERP and the meeting that was held last week involving DC, TMc & YL. He spoke about the key roles and responsibilities that were identified in the meeting. He also spoke about a questionnaire and a Household emergency plan that would be made available to all residents. It was suggested that the Household Plan be checked by Police and Fire to ensure that it is correct and relevant.

### Action Point (s):

The secretary to advertise via social media and website the consultations.

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

- a. Councillor Moreland – Has been busy with preparations for the annual budget. He said Argyll and Bute Council are conducting a consultation on the proposed visitor levy and requested that everyone complete the on-line questionnaire.
- b. CM asked Councillor Moreland about on ongoing case where a member of the public has been asked to pay the BID levy and as such, he is being threatened with a summary warrant. Councillor Moreland said that he has spoken with the individual concerned and this issue is ongoing. CM said that there is no appeals process advertised, yet it has been clearly established that there is one. Does this mean that those who have been issued with a summary warrant before are now invalid. Councillor Moreland said that he was not able to make a comment on this.
- c. The convener asked Councillor Moreland if he could update members on the situation at the swimming pool as it has been reported that there is an issue with the health suite and the jacuzzi. Councillor Moreland said there have been several

structural issues and these are being addressed. He isn't in a position to give an update at the moment but will keep members informed as and when he can.

- d. JJ raised an issue with the footpaths in the town. He said that with the recent cold weather pedestrians are having to walk in the road as the pavements are unsafe as they are not being treated, and many others were being held prisoner in their homes due to the risk of slips and falls. Councillor Moreland said that he would raise the issue with the amenities team and come back to members.

**12. Any other business:**

**13. Questions from the Public:**

- a. Ron Dingwall introduced himself to members and said that he is new to the area and keen to get involved with the community. He was welcomed by the convener

The Convener thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 1900hrs, in meeting room 1, the Queen's Hall, Dunoon.

Signed by:

{Original Signed}

T McCowan

Secretary Dunoon Community Council

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Cllr Moreland

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